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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. BINGAMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

To provide a safety net for farmers and consumers and to promote the development of farmer-owned value added processing facilities, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Agricultural Safety
5 Net Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 132 of the Agricultural
8 Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7232) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

2 (A) by striking “be—” and all that follows

3 through “(A) not” and inserting “be not”; and

4 (B) by striking “; but” and all that follows

5 through “per bushel”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

7 (A) by striking “be—” and all that follows

8 through “(A) not” and inserting “be not”; and

9 (B) by striking “; but” and all that follows

10 through “per bushel”;

11 (3) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “or more

12 than \$0.5192 per pound”;

13 (4) in subsection (d)—

14 (A) by striking “be—” and all that follows

15 through “(1) not” and inserting “be not”; and

16 (B) by striking “; but” and all that follows

17 through “per pound”; and

18 (5) in subsection (f)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “or

20 more than \$5.26”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “or

22 more than \$0.093”.

23 (b) TERM OF LOAN.—Section 133 of the Agricultural

24 Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7233) is amended by

25 striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

1 “(c) EXTENSIONS.—The Secretary may extend the
 2 term of a marketing assistance loan for any loan commod-
 3 ity for a period not to exceed 6 months.”.

4 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF CROP REVENUE INSURANCE.**

5 Section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
 6 U.S.C. 1508) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by striking paragraph (9); and

9 (B) by redesignating paragraph (10) as
 10 paragraph (9); and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(o) CROP REVENUE INSURANCE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer a
 14 producer of wheat, feed grains, soybeans, or such
 15 other commodity as the Secretary considers appro-
 16 priate insurance against loss of revenue from pre-
 17 vented or reduced production of the commodity, as
 18 determined by the Secretary.

19 “(2) ADMINISTRATION.—Revenue insurance
 20 under this subsection shall—

21 “(A) by offered by the Corporation or
 22 through a reinsurance arrangement with a pri-
 23 vate insurance company;

1 “(B) offer at least a minimum level of cov-
 2 erage that is an alternative to catastrophic crop
 3 insurance; and

4 “(C) be actuarially sound.”.

5 **SEC. 4. PRIORITY FOR FARMER-OWNED VALUE-ADDED**
 6 **PROCESSING FACILITIES.**

7 Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
 8 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932) is amended by adding
 9 at the end the following:

10 “(h) PRIORITY FOR FARMER-OWNED VALUE-ADDED
 11 PROCESSING FACILITIES.—In approving applications for
 12 loans and grants authorized under this section, section
 13 306(a)(11), and other applicable provisions of this title (as
 14 determined by the Secretary), the Secretary shall give a
 15 high priority to applications for projects that encourage
 16 farmer-owned value-added processing facilities.”.

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