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To prohibit the Federal Government from providing insurance, reinsurance,
or noninsured crop disaster assistance for tobacco.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 1997

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) introduced the
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Ag-
riculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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ance, reinsurance, or noninsured crop disaster assistance
for tobacco.

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 “Tobacco Subsidy Re-
5 duction Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF FEDERAL INSURANCE, REINSUR-**
7 **ANCE, OR NONINSURED CROP DISASTER AS-**
8 **SISTANCE FOR TOBACCO.**

9 (a) CROP INSURANCE.—

1 (1) DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMOD-
 2 ITY.—Section 518 of the Federal Crop Insurance
 3 Act (7 U.S.C. 1518) is amended—

4 (A) by striking the section heading and all
 5 that follows through “as used in this title,
 6 means” and inserting the following:

7 **“SEC. 518. DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.**

8 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this title, the term ‘agricul-
 9 tural commodity’ means”;

10 (B) by striking “tobacco,”; and

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

12 “(b) EXCEPTION.—In this title, the term ‘agricul-
 13 tural commodity’ does not include tobacco. The Corpora-
 14 tion may not insure, provide reinsurance for insurers of,
 15 or pay any part of the premium related to the coverage
 16 of a crop of tobacco.”.

17 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 508
 18 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508)
 19 is amended—

20 (A) in the first sentence of subsection
 21 (a)(2), by striking “cases of tobacco and” and
 22 inserting “case of”; and

23 (B) in subsection (h)(9)(A), by inserting “,
 24 excluding tobacco,” after “commodity”.

1 (b) NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE.—
2 Section 196(a)(2) of Agricultural Market Transition Act
3 (7 U.S.C. 7333(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(C) CROPS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED.—
6 The term ‘eligible crop’ does not include to-
7 bacco. The Secretary may not make assistance
8 available under this section to cover losses to a
9 crop of tobacco.”.

10 (c) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
12 the amendments made by this section shall apply
13 with respect to the 1997 and subsequent crops of to-
14 bacco.

15 (2) EXISTING CONTRACTS.—The amendments
16 made by this section shall not apply to a contract of
17 insurance of the Federal Crop Insurance Corpora-
18 tion, or a contract of insurance reinsured by the
19 Corporation, in existence on the date of enactment
20 of this Act.

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