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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the nonrecognition of gain for sale of stock to certain farmers' cooperatives, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. CRAIG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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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. NONRECOGNITION OF GAIN ON SALE OF STOCK**
4 **TO CERTAIN FARMERS' COOPERATIVES.**

5 (a) APPLICATION OF SECTION 1042 TO CERTAIN
6 FARMERS' COOPERATIVES.—Section 1042 of the Internal
7 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to sales of stock to em-
8 ployee stock ownership plans or certain cooperatives) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 2 section:

3 “(g) APPLICATION OF SECTION TO SALES OF STOCK
 4 IN AGRICULTURAL REFINERS AND PROCESSORS TO ELI-
 5 GIBLE FARM COOPERATIVES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall apply to
 7 the sale of stock of a qualified refiner or processor
 8 to an eligible farmers’ cooperative.

9 “(2) QUALIFIED REFINER OR PROCESSOR.—For
 10 purposes of this subsection, the term ‘qualified re-
 11 finer or processor’ means a domestic corporation—

12 “(A) substantially all of the activities of
 13 which consist of the active conduct of the trade
 14 or business of refining or processing agricul-
 15 tural or horticultural products, and

16 “(B) which purchases more than one-half
 17 of such products to be refined or processed
 18 from farmers who make up the eligible farmers’
 19 cooperative which is purchasing stock in the
 20 corporation in a transaction to which this sub-
 21 section is to apply.

22 “(3) ELIGIBLE FARMERS’ COOPERATIVE.—For
 23 purposes of this section, the term ‘eligible farmers’
 24 cooperative’ means an organization to which part I

1 of subchapter T applies which is engaged in the
 2 marketing of agricultural or horticultural products.

3 “(4) SPECIAL RULES.—In applying this section
 4 to a sale to which paragraph (1) applies—

5 “(A) the eligible farmers’ cooperative shall
 6 be treated in the same manner as a cooperative
 7 described in subsection (b)(1)(B),

8 “(B) subsection (b)(2) shall be applied by
 9 substituting ‘100 percent’ for ‘30 percent’,

10 “(C) the determination as to whether any
 11 stock in the domestic corporation is a qualified
 12 security shall be made without regard to wheth-
 13 er the stock is an employer security or to sub-
 14 section (c)(1)(A), and

15 “(D) subsection (c)(7) shall not apply.”

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 17 this section shall apply to sales after the date of the enact-
 18 ment of this Act.

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