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H. R. 2599

To terminate the Federal price support programs for sugar beets and sugarcane.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 22, 1999

Mr. Wu introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To terminate the Federal price support programs for sugar beets and sugarcane.

- 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. REPEAL OF SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR SUGAR
- 4 BEETS AND SUGARCANE.
- 5 (a) Repeal.—Section 156 of the Agricultural Mar-
- 6 ket Transition Act (title I of Public Law 104–127; 7
- 7 U.S.C. 7272) is repealed.
- 8 (b) Conforming Amendments.—(1) The Agricul-
- 9 tural Act of 1949 is amended—

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             (A) in section 201(a) (7 U.S.C. 1446(a)), by
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        striking "milk, sugar beets, and sugarcane" and in-
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        serting "and milk";
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             (B) in section 401(e) (7 U.S.C. 1421(e))—
                 (i) by striking "(1)" after "(e)"; and
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                 (ii) by striking paragraph (2); and
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             (C) in section 405 (7 U.S.C. 1425)—
                 (i) by striking "(a)" before "Except"; and
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                 (ii) by striking subsection (b).
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        (2) The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 is
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    amended—
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             (A) by striking part VII of subtitle B of title
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        III (7 U.S.C. 1359aa–1359jj); and
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             (B) in section 344(f)(2) (7 U.S.C. 1344(f)(2)),
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        by striking "sugar cane for sugar, sugar beets for
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        sugar,".
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        (3) Section 902 of the Food Security Act of 1985
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   (7 U.S.C. 1446g note) is amended by striking subsection
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   (a).
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        (c) Prohibition on Subsequent Provision of
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   PRICE SUPPORT.—
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             (1) Prohibition.—After the effective date
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        specified in subsection (e), the Secretary of Agri-
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        culture may not make price support available,
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        whether in the form of loans, payments, purchases,
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- or other operations, for crops of sugar beets or sugarcane by using the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation or under the authority of any law.
- 4 (2) OUTSTANDING LOANS.—Notwithstanding 5 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall settle any out-6 standing loans under section 156 of the Agricultural 7 Market Transition Act (title I of Public Law 104– 8 127; 7 U.S.C. 7272) made before the effective date 9 specified in subsection (e).
- 10 (d) EFFECT ON EXISTING LIABILITY.—The amend11 ments made by this section shall not affect the liability
 12 of any person under any provision of law as in effect be13 fore the effective date specified in subsection (e).
- 14 (e) Effective Date; Application of Section.—
 15 This section and the amendments made by this section
 16 shall take effect on October 1, 1999, and shall apply with
 17 respect to the 2000 and subsequent crops of sugar beets
 18 and sugarcane.

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