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H. R. 2676

To ensure that minority farmers are adequately compensated for years of discrimination in the operation of programs of the Department of Agriculture.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To ensure that minority farmers are adequately compensated for years of discrimination in the operation of programs of the Department of Agriculture.

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 “Black Farmer Equal
5 Remedy Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to require the Secretary
8 of Agriculture to provide immediate relief to all black

1 farmers who submitted petitions for redress under Pigford
2 vs. Glickman and Brewington vs. Glickman, including
3 those farmers who filed petitions and qualified for class
4 membership, but were denied adjudication.

5 **SEC. 3. NO FAULT AWARDS.**

6 In the case of a person who qualified as a member
7 of the plaintiff class in the settlement of the consolidated
8 actions entitled Pigford vs. Glickman, but were denied cer-
9 tification, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide a rem-
10 edy in the form of a direct payment of \$50,000 as imme-
11 diate relief.

12 **SEC. 4. COMPENSATORY RELIEF.**

13 (a) TAX RELIEF.—Relief shall be provided to all class
14 members under Pigford vs. Glickman in the form of 100
15 percent tax relief from Federal taxes directly related to
16 the \$50,000 settlement payments awarded to claimants
17 under the consent decree.

18 (b) OTHER RELIEF.—Additional relief will be pro-
19 vided to farmers in both track A and B who qualified for
20 the class as stipulated under the decree, including relief
21 to class members whose claims were dismissed. This relief
22 may include the following:

23 (1) Unlimited technical assistance provided by
24 all Department of Agriculture agencies without
25 interruption.

1 (2) Priority preference for all Department of
2 Agriculture farm programs, including farm oper-
3 ating loans, farm ownership loans, conservation
4 loans, emergency loans, and all noncredit benefit
5 programs.

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