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H. R. 2209

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare an annual report specifying the number of permanent and temporary non-Federal employees for local offices of the Farm Service Agency that will be needed to efficiently and effectively handle the workload generated by recurring and anticipated agriculture programs administered by the Farm Service Agency and the funding levels necessary to support such workforce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL FARM SERVICE AGENCY NON-FED-**
2 **ERAL EMPLOYEE WORKFORCE REPORTS.**

3 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Agri-
4 culture shall prepare an annual report specifying, for the
5 fiscal year covered by the report—

6 (1) the number of permanent and temporary
7 non-Federal employees for local offices of the Farm
8 Service Agency that the Secretary estimates will be
9 needed to efficiently and effectively handle the work-
10 load generated by agriculture programs administered
11 by the Farm Service Agency, including recurring
12 programs, temporary programs, such as emergency
13 disaster relief and other programs of limited dura-
14 tion, and anticipated new programs; and

15 (2) the level of appropriation funding for sala-
16 ries and expenses that the Secretary estimates will
17 be necessary to support such workforce, including
18 the formula by which the Secretary makes such esti-
19 mate.

20 (b) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF TEMPORARY NON-
21 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—The total number of temporary
22 non-Federal employees proposed for local offices of the
23 Farm Service Agency for a fiscal year may not exceed 10
24 percent of the total number of all non-Federal employees
25 proposed for local offices of the Farm Service Agency for
26 that fiscal year.

1 (c) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—The Secretary shall
2 submit to Congress the report required for a fiscal year
3 under subsection (a) at the same time that the President
4 submits the budget to Congress under section 1105 of title
5 31, United States Code, for that fiscal year.

6 (d) NON-FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DEFINED.—In this
7 section, the term “non-Federal employees” means employ-
8 ees of county and area committees established under sec-
9 tion 8(b)(5) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allot-
10 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)(5)) who are paid from funds
11 appropriated for the Farm Service Agency.

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