

representatives of the Federal Government and the American Public Works Association in activities and ceremonies that are designed—

(A) to pay tribute to the public works professionals of the United States; and

(B) to recognize the substantial contributions that public works professionals make to the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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SA 921. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 922. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 923. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 924. Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. COATS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 925. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORKER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. HELLER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 927. Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 928. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 929. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 930. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COWAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 931. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COWAN, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 932. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 936. Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 937. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 938. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 939. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. COWAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 940. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 944. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 945. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 947. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 948. Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 949. Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 950. Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 951. Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 309, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

SA 952. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 953. Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 919. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title II, add the following:

SEC. 25 . SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION.

(a) CONGRESSIONAL POLICY AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.—Section 4 of the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (16 U.S.C. 2003) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by inserting “and tribal” after “State” each place it appears; and

(2) in subsection (c)(2), by inserting “, tribal,” after “State”.

(b) CONTINUING APPRAISAL OF SOIL, WATER, AND RELATED RESOURCES.—Section 5 of the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (16 U.S.C. 2004) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “and State” and inserting “, State, and tribal”;

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting “, tribal” after “State” each place it appears; and

(3) in subsection (c)—
(A) by striking “State soil” and inserting “State and tribal soil”; and

(B) by striking “local” and inserting “local, tribal.”

(c) SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM.—Section 6(a) of the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (16 U.S.C. 2005(a)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “, tribal” after “State” each place it appears; and

(2) by inserting “, tribal,” after “private”.

(d) UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND DATA.—Section 9 of the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (16 U.S.C. 2008) is amended by inserting “, tribal” after “State”.

SA 920. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 845, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 846, line 4, and insert the following:

(iv) by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

“(iii)(I) agree to complete buildout of the broadband service described in the application by not later than 3 years after the initial date on which proceeds from the loan made or guaranteed under this section is made available; or

“(II) for tribal utilities that serve tribal trust land, trust allotted land, and non-Indian fee land within reservation boundaries, agree to complete buildout of the broadband service described in the application by not later than 5 years after the initial date on which proceeds from the loan made or guaranteed under this section is made available.”;

SA 921. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1096, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

SEC. 110 . MARKET LOSS PILOT ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM.

Section 523 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1523) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(1) MARKET LOSS PILOT ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent practicable starting with the 2014 reinsurance year, notwithstanding section 508(a)(1), the Corporation shall establish and carry out a market loss pilot endorsement program for producers of specialty crops (as defined in section 3 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public Law 108-465)) that covers losses due to—

“(A) a quarantine imposed under Federal law, pursuant to the terms of which the commodity is destroyed or otherwise unable to be marketed or otherwise used for its intended purpose (as determined by the Secretary); or

“(B) a naturally occurring, unintentional outbreak of a pathogen of public health concern (as determined by the Secretary) that results in inadequate market price.

“(2) DETERMINATION BY BOARD.—The Board shall approve a policy or plan of insurance proposed under paragraph (1) if, as determined by the Board, the policy or plan of insurance—

“(A) protects the interest of producers;

“(B) is actuarially sound; and

“(C) requires the payment of premiums and administrative fees by a producer obtaining the insurance.”.

SA 922. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 83 . GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term “eligible State” means a State that contains National Forest System land or Bureau of Land Management land.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means—

(A) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National Forest System land; or

(B) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to Bureau of Land Management land.

(3) STATE FORESTER.—The term “State forester” means the head of a State agency with jurisdiction over State forestry programs in an eligible State.

(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement or contract (including a sole source contract) with a State forester to authorize the State forester to provide the forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services described in paragraph (2) on National Forest System land or Bureau of Land Management land, as applicable, in the eligible State.

(2) AUTHORIZED SERVICES.—The forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services referred to in paragraph (1) include the conduct of—

(A) activities to treat insect infected trees; and

(B) activities to reduce hazardous fuels; and

(C) any other activities to restore or improve forest, rangeland, and watershed health, including fish and wildlife habitat.

(3) STATE AS AGENT.—Except as provided in paragraph (6), a cooperative agreement or

contract entered into under paragraph (1) may authorize the State forester to serve as the agent for the Secretary in providing the restoration and protection services authorized under paragraph (1).

(4) SUBCONTRACTS.—In accordance with applicable contract procedures for the eligible State, a State forester may enter into subcontracts to provide the restoration and protection services authorized under a cooperative agreement or contract entered into under paragraph (1).

(5) TIMBER SALES.—Subsections (d) and (g) of section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) shall not apply to services performed under a cooperative agreement or contract entered into under paragraph (1).

(6) RETENTION OF NEPA RESPONSIBILITIES.—Any decision required to be made under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) with respect to any restoration and protection services to be provided under this section by a State forester on National Forest System land or Bureau of Land Management land, as applicable, shall not be delegated to a State forester or any other officer or employee of the eligible State.

(7) APPLICABLE LAW.—Any employee, contractor, or subcontractor performing activities under a cooperative agreement or contract entered into under paragraph (1) shall be subject to the labor standards required under applicable State or local law.

SA 923. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1101, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 11 . PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OF PORTION OF PREMIUM BY CORPORATION FOR TOBACCO.

Section 508(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(e)) (as amended by section 11030(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OF PORTION OF PREMIUM BY CORPORATION FOR TOBACCO.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning with the 2015 reinsurance year, notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Corporation shall not pay any portion of the premium for a policy or plan of insurance for tobacco under this subtitle.

“(B) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any savings realized as a result of subparagraph (A) shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for Federal budget deficit reduction.”.

SA 924. Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. COATS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PROHIBITION ON LIFELINE SUPPORT FOR COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A provider of commercial mobile service may not receive universal service support under sections 214(e) and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 214(e); 254) for the provision of such service through the Lifeline program of the Federal Communications Commission.

(b) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “commercial mobile service” has the meaning given

such term in section 332(d)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(d)(1)).

SA 925. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORKER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. HELLER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title I, strike subtitle C and insert the following:

Subtitle C—Sugar Reform**SEC. 1301. SUGAR PROGRAM.**

(a) SUGARCANE.—Section 156(a) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end;

(2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) 18 cents per pound for raw cane sugar for each of the 2014 through 2018 crop years.”.

(b) SUGAR BEETS.—Section 156(b)(2) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272(b)(2)) is amended by striking “2012” and inserting “2018”.

(c) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Section 156(i) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272(i)) is amended by striking “2012” and inserting “2018”.

SEC. 1302. FLEXIBLE MARKETING ALLOTMENTS FOR SUGAR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 359b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359bb) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in the matter before subparagraph (A), by striking “2012” and inserting “2018”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “at reasonable prices” after “stocks”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “but” after the semicolon at the end and inserting “and”; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) appropriate to maintain adequate domestic supplies at reasonable prices, taking into account all sources of domestic supply, including imports.”.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF FLEXIBLE MARKETING ALLOTMENTS.—Section 359c of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359cc) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “but” after the semicolon at the end and inserting “and”; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) appropriate to maintain adequate supplies at reasonable prices, taking into account all sources of domestic supply, including imports.”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “at reasonable prices” after “market”; and

(2) in subsection (g)(1)—

(A) by striking “ADJUSTMENTS.—” and all that follows through “Subject to subparagraph (B), the” and inserting “ADJUSTMENTS.—The”; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (B).

(c) SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF PROVISIONS.—Section 359j of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359jj) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF PROVISIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the Secretary may suspend or modify, in whole or in part, the application of any provision of this part if the Secretary determines that the action is appropriate, taking into account—

“(1) the interests of consumers, workers in the food industry, businesses (including small businesses), and agricultural producers; and

“(2) the relative competitiveness of domestically produced and imported foods containing sugar.”

(d) ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF RATE QUOTAS.—Section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359kk) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 359k. ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF RATE QUOTAS.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at the beginning of the quota year, the Secretary shall establish the tariff-rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar at no less than the minimum level necessary to comply with obligations under international trade agreements that have been approved by Congress.

“(b) ADJUSTMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (a), the Secretary shall adjust the tariff-rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar to provide adequate supplies of sugar at reasonable prices in the domestic market.

“(2) ENDING STOCKS.—Subject to paragraphs (1) and (3), the Secretary shall establish and adjust tariff-rate quotas in such a manner that the ratio of sugar stocks to total sugar use at the end of the quota year will be approximately 15.5 percent.

“(3) MAINTENANCE OF REASONABLE PRICES AND AVOIDANCE OF FORFEITURES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish a different target for the ratio of ending stocks to total use if, in the judgment of the Secretary, the different target is necessary to prevent—

“(i) unreasonably high prices; or

“(ii) forfeitures of sugar pledged as collateral for a loan under section 156 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272).

“(B) ANNOUNCEMENT.—The Secretary shall publicly announce any establishment of a target under this paragraph.

“(4) CONSIDERATIONS.—In establishing tariff-rate quotas under subsection (a) and making adjustments under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the impact of the quotas on consumers, workers, businesses (including small businesses), and agricultural producers.

“(c) TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF QUOTAS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To promote full use of the tariff-rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations that provide that any country that has been allocated a share of the quotas may temporarily transfer all or part of the share to any other country that has also been allocated a share of the quotas.

“(2) TRANSFERS VOLUNTARY.—Any transfer under this subsection shall be valid only on voluntary agreement between the transferor and the transferee, consistent with procedures established by the Secretary.

“(3) TRANSFERS TEMPORARY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any transfer under this subsection shall be valid only for the duration of the quota year during which the transfer is made.

“(B) FOLLOWING QUOTA YEAR.—No transfer under this subsection shall affect the share of the quota allocated to the transferor or transferee for the following quota year.”

(e) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Section 359l(a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7

U.S.C. 1359ll(a)) is amended by striking “2012” and inserting “2018”.

Strike section 9008 and insert the following:

SEC. 9008. REPEAL OF FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM FOR BIOENERGY PRODUCERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9010 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8110) is repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 359a(3)(B) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359aa(3)(B)) is amended—

(A) in clause (i), by inserting “and” after the semicolon at the end;

(B) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” at the end and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking clause (iii).

(2) Section 359b(c)(2)(C) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359bb(c)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “, except for” and all that follows through “ of 2002”.

SA 926. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 1603, strike “(d) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this” and insert the following:

(d) LIMITATION ON PAYMENT OF PORTION OF PREMIUM BY CORPORATION.—Section 508(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(e)) (as amended by section 11030(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) LIMITATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the total amount of premium paid by the Corporation on behalf of a person or legal entity, directly or indirectly, with respect to all policies issued to the person or legal entity under this title for a crop year shall be limited to a maximum of \$50,000.

“(B) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Corporation shall carry out this paragraph in accordance with sections 1001 through 1001F of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308 et seq.).”

(e) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this

SA 927. Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. 12213. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM IMPLEMENTATION BY IRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of division F of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public Law 113-6) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 1315. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the amounts made available in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152) shall be appropriated to the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of carrying out any provisions of, or amendments made by, such Acts. No amount shall be appropriated to the Internal Revenue Service under this Act for such purpose.”

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) none of the amounts made available in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152) should be appropriated to the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of carrying out any provisions of, or amendments made by, such Acts in fiscal year 2014 or thereafter; and

(2) no amounts appropriated to the Internal Revenue Service, from whatever source, for fiscal year 2014 or thereafter should be used to implement, enforce, or carry out the provisions of, or amendments made by, such Acts.

SA 928. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 840, strike line 22 and all that follows through page 849, line 18, and insert the following:

“(3) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’ means any area described in section 3002 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

“(4) ULTRA-HIGH SPEED SERVICE.—The term ‘ultra-high speed service’ means broadband service operating at a 1 gigabit per second downstream transmission capacity.”

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “LOANS AND” and inserting “GRANTS, LOANS, AND”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “make grants and” after “Secretary shall”;

(C) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) PRIORITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In making grants, loans, or loan guarantees under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(i) establish not less than 2, and not more than 4, evaluation periods for each fiscal year to compare grant, loan, and loan guarantee applications and to prioritize grants, loans, and loan guarantees to all or part of rural communities that do not have residential broadband service that meets the minimum acceptable level of broadband service established under subsection (e);

“(ii) give the highest priority to applicants that offer to provide broadband service to the greatest proportion of unserved rural households or rural households that do not have residential broadband service that meets the minimum acceptable level of broadband service established under subsection (e), as—

“(I) certified by the affected community, city, county, or designee; or

“(II) demonstrated on—

“(aa) the broadband map of the affected State if the map contains address-level data; or

“(bb) the National Broadband Map if address-level data is unavailable; and

“(iii) provide equal consideration to all qualified applicants, including those that have not previously received grants, loans, or loan guarantees under paragraph (1).

“(B) OTHER.—After giving priority to the applicants described in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall then give priority to projects that serve rural communities—

“(i) with a population of less than 20,000 permanent residents;

“(ii) experiencing outmigration;

“(iii) with a high percentage of low-income residents; and

“(iv) that are isolated from other significant population centers.”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) GRANT AMOUNTS.—

“(A) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under this section, the project that is the subject of the grant shall be carried out in a rural area.

“(B) MAXIMUM.—Except as provided in subparagraph (D), the amount of any grant made under this section shall not exceed 50 percent of the development costs of the project for which the grant is provided.

“(C) GRANT RATE.—The Secretary shall establish the grant rate for each project in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary that shall provide for a graduated scale of grant rates that establish higher rates for projects in communities that have—

“(i) remote locations;

“(ii) low community populations;

“(iii) low income levels;

“(iv) developed the applications of the communities with the participation of combinations of stakeholders, including—

“(I) State, local, and tribal governments;

“(II) nonprofit institutions;

“(III) institutions of higher education;

“(IV) private entities; and

“(V) philanthropic organizations; and

“(v) targeted funding to provide the minimum acceptable level of broadband service established under subsection (e) in all or part of an unserved community that is below that minimum acceptable level of broadband service.

“(D) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY TO ADJUST.—

The Secretary may make grants of up to 75 percent of the development costs of the project for which the grant is provided to an eligible entity if the Secretary determines that the project serves a remote or low income area that does not have access to broadband service from any provider of broadband service (including the applicant).”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “loan or” and inserting “grant, loan, or”;

(ii) by striking clause (i) and inserting the following:

“(i) demonstrate the ability—

“(I) to furnish, improve in order to meet the minimum acceptable level of broadband service established under subsection (e), or extend broadband service to all or part of an unserved rural area or an area below the minimum acceptable level of broadband service established under subsection (e); or

“(II) to carry out a project under paragraph (4)(B)(ii).”;

(iii) in clause (ii), by striking “a loan application” and inserting “an application”; and

(iv) in clause (iii)—

(I) by striking “the loan application” and inserting “the application”; and

(II) by striking “proceeds from the loan made or guaranteed under this section are” and inserting “assistance under this section is”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(aa) by striking “the proceeds of a loan made or guaranteed” and inserting “assistance”; and

(bb) by striking “for the loan or loan guarantee” and inserting “of the eligible entity”;

(II) in clause (i), by striking “is offered broadband service by not more than 1 incumbent service provider” and inserting “are unserved or have service levels below the minimum acceptable level of broadband service established under subsection (e)”; and

(III) in clause (ii), by striking “3” and inserting “2”;

(ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) ADJUSTMENTS.—

“(i) INCREASE.—The Secretary may increase the household percentage requirement under subparagraph (A)(i) if—

“(I) more than 25 percent of the costs of the project are funded by grants made under this section; or

“(II) the proposed service territory includes 1 or more communities with a population in excess of 20,000.

“(ii) REDUCTION.—The Secretary may reduce the household percentage requirement under subparagraph (A)(i)—

“(I) to not less than 15 percent, if the proposed service territory does not have a population in excess of 5,000 people; or

“(II) to not less than 18 percent, if the proposed service territory does not have a population in excess of 7,500 people.”; and

(iii) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “3” and inserting “2”;

(II) in clause (i), by inserting “the minimum acceptable level of broadband service established under subsection (e) in” after “service to”; and

(III) by striking clause (ii) and inserting the following:

“(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—Clause (i) shall not apply if—

“(I) the applicant is eligible for funding under another title of this Act; or

“(II) the project is being carried out under paragraph (4)(B)(ii), unless an incumbent service provider is providing ultra-high speed service as of the date of an application for assistance submitted to the Secretary under this section.”;

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “loan or” and inserting “grant, loan, or”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) INFORMATION.—Information submitted under this subparagraph shall be—

“(I) certified by the affected community, city, county, or designee; and

“(II) demonstrated on—

“(aa) the broadband map of the affected State if the map contains address-level data; or

“(bb) the National Broadband Map if address-level data is unavailable.”;

(D) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking “Subject to paragraph (1),” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (1) and subparagraph (B).”;

(ii) by striking “loan or” and inserting “grant, loan, or”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) PILOT PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall carry out pilot programs under which the Secretary shall provide grants, loans, or loan guarantees under this section to eligible entities, including interested entities described in subparagraph (A)—

“(i) to address areas that are unserved or have service levels below the minimum acceptable level of broadband service established under subsection (e); or

“(ii) for the purposes of providing a proposed service territory with ultra-high speed service, subject to the conditions that—

“(I) not more than 5 projects, and not more than 1 project in any State, shall be carried out under this clause during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2018;

“(II) for each fiscal year, not more than 10 percent of the funds made available under subsection (I) shall be used to carry out this clause;

“(III) for each fiscal year, not more than 20 percent of the funds made available under

subclause (II) shall be used for any 1 project; and

“(IV) paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall apply to the project, unless—

“(aa) the Secretary determines that no other project in the State is funded under this section; and

“(bb) no application for any other project that could be funded under this section, other than under this clause, is pending in the State.”;

SA 929. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 172, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. 16 . OVERSIGHT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

(1) recoup overpayments associated with fraud or abuse under any program carried out by the Secretary; and

(2) use any funds recouped under paragraph (1) to fund a program for stricter oversight of all programs of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall—

(1) initially carry out subsection (a) using existing funds of the Department; and

(2) continue carrying out subsection (a) using any funds recouped under that subsection, which shall be available for that purpose and the purpose described in subsection (a)(2) without further appropriation.

SA 930. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COWAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1034, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

SEC. 100 . FARMED SHELLFISH AS SPECIALTY CROPS.

Section 3(1) of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public Law 108-465) is amended by inserting “farmed shellfish,” after “fruits.”

SA 931. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COWAN, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 355, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 357, line 15.

On page 1065, after line 25, add the following:

SEC. 11011. ANNUAL LIMITATION ON DELIVERY EXPENSES AND REDUCED RATE OF RETURN.

(a) ANNUAL LIMITATION ON DELIVERY EXPENSES.—Section 508(k)(4) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(k)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) ANNUAL LIMITATION ON DELIVERY EXPENSES.—Beginning with the 2014 reinsurance year, the amount paid by the Corporation to reimburse approved insurance providers and agents for the administrative and

operating costs of the approved insurance providers and agents shall not exceed \$924,000,000 per year.”.

(b) **REDUCED RATE OF RETURN.**—Section 508(k)(8) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(k)(8)) (as amended by section 11011) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) **REDUCED RATE OF RETURN.**—Beginning with the 2014 reinsurance year, the Standard Reinsurance Agreement shall be adjusted to ensure a projected rate of return for the approved insurance producers not to exceed 12 percent, as determined by the Corporation.”.

SA 932. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILD GAME MEAT.

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should enact legislation that—

(1) allows fees incurred for the processing of wild game meat to be taken into account in determining the amount allowable as a tax deduction for any charitable contribution of such wild game meat; and

(2) exempts from income fees received by meat processors from charitable organizations for the processing of wild game meat donated to such charitable organizations.

SA 933. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SEAFOOD MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “National Seafood Marketing and Development Act of 2013”.

(b) **FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**—

(1) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

(A) The fishery resources of the United States are valuable and renewable natural resources that provide a major source of employment and contribute significantly to the food supply, economy, and health of the United States.

(B) Increased consumption of seafood would provide significant nutritional and health benefits for many people in the United States and help to reduce childhood obesity.

(C) The fishery resources of the United States are not fully developed and utilized because of underdeveloped markets.

(D) United States seafood companies have the potential to expand their contribution to interstate and foreign commerce, favorably affecting the balance of trade.

(E) A national program for marketing seafood is needed to realize the full potential of the fishery resources of the United States and to assure that the people of the United States benefit from the employment, food supply, and revenue that could be generated by such realization.

(2) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of this section are—

(A) to improve and expand markets for seafood and strengthen the competitive position of the United States in domestic and international markets;

(B) to encourage the sustainable development and utilization of the seafood resources

of the United States through enhancement of markets, promotion, and public education;

(C) to assist growers, harvesters, and processors in improving the safety, traceability, quality, marketability, and sustainability of United States seafood products;

(D) to assist growers, harvesters, and processors of United States seafood products in the development and promotion of markets for seafood and improve coordination of their marketing activities; and

(E) to educate and inform consumers about the nutritional and health benefits of seafood.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **BOARD.**—The term “Board” means a Regional Seafood Marketing Board established under subsection (d).

(2) **CONSUMER EDUCATION.**—The term “consumer education” means actions undertaken to inform consumers on matters related to the consumption of seafood products.

(3) **FUND.**—The term “Fund” means the National Seafood Marketing and Development Fund established by subsection (e).

(4) **GROWER.**—The term “grower” means any person in the business of growing or farming seafood.

(5) **HARVESTER.**—The term “harvester” means any person in the business of harvesting seafood from the wild.

(6) **MARKETER.**—The term “marketer” means any person in the business of selling seafood in the wholesale, retail, or restaurant trade, but whose primary business function is not the processing or packaging of seafood in preparation for sale.

(7) **MARKETING AND PROMOTION.**—The term “marketing and promotion” means an activity aimed at encouraging the consumption of seafood or expanding or maintaining commercial markets for seafood.

(8) **PERSON.**—The term “person” means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or any private entity organized or existing under the laws of the United States or any State, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(9) **PROCESSOR.**—The term “processor” means any person in the business of preparing or packaging seafood (including seafood of the processor’s own harvesting) for sale.

(10) **RESEARCH.**—The term “research” means any study or project designed to advance the image, desirability, usage, marketability, production, or quality of seafood.

(11) **SEAFOOD.**—The term “seafood” means farm-raised and wild-caught fish or shellfish harvested in the United States or by a United States flagged vessel for human consumption.

(12) **SEAFOOD INDUSTRY.**—The term “seafood industry” means harvesters, marketers, growers, processors, and persons providing them with goods and services.

(13) **SECRETARY.**—Except as otherwise specifically provided, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(14) **UNITED STATES.**—The term “United States”, when used in the geographic sense, means the several States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory, possession, or commonwealth of the United States.

(d) **REGIONAL SEAFOOD MARKETING BOARDS.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SEAFOOD MARKETING BOARDS.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish Regional Seafood Marketing Boards as follows:

(A) **NORTHEAST ATLANTIC BOARD.**—The Northeast Atlantic Board shall consist of the following members:

(i) Twelve members from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut.

(ii) One member from Vermont, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, or Ohio.

(B) **MID AND SOUTH ATLANTIC BOARD.**—The Mid and South Atlantic Board shall consist of the following members:

(i) Twelve members from New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Georgia.

(ii) One member from West Virginia, Kentucky, or Tennessee.

(C) **GULF AND CARIBBEAN BOARD.**—The Gulf and Caribbean Board shall consist of the following members:

(i) Twelve members from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Puerto Rico, or the territory of the Virgin Islands.

(ii) One member from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, or Kansas.

(D) **PACIFIC BOARD.**—The Pacific Board shall consist of the following members:

(i) Twelve members from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, or California.

(ii) One member from Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, or South Dakota.

(E) **WEST AND NORTH PACIFIC BOARD.**—The West and North Pacific Board shall consist of thirteen members from Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, or American Samoa.

(2) **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.**—

(A) **NOMINATION.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall solicit nominations for members of each Board from the public.

(B) **CONSULTATION.**—Prior to appointing an individual to the Board, the Secretary shall consult with and seek the recommendations of the Governors of the States in the geographical area of the Board.

(C) **APPOINTMENT.**—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall appoint the members of each Board from among the nominees received under paragraph (1) and the recommendations received under paragraph (2).

(D) **MEMBER EXPERTISE.**—The Secretary shall ensure that the members of each Board fairly reflect the expertise and interest of the seafood industry located in the geographical area of the Board, and that the members of each Board include the following:

(i) Three individuals with experience in harvesting.

(ii) Two individuals with experience in processing, including one having experience with large processors and one having experience with small processors.

(iii) One individual with experience in transportation and logistics.

(iv) One individual with experience in mass market food distribution.

(v) One individual with experience in mass market food retail or food service.

(vi) One individual with experience in the marketing of seafood.

(vii) One individual recommended by a regional or State seafood marketing organization.

(viii) One individual with experience in growing seafood.

(ix) Two individuals that represent the general public and are familiar with the seafood industry as a whole.

(E) **MEMBER TERMS.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The term for a member of a Board shall be 3 years unless the Secretary designates a shorter term to provide for staggered expirations of terms of office.

(ii) **TERM LIMITS.**—No member of a Board may serve more than 3 consecutive terms, except that a member may continue to serve

on a Board beyond that member's term until a successor is appointed.

(3) VACANCIES.—

(A) REMOVAL.—A Board may remove a member from the Board for failure to attend 3 consecutive Board meetings without reasonable excuse, or for other cause by not less than a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members of the Board.

(B) EFFECT OF VACANCY.—A vacancy shall not affect the ability of a Board to function.

(C) SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT.—A vacancy on a Board shall be filled by the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(4) PER DIEM AND EXPENSES.—A member of a Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for reasonable travel costs and expenses incurred in performing duties as a member of a Board.

(5) CHAIRMAN.—Each Board shall elect a chairman by a majority of those voting if a quorum is present.

(6) QUORUM.—A simple majority of members of a Board shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings.

(7) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STAFF, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE.—

(A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—A Board may employ and determine the salary of an executive director, but such salary shall not exceed level II of the Executive Schedule under section 5313 of title 5, United States Code.

(ii) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The individual selected as the executive director shall have demonstrated expertise in the marketing and promotion of food products.

(B) STAFF.—With the approval of the Board, the executive director may select and employ additional staff as necessary without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code.

(C) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide each Board such administrative assistance as requested by the Board for purposes of its initial organization and operation.

(8) NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The chairman and 2 members of each Board shall establish a National Coordinating Committee—

(i) to exchange information and, if appropriate, coordinate the activities of the Boards; and

(ii) to conduct other business consistent with the policies and purposes of this Act.

(B) MEETING.—The National Coordinating Committee shall meet at least once each year.

(9) VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS.—Any person may make a voluntary payment to the Secretary to assist a Board in carrying out their marketing plans. Such payments shall be disbursed to the appropriate Board from the Fund.

(10) ANNUAL MARKETING PLAN.—

(A) REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.—Each Board may prepare an annual marketing plan that describes the consumer education, research, and other marketing activities of the Board for the following year, including the selection procedures and criteria the Board plans to use for the solicitation and awarding of grants and its plans to coordinate its activities with those of the other Boards established under this Act. Plans may include marketing activities that reference a particular brand or trade name, and may include projects designed to promote the consumption or purchase of a specific seafood species or group of similar seafood.

(B) PURPOSE.—The purpose of each annual marketing plan shall be to—

(i) increase consumer demand for seafood;

(ii) encourage, expand, or improve the marketing and utilization of seafood; and

(iii) improve consumer education, research, and other marketing activities regarding seafood.

(11) ACCOUNTING.—

(A) RECORDS.—Each Board shall maintain accounting records of the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the Board, which shall be subject to the review of the Secretary.

(B) REPORTS.—Each Board shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that describes each expenditure of the Board.

(C) MAINTENANCE OF FUNDS.—Each Board shall keep the amounts distributed to it from the Fund on deposit in appropriate interest-bearing accounts that shall be established by the Board or invested in obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States. Any revenue accruing from such deposits and investments shall be available to the Board for carrying out its marketing plans.

(12) LIMITATIONS ON DECEPTIVE OR NEGATIVE MARKETING.—Consumer education and other marketing and promotion activities of a Board shall avoid use of deceptive or negative acts or practices on behalf of seafood or with respect to the quality, value, or use of any competing seafood product or group of products.

(13) GRANTS.—

(A) REQUIREMENT TO MAKE.—Each Board shall make grants to persons to carry out projects subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may require, consistent with the purposes of this Act and any marketing plan the Board has adopted.

(B) COST-SHARING.—A grant made by a Board under paragraph (1) may not exceed 50 percent of the total estimated cost of the project. The remaining 50 percent shall be provided by the grantee, which may include the value of in-kind contributions from the grantee.

(C) AWARD.—Each Board shall award at least 10 percent of the grant funds awarded by the Board under this paragraph each year to minority-owned, veteran-owned, or small businesses.

(14) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—The conflict of interest and recusal provisions set forth in section 302(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(j)) shall apply to any decision by the Board and to all members of the Board as if each member of the Board is an affected individual within the meaning of such section 302(j), except that in addition to the disclosure requirements of section 302(j)(2)(C) of such Act, (16 U.S.C. 1852(j)(2)(C)), each Board member shall disclose any financial interest or relationship in an organization or with an individual that is applying for funding from the Board held by the Board member, including an interest as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, contractor, agent, or other representative.

(e) NATIONAL SEAFOOD MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the National Seafood Marketing and Development Fund.

(2) EXCLUSIVE USE OF FUND.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all amounts in the Fund shall be used exclusively by the Secretary for making grants to the Boards under this Act and no such amount shall be transferred from the Fund for any other purpose.

(3) DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount available in the Fund for each fiscal year shall be disbursed by the Secretary for such fiscal year to the Boards as follows:

(i) Eighty percent of such amount in the Fund shall be distributed equally among the Boards.

(ii) Twenty percent shall be distributed to the Boards based on a ratio of the total pounds of seafood harvested in the geographical area of each Board to the total pounds of seafood harvested in the United States.

(B) RATIO CALCULATION.—The ratio referred to in clause (ii) shall be calculated by the Secretary every 3 years using data collected by the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture.

(4) FUNDING UNDER THE SALTONSTALL-KENNEDY ACT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(b)(1) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c-3(b)(1)) is amended—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(iv), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon and “and”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) the provision of moneys to the National Seafood Marketing and Development Fund established under subsection (e) of the National Seafood Marketing and Development Act of 2013.”.

(B) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER THE SALTONSTALL-KENNEDY ACT.—Section 2(e)(1) of the Act of August 11, 1939 (15 U.S.C. 713c-3(e)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

“(A) For each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2014:

“(i) The Secretary shall use no less than 60 percent of such moneys to make direct industry assistance grants to develop the United States fisheries and to expand domestic and foreign markets for United States fishery products pursuant to subsection (c).

“(ii) The Secretary shall use the balance of the moneys in the fund to finance those activities of the National Marine Fisheries Service which are directly related to development of the United States fisheries pursuant to subsection (d).

“(B) For fiscal year 2014 and each subsequent fiscal year:

“(i) The Secretary shall use no less than 60 percent of such moneys that are available after the amount described in clause (ii) is provided to make direct industry assistance grants to develop the United States fisheries and to expand domestic and foreign markets for United States fishery products pursuant to subsection (c).

“(ii) For the National Seafood Marketing and Development Fund established under subsection (e) of the National Seafood Marketing and Development Act of 2013, \$20,000,000 for each fiscal year

“(iii) The Secretary shall use the balance of the moneys in the fund after the amounts described in clauses (i) and (ii) are made available to finance those activities of the National Marine Fisheries Service which are directly related to development of the United States fisheries pursuant to subsection (d).”.

SA 934. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XII, add the following:

Subtitle D—Prohibition on Sale of Genetically Altered Salmon

SEC. 12301. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF GENETICALLY ALTERED SALMON.

(a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for a person—

(1) to ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, or purchase a covered fish, or a product containing covered fish, in interstate or foreign commerce;

(2) to have custody, control, or possession of, with the intent to ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, or purchase a covered fish, or a product containing covered fish, in interstate or foreign commerce;

(3) to release a covered fish into a natural environment; or

(4) to have custody, control, or possession of a covered fish with the intent to release it into a natural environment.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to a fish, fish part, or product—

(1) under confined use, or intended for confined use, for scientific research;

(2) collected for the purpose of enforcing this subtitle; or

(3) if the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, in consultation with the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and any other Federal, State, or tribal entity the Under Secretary considers appropriate, reviews any application requesting an action by a department or agency of the Federal government to permit an act prohibited under subsection (a), including any environmental assessment prepared as part of that application, and—

(A) prepares a finding of no significant impact in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); or

(B) finds the application to be consistent with an environmental impact statement prepared by the Under Secretary in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) that includes—

(i) an environmental risk analysis that assesses the potential direct and indirect impacts from escapement of covered fish on wild and cultured fish stocks and environments that may be exposed to such covered fish;

(ii) a failure mode and effects analysis that quantitatively assesses the best- and worst-case probabilities of failure of each applicable confinement technique;

(iii) an assessment of the costs of control or eradication of escaped covered fish; and

(iv) an assessment of the potential economic damage in terms of loss of production or sales to relevant wild and cultured fish stocks and environments from the escapement of covered fish.

(c) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS.—

(1) NOTICE.—Each agency, department, or other unit of the Federal government shall promptly notify the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere when an action involving covered fish, or a product containing covered fish is first identified.

(2) ENSURING COMPLIANCE.—The Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, in cooperation with each Federal, State, or tribal entity that the Under Secretary considers appropriate, may monitor any mitigation measures proposed under subsection (b)(3) to ensure implementation and compliance therewith.

(3) PROVISIONS AS COMPLEMENTARY.—The provisions of this subtitle are in addition to, and shall not affect the operation of, other Federal, State, or local laws regulating a covered fish, or a product containing covered fish.

(d) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such rules and regulations as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

SEC. 12302. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

(a) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary of Commerce may enforce section 12301 in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties provided under sections 308, 309, 310, and 311 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation

and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1858, 1859, 1860, and 1861).

(b) PENALTIES.—A person who violates section 12301 shall be subject to the penalties, and entitled to the privileges and immunities, under sections 308, 309, 310, and 311 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1858, 1859, 1860, and 1861).

SEC. 12303. REPORT ON RISKS TO WILD FISH STOCKS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere shall transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives the report under section 1007 of the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 (21 U.S.C. 2106).

SEC. 12304. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

(1) CONFINED USE.—The term “confined use” means any operation, undertaken within a secured, land-based facility, that involves a covered fish controlled by specific measures that effectively prevent the covered fish from having contact with and impact on the external environment, including biological and physical confinement measures.

(2) COVERED FISH.—The term “covered fish” means a salmon or other anadromous or marine fish, live or dead, including the gametes, fertilized eggs, offspring, and descendants thereof, that is modified or produced through the application of recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) technologies, using DNA from an organism’s own genome or that of another species, which overcome natural physiological reproductive barriers and which are not techniques used in traditional breeding and selection.

(3) FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.—The term “finding of no significant impact” has the meaning given the term in section 1508.13 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations.

(4) PRODUCT.—The term “product” means an item manufactured or produced for sale or use as food.

SA 935. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 11, strike lines 1 through 3, and insert the following:

SEC. 2. DEFINITION.

In this Act:

(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

SA 936. Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1101, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SECTION 110 . DISCLOSURE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

Section 502(c)(2) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1502(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as subparagraphs (C) and (D) respectively; and

(2) by inserting before subparagraph (C) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(A) DISCLOSURE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any other provision of law, except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall on an annual basis make available to the public—

“(i)(I) the name of each individual or entity who obtained a federally subsidized crop insurance, livestock, or forage policy or plan of insurance during the previous fiscal year;

“(II) the amount of premium subsidy received by the individual or entity from the Corporation; and

“(III) the amount of any Federal portion of indemnities paid in the event of a loss during that fiscal year for each policy associated with that individual or entity; and

“(ii) for each private insurance provider, by name—

“(I) the underwriting gains earned through participation in the federally subsidized crop insurance program; and

“(II) the amount paid under this subtitle for—

“(aa) administrative and operating expenses;

“(bb) any Federal portion of indemnities and reinsurance; and

“(cc) any other purpose.

“(B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not disclose information pertaining to individuals and entities covered by a catastrophic risk protection plan offered under section 508(b).”.

SA 937. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 634, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

“SEC. 3504. HOUSING FOR EDUCATORS, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS, AND MEDICAL PROVIDERS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) EDUCATOR.—The term ‘educator’ means an individual who—

“(A) is employed full-time as a teacher, principal, or administrator by—

“(i) a public elementary school or secondary school that provides direct services to students in grades prekindergarten through grade 12, or a Head Start program; and

“(ii) meets the appropriate teaching certification or licensure requirements of the State for the position in which the individual is employed; or

“(B) is employed full-time as a librarian, a career guidance or counseling provider, an education aide, or in another instructional or administrative position for a public elementary school or secondary school.

“(2) MEDICAL PROVIDER.—The term ‘medical provider’ means—

“(A) a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy;

“(B) an American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian recognized as a traditional healing practitioner;

“(C) a health care provider that—

“(i) is licensed or certified under Federal or State law, as applicable; and

“(ii) is providing services that are eligible for coverage under a plan under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code;

“(D) a provider authorized under section 119 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1616f); or

“(E) any other individual that the Secretary determines is capable of providing health care services.

“(3) PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER.—The term ‘public safety officer’ means an individual who is employed full-time—

“(A) as a law enforcement officer by a law enforcement agency of the Federal Government, a State, a unit of general local government, or an Indian tribe; or

“(B) as a firefighter by a fire department of the Federal Government, a State, a unit of general local government, or an Indian tribe.

“(4) QUALIFIED COMMUNITY.—The term ‘qualified community’ means any open country, or any place, town, village, or city—

“(A) that is not part of or associated with an urban area; and

“(B) that—

“(i) has a population of not more than 2,500; or

“(ii)(I) has a population of not more than 10,000; and

“(II) is not accessible by a motor vehicle, as defined in section 30102 of title 49, United States Code.

“(5) QUALIFIED HOUSING.—The term ‘qualified housing’ means housing for educators, public safety officers, or medical providers that is located in a qualified community.

“(6) QUALIFIED PROJECT.—The term ‘qualified project’ means—

“(A) the construction, modernization, renovation, or repair of qualified housing;

“(B) the payment of interest on bonds or other financing instruments (excluding instruments used for refinancing) that are issued for the construction, modernization, renovation, or repair of qualified housing;

“(C) the repayment of a loan used—

“(i) for the construction, modernization, renovation, or repair of qualified housing; or

“(ii) to purchase real property on which qualified housing will be constructed;

“(D) purchasing or leasing real property on which qualified housing will be constructed, renovated, modernized, or repaired; or

“(E) any other activity normally associated with the construction, modernization, renovation, or repair of qualified housing, as determined by the Secretary.

“(7) EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY, SECONDARY SCHOOL, STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The terms ‘educational service agency’, ‘elementary school’, ‘local educational agency’, ‘secondary school’, and ‘State educational agency’ have the meanings given those terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

“(b) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make a grant to an applicant to carry out a qualified project.

“(c) LOAN GUARANTEES.—The Secretary may guarantee a loan made to an applicant for the construction, modernization, renovation, or repair of qualified housing.

“(d) FINANCING MECHANISMS.—The Secretary may make payments of interest on bonds, loans, or other financial instruments (other than financial instruments used for refinancing) that are issued to an applicant for a qualified project.

“(e) APPLICATION.—An applicant that desires a grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application that—

“(1) indicates whether the qualified housing for which the grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest is sought is located in a qualified community;

“(2) identifies the applicant;

“(3) indicates whether the applicant prefers to receive a grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest under this section;

“(4) describes how the applicant would ensure the adequate maintenance of qualified housing assisted under this section;

“(5) demonstrates a need for qualified housing in a qualified community, which may include a deficiency of affordable housing, a deficiency of habitable housing, or the

need to modernize, renovate, or repair housing;

“(6) describes the expected impact of the grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest on—

“(A) educators, public safety officers, and medical providers in a qualified community, including the impact on recruitment and retention of educators, public safety officers, and medical providers; and

“(B) the economy of a qualified community, including—

“(i) any plans to use small business concerns for the construction, modernization, renovation, or repair of qualified housing; and

“(ii) the short- and long-term impact on the rate of employment in the qualified community; and

“(7) describes how the applicant would ensure that qualified housing assisted under this section is used for educators, public safety officers, and medical providers.

“(f) INPUT FROM STATE DIRECTOR OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.—The State Director of Rural Development for a State may submit to the Secretary an evaluation of any application for a qualified project in the State for which an application for assistance under this section is submitted and the Secretary shall take into consideration the evaluation in determining whether to provide assistance.

“(g) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants and making loan guarantees and payments of interest under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to an applicant that is—

“(1) a State educational agency or local educational agency;

“(2) an educational service agency;

“(3) a State or local housing authority;

“(4) an Indian tribe or tribal organization;

“(5) a tribally designated housing entity;

“(6) a local government; or

“(7) a consortium of any of the entities described in paragraphs (1) through (6).

“(h) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may provide assistance to the same applicant under only 1 of subsections (b), (c), and (d).

“(i) REQUIREMENT.—As a condition of eligibility for a grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest under this section, at least 1 named applicant shall be required to maintain ownership of the qualified housing that is the subject of the grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest during the greater of—

“(1) 15 years; or

“(2) the period of the loan for which a loan guarantee or payment of interest is made under this section.

“(j) REPORTING.—

“(1) BY APPLICANTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date on which an applicant receives a grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest under this section, the applicant shall submit to the Secretary a report that—

“(A) describes how the grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest was used; and

“(B) contains an estimate of the number of jobs created or maintained by use of the grant, loan guarantee, or payment of interest.

“(2) BY GAO.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report evaluating the program under this section.

“(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2014, and each fiscal year thereafter.

“(2) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts appropriated to carry out this section shall remain available for obligation by the Secretary during the 3-year period beginning on the date of the appropriation.

“(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Of any amounts appropriated for a fiscal year to carry out this section, the Secretary shall use—

“(A) not less than 50 percent to make grants under this section;

“(B) not more than 5 percent to carry out national activities under this section, including providing technical assistance and conducting outreach to qualified communities; and

“(C) any amounts not expended in accordance with subparagraphs (A) and (B) to make loan guarantees and payments of interest under this section.

SA 938. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, add the following:

SEC. 12213. DENALI COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the ‘Denali Commission Reauthorization Act of 2013’.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—Section 303 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

“(1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be composed of 7 members with a Statewide perspective and knowledge regarding rural Alaska matters (including transportation, health, education and training, energy, economic development, community and regional planning, design, construction, and maintenance of rural infrastructure, workforce development, and communication infrastructure and systems), of whom—

“(A) 5 shall be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce (referred to in this title as the ‘Secretary’), of whom—

“(i) 1 shall represent the views and perspectives of an organized labor or vocational training group within the State of Alaska;

“(ii) 1 shall represent the views and perspectives of Native Corporations (as defined in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602));

“(iii) 1 shall have experience relating to project management and construction in rural Alaska;

“(iv) 1 shall represent the views and perspectives of rural local government interests in the State of Alaska; and

“(v) 1 shall represent the views and perspectives of rural tribal interests in the State of Alaska;

“(B) 1 shall be the Governor of the State of Alaska or an individual selected by the Secretary from nominations submitted by the Governor; and

“(C) 1 shall be the Federal Cochairperson of the Commission, to be appointed by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (3).

“(2) DATE OF APPOINTMENTS.—The appointments of the members of the Commission under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) shall be made not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Denali Commission Reauthorization Act of 2013.

“(3) FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.—

“(A) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of appointment of the members of the Commission described in paragraph (2), those members shall submit to the Secretary recommendations for an individual to serve as Federal Cochairperson of the Commission under paragraph (1)(C).

“(B) SELECTION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of receipt of the recommendations under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall appoint an individual to serve as Federal Cochairperson of the Commission.

“(ii) CONSIDERATION.—In appointing the Federal Cochairperson under clause (i), the Secretary may take into consideration, but shall not be required to select, any individual recommended under subparagraph (A).

“(C) TREATMENT.—The Federal Cochairperson shall be a nonvoting member of the Commission.

“(D) VACANCY.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy in the position of Federal Cochairperson shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

“(ii) INTERIM FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.—Before vacating the position of Federal Cochairperson, the Federal Cochairperson shall appoint to serve as Interim Federal Cochairperson, for the period beginning on the date on which the vacancy in the position of Federal Cochairperson occurs and ending on the date on which a new Federal Cochairperson is appointed under clause (i), the staff member of the Commission with the most seniority.

“(4) STATUS.—No member of the Commission (other than the Federal Cochairperson) shall be considered to be an employee of the Federal Government for any purpose.”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “The Federal Cochairperson” and inserting the following:

“(1) FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.—The Federal Cochairperson”; and

(B) by striking the second and third sentences and inserting the following:

“(2) MEMBERS.—

“(A) TERMS.—A member of the Commission shall be appointed for a term of 4 years, except that, of the members first appointed—

“(i) the members appointed under clauses (ii) and (iv) of subsection (b)(1)(A) shall be appointed for terms of 3 years; and

“(ii) the members appointed under clauses (i) and (iii) of subsection (b)(1)(A) shall be appointed for terms of 2 years.

“(B) VACANCIES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—A vacancy on the Commission—

“(I) shall not affect the powers of the Commission;

“(II) shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made; and

“(III) shall be subject to any conditions that applied with respect to the original appointment.

“(ii) FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM.—An individual selected to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member replaced.

“(C) EXPIRATION.—The term of any member shall not expire before the date on which the successor of the member takes office.”.

(c) FUNDING REQUIREMENTS; DUTIES.—Section 304 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 304. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS; DUTIES.

“(a) COST SHARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out any construction project or activity under this Act, the Commission shall require a cost share of—

“(A) up to 50 percent of the total cost of the construction project or activity; or

“(B) for a construction project or activity carried out in a distressed community (as determined by the department of labor and workforce development of the State of Alaska or by the Commission), up to 20 percent of the total cost of the construction project or activity.

“(2) PRECONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES.—The cost-share requirements under paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to preconstruction procedures.

“(b) PUBLIC COMMENTS.—The Commission members and the Federal Cochairperson shall seek comments from rural Alaska communities and other stakeholder groups regarding rural development needs.

“(c) DUTIES.—The members of the Commission shall—

“(1) advise the Commission regarding coordinated infrastructure planning (including annual and multiyear strategies) among and for—

“(A) rural Alaska communities;

“(B) the State of Alaska;

“(C) Federal agencies; and

“(D) other governmental and nongovernmental entities;

“(2) establish a list of priorities of the Commission for rural Alaska communities on an annual basis, including funding recommendations and the means by which the recommendations—

“(A) address multiyear strategies; and

“(B) are coordinated with—

“(i) rural Alaska communities;

“(ii) the State of Alaska;

“(iii) Federal agencies; and

“(iv) other government and nongovernmental entities;

“(3) review ongoing and completed Commission-funded projects and programs for compliance with stated objectives and outcomes; and

“(4) examine Commission-funded projects and programs—

“(A) for consistency and standardization; and

“(B) to determine a means of improving the management and success of future Commission-funded projects and programs.

“(d) OPERATIONAL MATTERS.—The Federal Cochairperson (and not the members of the Commission) shall be responsible for Commission operational matters, including budgetary matters.”.

(d) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—Section 305 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES; AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, AND PAYMENTS.—

“(1) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Any employee of the Federal Government may be detailed to the Commission—

“(A) without reimbursement; and

“(B) without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

“(2) AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, AND PAYMENTS.—The Commission, acting through the Federal Cochairperson, may enter into contracts and cooperative agreements, award grants, and make payments necessary to carry out the purposes of the Commission.”.

(e) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

(1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Section 306 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

“(2) FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.—The Federal Cochairperson shall be compensated at the annual rate prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.”.

(2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Section 306(b) of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) is amended—

(A) by striking “The members” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the members”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) WAIVER.—A member of the Commission may waive all or any portion of the travel expenses provided to the member under paragraph (1).”.

(3) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Section 306 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) is amended by striking subsection (h) and inserting the following:

“(h) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—The Commission shall use the services of the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce.”.

(f) REAUTHORIZATION.—The first section 310 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) (relating to authorization of appropriations) is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission such sums as are necessary to carry out this title, in accordance with the purposes of this title, for fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter.”.

(g) REPEALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—Section 308 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) is repealed.

(B) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.—The second section 310 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) (relating to the Economic Development Committee) is repealed.

(h) BUDGET COMMITTEE.—The Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) (as amended by subsection (g)(1)) is amended by inserting after section 307 the following:

“SEC. 308. BUDGET COMMITTEE.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Denali Commission Reauthorization Act of 2013, the Federal Cochairperson shall establish a Budget Committee to serve the Commission.

“(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Budget Committee shall be composed of 3 members, of whom—

“(1) 1 shall be the Governor of the State of Alaska or a member of the Commission selected in accordance with section 303(b)(1)(B);

“(2) 1 shall be a Federal employee or detailee with expertise in the Federal budget process, to be selected by the Federal Cochairperson; and

“(3) 1 shall be a member of the Commission, to be selected by the members of the Commission.

“(c) DUTIES.—The Budget Committee shall—

“(1) review the operating budget of the Commission; and

“(2) make appropriate recommendations to the Federal Cochairperson.

“(d) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The members of the Budget Committee shall serve without compensation.

“(2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Budget Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Budget Committee.”.

(i) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 307 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c) DEMONSTRATION HEALTH PROJECTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To demonstrate the value of adequate health facilities and services to the economic development of the region, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may make interagency transfers to the Commission to plan, construct, and equip demonstration health, nutrition, and child care projects, including hospitals, health care clinics, and mental health facilities (including drug and alcohol treatment centers).”

“(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subsection.”

(2) Section 8G(a)(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “the Denali Commission.”

SA 939. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. COWAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 421, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

SEC. 42 . PURCHASE OF HALAL AND KOSHER FOOD FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Section 202 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7502) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) KOSHER AND HALAL FOOD.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall finalize and implement a plan—

“(1) to increase the purchase of Kosher and Halal food from food manufacturers with a Kosher or Halal certification to carry out the program established under this Act if the Kosher and Halal food purchased is cost neutral as compared to food that is not from food manufacturers with a Kosher or Halal certification; and

“(2) to modify the labeling of the commodities list used to carry out the program in a manner that enables Kosher and Halal food bank operators to identify which commodities to obtain from local food banks.”

SA 940. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 121 . ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG USE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make available competitive research and education grants for the purpose of improving the knowledge and study of antimicrobial drug use in agriculture and antimicrobial resistance, including—

(1) antimicrobial use practices in major food animal species and the correlation of the practices to antimicrobial resistance trends;

(2) roles and associations that disease incidence and infection control have in antimicrobial use practices and trends;

(3) development of better veterinary diagnostics, infection control, preventative practices, housing, or husbandry, or other techniques to reduce the need for antimicrobial drug use; and

(4) identification of effective and scalable techniques that improve animal health and reduce antimicrobial drug use, including, at a minimum, genetics, diet, husbandry, and hygiene.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—Paragraphs (4), (7), (8), and (11)(B) of subsection (b) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 450i) shall apply with respect to the making of grants under this section.

(c) FUNDING.—Of amounts made available to the Secretary in appropriations Acts for programs and purposes relating to the purposes of this section, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section such sums as the Secretary determines to be appropriate for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

SA 941. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title IV, add the following:

SEC. 42 . INTERIM PROGRAM TO IMPROVE FOOD SAFETY.

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to ensure the effective use of resources, and program fidelity, to support food safety, interstate commerce, and the integrity of the United States meat supply for export markets; and

(2) to remedy repeated program failures described in documents, including—

(A) the audit report of the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture numbered 24601-0001-41;

(B) the management challenges report of the Office of the Inspector General of the Department dated 2011; and

(C) the reports of the Government Accountability Office numbered—

- (i) 10-203;
- (ii) 04-247; and
- (iii) 02-902.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) AFFECTED SUPERVISOR.—The term “affected supervisor” means an individual serving as, or in any similar capacity as, an inspector-in-charge or an administrator of a food safety program of the Department—

(A) onsite at a facility of the Department; or

(B) at the circuit or regional level.

(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(c) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish an interim program to improve food safety, under which the Secretary shall appoint a public health examiner to ensure the integrity of the food safety programs of the Department.

(d) DUTIES OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXAMINER.—(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program under this section, the public health examiner shall—

(A) evaluate, and modify as necessary, the process in effect on the date of enactment of this Act for evaluating the performance of affected supervisors;

(B) employ—

(i) objective, independent individuals with expertise in public health to serve as evaluators of affected supervisors; and

(ii) such additional staff as the public health examiner determines to be necessary to carry out the program;

(C) ensure the use by affected supervisors of objective, data-driven implementation metrics, as applicable, including—

(i) proper, complete, and valid documentation;

(ii) proper enforcement in response to serious and repeat offenses; and

(iii) the provision of proper correlation, supervision, and mission support for onsite personnel;

(D) provide appropriate professional development, reassignment, or other disposition of affected supervisors with a pattern of failing to implement program policies to ensure proper response to significant noncompliance issues;

(E) improve applicable management controls within the Department, including in the Public Health Information System;

(F) to the maximum extent practicable, reduce subjectivity in program implementation; and

(G) terminate the provision of payment awards under the public health human resources system of the Department for affected supervisors against whom the public health examiner or an evaluator employed under subparagraph (B) has identified any serious program implementation failure, until—

(i) each such failure is completely resolved;

(ii) effective corrective actions have been implemented with respect to each such failure; and

(iii) the public health examiner submits to the Committees on Appropriations, Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations, Agriculture, and Homeland Security of the House of Representatives, a report describing the corrective actions.

(2) USE OF SAVINGS.—Any amounts saved by the Federal Government as a result of the termination of payment awards under paragraph (1)(G) shall be transferred to the Secretary for use in carrying out the program under this section.

(e) SUNSET.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The program under this section shall terminate on the date that is 4 years after the date of establishment of the program.

(2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 54 months after the date of establishment of the program under this section, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a final report describing the results of the program.

(f) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall use to carry out this section for each applicable fiscal year—

(1) not less than \$2,500,000 of the amounts made available to the Secretary in appropriations Acts for programs and purposes relating to the Food Safety Inspection Service and the Office of Food Safety; and

(2) the amounts transferred to the Secretary under subsection (d)(2).

SA 942. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, add the following:

SEC. 12 . AUDIT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence an audit of the pay-for-performance project of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, the Public Health Human Resources System, to determine—

(1) if the program was properly and consistently implemented;

(2) if the program was effective; and

(3) to what extent there was waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement of funds in the program.

(b) REPORT.—On completion of the audit required by subsection (a), the Comptroller

General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the audit.

SA 943. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 877, after line 18, insert the following:

SEC. 6208. GAO REPORT ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORMS.

(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the report required under subsection (b) is to aid Congress in monitoring and measuring the effects of a series of reforms by the Federal Communications Commission (in this section referred to as the “FCC”) intended to promote the availability and affordability of broadband service throughout the United States.

(b) **REPORT.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall prepare a report providing detailed measurements, statistics, and metrics with respect to—

(1) the progress of implementation of the reforms adopted in the FCC’s Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted on October 27, 2011 (FCC 11–161) (in this section referred to as the “Order”);

(2) the effects, if any, of such reforms on retail end user rates during the applicable calendar year for—

(A) local voice telephony services (including any subscriber line charges and access recovery charges assessed by carriers upon purchasers of such services);

(B) interconnected VoIP services;

(C) long distance voice services;

(D) mobile wireless voice services;

(E) bundles of voice telephony or VoIP services (such as local and long distance voice packages);

(F) fixed broadband Internet access services; and

(G) mobile broadband Internet access services;

(3) any disparities or trends detectable during the applicable calendar year with respect to the relative average (such as per-consumer) retail rates charged for each of the services listed in paragraph (2) to consumers (including both residential and business users) located in rural areas and urban areas;

(4) any disparities or trends detectable during the applicable calendar year with respect to the relative average (such as per-consumer) retail rates charged for each of the services listed in paragraph (2) as between incumbent local exchange carriers subject to price cap regulation and those subject to rate-of-return regulation;

(5) the effects, if any, of those reforms adopted in the Order on average fixed and mobile broadband Internet access speeds, respectively, available to residential and business consumers, respectively, during the applicable calendar year;

(6) any disparities or trends detectable during the applicable calendar year with respect to the relative average fixed and mobile broadband Internet access speeds, respectively, available to residential and business consumers, respectively, in rural areas and urban areas;

(7) the effects, if any, of those reforms adopted in the Order on the magnitude and pace of investments in broadband-capable networks in rural areas, including such investments financed by the Department of Agriculture’s Rural Utilities Service under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.);

(8) any disparities or trends detectable during the applicable calendar year with respect

to the relative magnitude and pace of investments in broadband-capable networks in rural areas and urban areas;

(9) any disparities or trends detectable during the applicable calendar year with respect to the magnitude and pace of investments in broadband-capable networks in areas served by carriers subject to price cap regulation and areas served by carriers subject to rate-of-return regulation;

(10) the effects, if any, of those reforms adopted in the Order on adoption of broadband Internet access services by end users; and

(11) the effects, if any, of such reforms on State universal service funds or other State universal service initiatives, including carrier-of-last-resort requirements that may be enforced by any State.

(c) **TIMING.**—On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter for the following 5 calendar years, the Comptroller General shall submit the report required under subsection (b) to the following:

(1) The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(2) The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

(3) The Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

(4) The Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives.

(d) **DATA INCLUSION.**—The report required under subsection (b) shall include all data that the Comptroller General deems relevant to and supportive of any conclusions drawn with respect to the effects of the FCC’s reforms and any disparities or trends detected in the items subject to the report.

SA 944. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1064, after line 21, add the following:

SEC. 11 AUTOMATIC REVIEWS OF LARGE CLAIMS.

Section 508(j) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) **REVIEWS.**—For the purpose of automatic reviews of large claims under this section, the Corporation shall establish the loss threshold at \$50,000.”

SA 945. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 269, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

“(c) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, for an eligible activity identified in subparagraph (B) or (E) of section 1271A(2), the Secretary shall not consider prior irrigation history when—

“(1) selecting eligible partners under section 1271B; or

“(2) entering into contracts with producers under section 1271C.

SA 946. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, add the following:

SEC. 12213. TERMINATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.

Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act, the memorandum of understanding entered into on July 22, 2004, by the Secretary and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Mexico and known as the “Partnership for Nutrition Assistance Initiative” is terminated and shall have no force or effect of law.

SA 947. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 4002, insert the following:

SEC. 4003. SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS.

Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(o) **SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS.**—

“(1) **DEFINITION OF SATISFACTORY IMMIGRATION STATUS.**—In this subsection, the term ‘satisfactory immigration status’ means an immigration status under which an individual is eligible for benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, if the individual otherwise meets the requirements of this Act.

“(2) **DECLARATION.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—As a condition of eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the Secretary shall require each head of a household seeking to participate in the program to submit to the applicable State agency a written declaration in accordance with subparagraph (B), which the head of household shall sign under penalty of perjury.

“(B) **CONTENTS.**—The head of household shall certify in the written declaration under subparagraph (A) that each member of the household is—

“(i) national of the United States (as that term is defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)); or

“(ii) in a satisfactory immigration status.

“(3) **DOCUMENTATION.**—

“(A) **NATIONALS OF THE UNITED STATES.**—Subject to subparagraph (B), for each member of a household for which a certification is made under clause (i) of paragraph (2)(B), the head of household shall submit to the State agency administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program documentation demonstrating that each such member is a national of the United States that is—

“(i) a document showing birth in the United States;

“(ii) a United States consular report of birth;

“(iii) a United States passport;

“(iv) a Certificate of Naturalization; or

“(v) a Certificate of Citizenship.

“(B) **SATISFACTORY IMMIGRATION STATUS.**—Subject to subparagraph (B), for each member of a household for which a certification is made under clause (ii) of paragraph (2)(B), the head of household shall submit to the State agency administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program—

“(i) alien registration documentation or other proof of immigration registration issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security that contains—

“(I) the alien admission number of the individual; and

“(II) the alien file number of the individual; or

“(ii) any other document that the State agency determines constitutes reasonable

evidence of a satisfactory immigration status.

“(C) ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.—An individual who is 18 years of age or older and who is a member of a household for which a certification is made under clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (2)(B) shall submit to the State agency the documentation described in subparagraph (A) or (B) on such individual’s own behalf.

“(4) SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS PROGRAM.—For documentation described in paragraph (3)(B), the State agency to which the documentation is submitted shall use the alien admission number or alien file number of the individual to verify the immigration status of the individual using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.”.

SA 948. Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 355, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

SEC. 40 . RESTORING PROGRAM INTEGRITY TO CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The second sentence of section 5(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(a)) is amended by striking “receives benefits under a State program” and inserting “receives assistance (as defined in section 260.31 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on January 1, 2013) under a State program”.

(b) RESOURCES.—Section 5(j) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(j)) is amended by striking “receives benefits under a State program” and inserting “receives assistance (as defined in section 260.31 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on January 1, 2013) under a State program”.

Beginning on page 355, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 357, line 15, and insert the following:

SEC. 4002. ELIMINATING THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE LOOPHOLE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(11)(A), by striking “(other than” and all that follows through “et seq.)” and inserting “(other than payments or allowances made under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or any payments under any other State program funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(1))))”;

(2) in subsection (e)(6)(C), by striking clause (iv); and

(3) in subsection (k)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking subparagraph (C);

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (G) as subparagraphs (C) through (F), respectively; and

(iii) by striking paragraph (4).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2605(f) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(1)”;

(2) by striking paragraph (2).

Beginning on page 379, strike line 15 and all that follows through page 380, line 15, and insert the following:

SEC. 4011. ELIMINATING STATE BONUSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amended by striking subsection (d).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the first sentence of paragraph (4), by striking “payment error rate” and all that follows through “subsection (d)” and inserting “liability amount or new investment amount under paragraph (1) or payment error rate”;

(B) in the first sentence of paragraph (5), by striking “payment error rate” and all that follows through “subsection (d)” and inserting “liability amount or new investment amount under paragraph (1) or payment error rate”;

(2) in subsection (i)(1), by striking “subsection (d)(1)” and inserting “subsection (c)(2)”.

SEC. 4012. ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

(a) FUNDING OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amended by striking subsection (h).

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COST-SHARING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 16(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended in the first sentence, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “(other than a program carried out under section 6(d)(4))” after “supplemental nutrition assistance program”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(hh) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(hh)) is amended by striking “(g), (h)(2), or (h)(3)” and inserting “or (g)”.

(B) Section 22(d)(1)(B)(ii) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2031(d)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking “(g), (h)(2), and (h)(3)” and inserting “and (g)”.

(c) WORKFARE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 20 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2029) is amended by striking subsection (g).

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(jj) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(jj)) is amended by striking “or (g)(1)”.

On page 385, strike lines 19 through 22 and insert the following:

SEC. 4016. ELIMINATING THE NUTRITION EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 28 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036a) is repealed.

On page 390, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

SEC. 4019. TERMINATING AN INCREASE IN BENEFITS.

Section 101(a) of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 120; 124 Stat. 2394; 124 Stat. 3265) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) TERMINATION.—The authority provided by this subsection shall terminate after September 1, 2013.”.

SA 949. Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 4002 and insert the following:

SEC. 4002. ELIMINATING THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE LOOPHOLE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(11)(A), by striking “(other than” and all that follows through “et seq.)” and inserting “(other than payments or allowances made under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or any payments under any other State program funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(1))))”;

(2) in subsection (e)(6)(C), by striking clause (iv); and

(3) in subsection (k)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking subparagraph (C);

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (G) as subparagraphs (C) through (F), respectively; and

(iii) by striking paragraph (4).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2605(f) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(1)”;

(2) by striking paragraph (2).

SA 950. Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 4012 and insert the following:

SEC. 4012. ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

(a) FUNDING OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Section 16 of Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amended by striking subsection (h).

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COST-SHARING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 16(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended in the first sentence, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “(other than a program carried out under section 6(d)(4))” after “supplemental nutrition assistance program”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(hh) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(hh)) is amended by striking “(g), (h)(2), or (h)(3)” and inserting “or (g)”.

(B) Section 22(d)(1)(B)(ii) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2031(d)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking “(g), (h)(2), and (h)(3)” and inserting “and (g)”.

(c) WORKFARE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 20 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2029) is amended by striking subsection (g).

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(jj) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(jj)) is amended by striking “or (g)(1)”.

SA 951. Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 309, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol; as follows:

On page 15, line 5, strike “dyes” and insert “dies”.

On page 15, line 6, insert before the period the following: “, and amounts received from the sale of such duplicates shall be deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund”.

On page 15, strike line 10 and all that follows through line 20.

SA 952. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XII, insert the following:

Subtitle _____—Industrial Hemp Farming Act

SECTION 12 _____ . SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2013”.

SEC. 12 _____ . EXCLUSION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP FROM DEFINITION OF MARIHUANA.

Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (16)—
 (A) by striking “(16) The” and inserting “(16)(A) The”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:
 “(B) The term ‘marihuana’ does not include industrial hemp.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(57) The term ‘industrial hemp’ means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.”.

SEC. 12 _____ . INDUSTRIAL HEMP DETERMINATION BY STATES.

Section 201 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 811) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) **INDUSTRIAL HEMP DETERMINATION.**—If a person grows or processes *Cannabis sativa* L. for purposes of making industrial hemp in accordance with State law, the *Cannabis sativa* L. shall be deemed to meet the concentration limitation under section 102(57), unless the Attorney General determines that the State law is not reasonably calculated to comply with section 102(57).”.

SA 953. Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1101, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 11 _____ . LIMITATION ON PREMIUM SUBSIDY BASED ON AVERAGE ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.

Section 508(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(e)) (as amended by section 11030(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) **LIMITATION ON PREMIUM SUBSIDY BASED ON AVERAGE ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.**—

“(A) **DEFINITION OF AVERAGE ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.**—In this paragraph, the term ‘average adjusted gross income’ has the meaning given the term in section 1001D(a) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308-3a(a)).

“(B) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle and beginning with the 2014 reinsurance year, in the case of any producer that is a person or legal entity that has an average adjusted gross income in excess of \$750,000 based on the most recent data available from the Farm Service Agency as of the beginning of the reinsurance year, the total amount of premium subsidy provided with respect to additional coverage under subsection (c), section 508B, or section 508C issued on behalf of the producer for a reinsurance year shall be 15 percentage

points less than the premium subsidy provided in accordance with this subsection that would otherwise be available for the applicable policy, plan of insurance, and coverage level selected by the producer.

“(C) **APPLICATION.**—

“(i) **STUDY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Government Accountability Office, shall carry out a study to determine the effects of the limitation described in subparagraph (B) on—

“(I) the overall operations of the Federal crop insurance program;

“(II) the number of producers participating in the Federal crop insurance program;

“(III) the level of coverage purchased by participating producers;

“(IV) the amount of premiums paid by participating producers and the Federal Government;

“(V) any potential liability for participating producers, approved insurance providers, and the Federal Government;

“(VI) different crops or growing regions;

“(VII) program rating structures;

“(VIII) creation of schemes or devices to evade the impact of the limitation; and

“(IX) administrative and operating expenses paid to approved insurance providers and underwriting gains and loss for the Federal government and approved insurance providers.

“(ii) **EFFECTIVENESS.**—The limitation described in subparagraph (B) shall not take effect unless the Secretary determines, through the study described in clause (i), that the limitation would not—

“(I) significantly increase the premium amount paid by producers with an average adjusted gross income of less than \$750,000;

“(II) result in a decline in the crop insurance coverage available to producers; and

“(III) increase the total cost of the Federal crop insurance program.”.

floor privileges for the remainder of the debate on S. 954, the Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nona McCoy and Kevin Batteh, who have been detailed to my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the farm bill debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. RES. 65

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 43, S. Res. 65; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate proceed to vote in relation to the resolution; that if the resolution is agreed to, the preamble be agreed to and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 309 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
 A bill (S. 309) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mrs. BOXER. I ask unanimous consent the Harkin amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the bill as amended be read three times and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 951) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To make technical corrections)

On page 15, line 5, strike “dyes” and insert “dies”.

On page 15, line 6, insert before the period the following: “, and amounts received from the sale of such duplicates shall be deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund”.

On page 15, strike line 10 and all that follows through line 20.

The bill (S. 309), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship will meet on May 22, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 428A Russell Senate Office building to hold a roundtable entitled “Bridging the Skills Gap: How the STEM Education Pipeline Can Develop a High-Skilled American Workforce for Small Business.”

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 20, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SH-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to continue its executive business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kevin Norton, a detailee to our committee, Heather Arnold, John Newton, and Eric Hansen, fellows for the committee, be granted