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**1. CONSULTATION ON AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS  
AND RELATED SECTIONS, AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 1961**

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[As Amended Through Public Law 110–246, Effective May 22, 2008]

(Public Law 87–128, 75 Stat. 295, Aug. 8, 1961)

### [CONSULTATION ON AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS]

SEC. 102. [7 U.S.C. 1911] (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, whenever the Secretary of Agriculture determines that additional legislative authority is necessary to develop new agricultural programs involving supply adjustments or marketing regulations through marketing orders, marketing quotas, or price support programs with respect to any agricultural commodity, or to make substantial revisions in any existing agricultural legislation or programs, he may consult and advise with farmers, farm organizations, and appropriate commodity organizations, if any, for the commodity involved, to review the problems involved, the need for new legislation, and the provisions which should be included in any such proposed legislation.

(b) In addition, whenever and to the extent he deems such action necessary or desirable, the Secretary of Agriculture may consult and advise with any person or group of persons, or organizations, including farmers, handlers, processors, or others connected with the production, processing, handling, or use of the commodity involved, with respect to the problems involved and need for legislation and the provisions which should be included in any such proposed legislation.

(c) In order that the Secretary of Agriculture may be assured of being able to obtain the advice of any such person or organization, he is authorized, whenever he determines such action necessary, to pay for each day's attendance at meetings and while traveling to and from such meetings, transportation expenses and in lieu of subsistence, a per diem in the amount authorized under the Travel Expense Act of 1949 for Federal employees. No salary or other compensation shall be paid.

### [SUBMISSION OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS]

SEC. 103. [7 U.S.C. 1912] If the Secretary of Agriculture, after such consultation and receipt of such advice as provided in section 102 of this Act, determines that additional legislative authority is necessary to develop agricultural programs involving supply adjustments or marketing regulations through the use of marketing orders, marketing quotas or price-support programs, he shall formulate specific recommendations in the form of proposed legislation which shall be submitted to the Congress together with a statement setting forth the purpose and need for such proposed legislation.

### [RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS]

SEC. 104. [7 U.S.C. 1913] Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to limit the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture under other provision of law or to establish or consult with advisory committees.