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Amendment #: 041

Submitted by Rep. Herseth Sandlin – Title XI – Prohibit closing of FSA Offices

Herseth Sandlin Amendment _____
Amendment to the Miscellaneous Title

To prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from closing any county or field offices of the Farm Service Agency, the Rural Development Agency or the Natural Resources Conservation Service for one year from the date of the enactment of this bill, unless that office had fewer than two full time employees for more than 6 months out of the last 2 years.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419
OFFERED BY MS. HERSETH SANDLIN OF SOUTH
DAKOTA

At the appropriate place in title XI, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF
2 COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE FARM SERVICE
3 AGENCY, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
4 AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
5 SERVICE.

6 Until the date that is one year after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may
8 not close or relocate a county or field office of the Farm
9 Service Agency, Rural Development Agency, or Natural
10 Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Ag-
11 riculture, ~~unless such office, for 180 consecutive days dur-~~
12 ~~ing the two-year period ending on such date of enactment,~~
13 ~~had less than two full-time employees.~~

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Amendment #: 063

Submitted by Rep. Conaway Title XI – Add Goats to COOL

An Amendment (#__) offered by Mr. Conaway of Texas

Summary:

An amendment to include goats in the mandatory Country of Origin Labeling program as established in the 2002 Farm Bill

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419
OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in title XI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING FOR GOATS.**

2 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 281(2)(A) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638(2)(A)) is
3 amended—
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5 (1) in clause (v) by striking “and”;

6 (2) in clause (vi), by striking “peanuts.” and
7 inserting “peanuts; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following new
9 clause:

10 “(vii) meat produced from goats.”.

11 (b) **UNITED STATES COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.**—Section
12 282(a)(2)(B) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1638a(a)(2)(B)) is
13 amended by striking “lamb and pork” and inserting
14 “lamb, pork, and goats”.

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Amendment #: 116

Submitted by Rep. Hershel Sanders - Title XI

Remove the authority of FSA
County Committee

Herseth-Sandlin Amendment
Title XI

Summary

This amendment would remove language from Title XI, as amended by the Chairman's mark, to remove the authority of FSA county committees to waive the restrictions on crop insurance access for native grassland that has never previously been farmed.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419
OFFERED BY MS. HERSETH SANDLIN OF SOUTH
DAKOTA

In section 502(e)(2) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1502(e)), as added by section 11005 of the bill (as amended by the amendment offered by Mr. Peterson), strike “as determined by the Secretary” and all that follows and insert “as determined by the Secretary”.

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Submitted by Rep. McCarthy - Title XI - Regulation of Exports Plant

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Amendment by Mr. McCarthy:

Subtitle D—Other Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 11304

**REGULATION OF EXPORTS OF PLANTS, PLANT PRODUCTS,
BIOLOGICAL CONTROL ORGANISMS, AND NOXIOUS WEEDS.**

(a) In General- Subtitle A of title IV of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

SEC. 420. REGULATION OF EXPORTS OF PLANTS, PLANT PRODUCTS, BIOLOGICAL CONTROL ORGANISMS, AND NOXIOUS WEEDS.

(a) In General- The Secretary may regulate plants, plant products, biological control organisms, and noxious weeds for export purposes.

(b) Duties- The Secretary shall--

(1) coordinate fruit and vegetable market analyses with the private sector and the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service; and

(2) make publicly available on an Internet website--

(A) the status of all export petitions;

(B) to the greatest extent possible, an explanation of the sanitary or phytosanitary issues associated with each pending export petition; and

(C) to the greatest extent possible, information on the import requirements of foreign countries for fruits and vegetables.

(c) Regulations- The Secretary may issue regulations to implement this section.

(b) Table of Contents- The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 note) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 419 the following new item:

'Sec. 420. Regulation of exports of plants, plant products, biological control organisms, and noxious weeds.'

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Amendment #: 044

Submitted by Rep. Etheridge/Neugebauer – Title XI relating to cotton classification services

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY REPS. ETHERIDGE AND NEUGEBAUER

Amends Section 11302 to authorize the Secretary to enter into leases of longer than five years or take title to property for the purpose of obtaining facilities that can be used for the classification of cotton.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419
OFFERED BY MR. ETHERIDGE OF NORTH
CAROLINA
(For himself and Mr. Neugebauer)

In section 11302 of the miscellaneous title, relating to cotton classification services, designate the existing amendment as subsection (a) and add at the end the following new subsection:

1 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES.—The second sen-
2 tence of section 3a of the Act of March 3, 1927, is amend-
3 ed in the proviso—

4 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (6);

5 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause

6 (7) and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new
8 clause: “(8) the Secretary may enter into long-term
9 lease agreements that exceed five years or may take
10 title to property, including through purchase agree-
11 ments, for the purposes of obtaining offices to be
12 used for the classification of cotton in accordance
13 with this Act if the Secretary determines such action
14 would best effectuate the purposes of this Act.”.

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Amendment #: 047

Submitted by Rep. Boswell- Title XI- Methamphetamine Inhibitor Grant Program

**Summary of Amendment Offered by Rep. Boswell
Regarding Methamphetamine Inhibitor Grant Program**

This amendment would authorize a grant program that would allow cooperatives, agricultural retailers, or producers who own an anhydrous ammonia fertilizer nurse tank to purchase a chemical additive or methamphetamine inhibitor that would reduce the amount of methamphetamine that could be produced. Grants would be \$40-\$60 per nurse tank, per year on a given facility (for as many nurse tanks as the facility has).

AMENDMENT TO THE MISCELLANEOUS TITLE
OFFERED BY MR. BOSWELL OF IOWA

At the end of the title, add the following:

1 SEC. ____ . GRANTS TO REDUCE PRODUCTION OF
2 METHAMPHETAMINES FROM ANHYDROUS
3 AMMONIA.

4 (a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Agri-
5 culture may make a grant to an eligible entity to enable
6 the entity to obtain and add to an anhydrous ammonia
7 fertilizer nurse tank a substance which will reduce the
8 amount of methamphetamine which can be produced from
9 any anhydrous ammonia removed from the tank.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
12 ty” means—

13 (A) a producer of agricultural commod-
14 ities;

15 (B) a cooperative association a majority of
16 the members of which produce or process agri-
17 cultural commodities, and

18 (C) a person in the trade or business of—

- 1 (i) selling an agricultural product, in-
2 cluding an agricultural chemical, at retail,
3 predominantly to farmers and ranchers; or
4 (ii) aerial and ground application of
5 an agricultural chemical.

6 (2) NURSE TANK.—The term “nurse tank”
7 shall have the meaning set forth in section
8 173.315(m) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations,
9 as in effect as of the date of the enactment of this
10 Act.

11 (c) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant made
12 under this section to an entity shall be not less than \$40
13 and not more than \$60, multiplied by the number of fer-
14 tilizer nurse tanks of the entity.

15 (d) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-
16 PRIATIONS.—For grants under this section, there are au-
17 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary a total of not
18 more than \$15,000,000 for fiscal years 2008 through
19 2012.

~~Title III~~

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Amendment #: 114

Submitted by Rep. Mr. Cardoza - Title III - Germplasm Conservation

Amendment to H.R. 2419; Title III - Trade

Offered by Mr. Cardoza

At the end of Title III—Trade, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. __. GERMPLASM CONSERVATION

2 (a) CONTRIBUTION.—The Agency for International Development shall
3 contribute funds to endow the Global Crop Diversity Trust (hereafter “the Trust”) to
4 assist in the conservation of genetic diversity in food crops through the collection and
5 storage of the germplasm of such crops in a manner that provides for—

6 (1) the maintenance and storage of seed collections;

7 (2) the documentation and cataloguing of the genetics and characteristics
8 of conserved seeds to ensure efficient reference for researchers, plant breeders,
9 and the public;

10 (3) building the capacity of seed collections in developing countries;

11 (4) making information regarding crop genetic data publicly available for
12 researchers, plant breeders, and the public (for example, through the provision of
13 an accessible Internet site);

14 (5) the operation and maintenance of a back-up facility wherein is stored
15 duplicate samples of seeds, as a hedge against natural or man-made disasters; and

16 (6) oversight designed to ensure international coordination of these actions
17 and efficient, public accessibility to this diversity through a cost-effective system.

18 (b) U.S. CONTRIBUTION LIMIT.— The aggregate contributions of the United States
19 Government funds provided to the Trust shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total
20 of the funds contributed to the Trust from all sources.

21 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
22 this section a total of \$60,000,000 over the period of fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year
23 2012.

BACKGROUND: The United States has contributed \$6 million under various authorities over the past 6 years to support the international preservation of germplasm through the Global Crop Diversity Trust. The Trust needs to raise approximately \$260 million to guarantee the conservation and availability of important food crops.

The amendment specifically authorizes the Agency for International Development to make a contribution on behalf of the United States to the Global Crop Diversity Trust of up to \$60 million over 5 years, and requires that United States contributions to the Trust must be matched at least 3 to 1 by other international contributors.

“To ensure that most critical collections of rice, wheat, corn, potatoes and the other staple crops that feed the world continue to be protected, the Global Crop Diversity Trust deserves continued support.”

Dr. Norman E. Borlaug –Recipient of Congressional Gold Medal, July 17, 2007

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Amendment #: 97

Submitted by Rep. King - Sense of Congress -
farm animal manure

This amendment is a sense of Congress that farm animal manure is not to be considered as toxic waste.

An amendment by Mr. King of Iowa

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At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

Sense of ~~Congress~~ ^{Committee} that farm animal manure should not be deemed a hazardous substance pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) or the Emergency Planning and Right-to-know Act (EPCRA)

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Amendment #: 118

Title XI

Submitted by Rep. Conrad Gable - USDA Graduate School

Summary of Mr. Goodlatte's amendment to Title XI re: the USDA Graduate School

The amendment terminates the USDA Graduate School's status as a non-appropriated fund instrumentality

Amendment to H.R. 2419
Offered by Mr. Goodlatte of Virginia

At the appropriate place in title XI, insert the following new section:

SEC. ___ USDA Graduate School

(a) Section 7 U.S.C. §2279b is amended by –

(1) striking paragraphs (a) through (k) and inserting the following:

“The Department of Agriculture shall not establish, maintain, or otherwise operate a non-appropriated fund instrumentality of the United States to develop, administer, or provide educational, training and professional development activities, including educational activities for federal agencies, federal employees, nonprofit organizations, other entities and members of the general public.”

(b) the amendments made in subsection (a) apply beginning October 1, 2008.

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Amendment #: 087

Submitted by Rep. Rogers – Title XI – Arbitration

Amendment to H.R. 2419
Offered by Mr. Rogers of Alabama

This amendment amends section 11103 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish standards of fairness for arbitration clauses contained in livestock and poultry production contracts.

Amendment to H.R. 2419
Offered by Mr. Rogers of Alabama

Section 11103 is amended to read as follows:

“(a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate regulations to establish standards related to the inclusion of arbitration provisions in livestock and poultry production contracts.

“(b) Such regulations shall—

“(1) establish permissible agreements with respect to venue of arbitration, allocation of arbitration costs, number and appointment of arbitrators, and any other element of an arbitration agreement that the Secretary determines to be necessary;

“(2) permit a producer to seek relief in a small claims court in lieu of arbitration for disputes or claims within the jurisdiction of a small claims court, despite the existence of an arbitration agreement; and

“(3) require any person appointed or to be appointed as an arbitrator to disclose any circumstance likely to raise doubt as to the arbitrator’s impartiality.”.