

**AMENDMENT TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. KINGSTON OF GEORGIA**

Bill:

page 2, line 14, strike “\$94,359,000” and insert
“\$91,132,000”;

page 2, line 22, strike “\$21,094,000” and insert
“\$17,867,000”;

page 2, line 24, strike “\$20,345,000” and insert
“\$17,118,000” and

page 16, line 11, strike “\$787,000,000” and insert
“\$790,227,000”.

page 3, line 19, strike “by all such transfers”.

page 88, line 16, strike all matter after “SEC. 739.”
and insert,

1 “Funds received by the Secretary of Agriculture in the
2 global settlement of any Federal litigation concerning Fed-
3 eral mortgage loans during fiscal year 2012 may be ex-
4 pended, in addition to any other available funds, by the
5 Rural Housing Service to pay for costs associated with
6 servicing single family housing loans guaranteed by the

1 Rural Housing Service and such funds shall remain avail-
2 able until expended.”.

Report:

At the appropriate place, insert,

“*Lyme Disease Research*.—The Committee recognizes the importance of the ongoing research efforts of the ARS regarding tick-borne illnesses. As the agency continues to build upon its research efforts and protect humans and livestock from tick-borne illnesses, the Committee encourages the ARS, in conjunction with other agencies, to maintain its efforts and consider both the human and economic impacts of Lyme disease on communities in the United States.”.

page 17, in the table, strike “15,776,000” and insert “16,275,000” and strike “24,359,000” and insert “27,087,000” and strike “33,911,000” and insert “34,410,000” and strike “24,859,000” and insert “27,587,000” and strike “\$787,000,000” and insert “\$790,227,000”.

“*Animal Welfare Act (AWA) Compliance*.—The Committee commends APHIS for issuing a proposed regulation to close a loophole that has allowed large-scale online and conventional puppy retailers to evade compliance with the AWA. The Committee expects APHIS to

focus AWA expenditures on the large-scale, for-profit dog sellers that would be regulated under the agency's proposed rule."

*“Nutritional Ratings Systems.—*The Committee is concerned about the use of nutritional rating and front of package claims in the marketplace. To promote public health and facilitate consumer understanding, such information should be consistent with the Institute of Medicine's recommendations for front of package nutrition rating systems and symbols and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and based on criteria that are public and readily available to consumers. Further, such systems and symbols should be evaluated by FDA to ensure their usefulness for American consumers, consistency with FDA nutrition programs, and compliance with relevant FDA food labeling requirements. The Committee directs FDA to provide a report regarding its plans to establish guidance for developing such systems and to provide the Committee a timetable for issuing such guidance.”

