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AMENDMENT TO FARM BILL, H.R. 6083

OFFERED BY MR. ROONEY OF FLORIDA

(Offered on behalf of himself and Mr. Cardoza of California)

At the end of title III, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 3207. UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FOR-**
2 **EIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of the Department of
4 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 is amended by in-
5 serting after section 225 (7 U.S.C. 6931) the following
6 new section:

7 **“SEC. 225A. UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR**
8 **FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES.**

9 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized
10 to establish in the Department the position of Under Sec-
11 retary of Agriculture for Foreign Agricultural Services.

12 “(b) CONFIRMATION REQUIRED.—If the Secretary
13 establishes the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture
14 for Foreign Agricultural Services under subsection (a), the
15 Under Secretary shall be appointed by the President, by
16 and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

17 “(c) FUNCTIONS OF UNDER SECRETARY.—

18 “(1) PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS.—Upon establish-
19 ment, the Secretary shall delegate to the Under Sec-

1 retary of Agriculture for Foreign Agricultural Serv-
2 ices those functions under the jurisdiction of the De-
3 partment that are related to foreign agricultural
4 services.

5 “(2) ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS.—The Under
6 Secretary of Agriculture for Foreign Agricultural
7 Services shall perform such other functions as may
8 be required by law or prescribed by the Secretary.

9 “(d) SUCCESSION.—Any official who is serving as
10 Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Ag-
11 ricultural Services on the date of the enactment of this
12 section and who was appointed by the President, by and
13 with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall not be
14 required to be reappointed under subsection (b) or section
15 225(b) to the successor position authorized under sub-
16 section (a) or section 225(a) if the Secretary establishes
17 the position, and the official occupies the new position,
18 with 180 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-
19 tion (or such later date set by the Secretary if litigation
20 delays rapid succession).”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 225 of the
22 Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7
23 U.S.C. 6931) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “Under Secretary of Agriculture
25 for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services” each

1 place it appears and inserting “Under Secretary of
2 Agriculture for Farm Services”; AND

3 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “and for-
4 eign agricultural”.

5 (c) PERMANENT AUTHORITY.—Section 296(b) of the
6 Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7
7 U.S.C. 7014(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (6)(C), by striking “or” at the
9 end;

10 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
11 the end and inserting “; or”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(8) the authority of the Secretary to establish
14 in the Department the position of Under Secretary
15 of Agriculture for Foreign Agricultural Services in
16 accordance with section 225A.”.



**Authorization for an Under Secretary of Agriculture for Foreign Agricultural Services
Amendment Offered by Congressman Rooney (FL) and Congressman Cardoza (CA)**

This amendment allows USDA to establish the position of Under Secretary for Foreign Agricultural Services, which would be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.