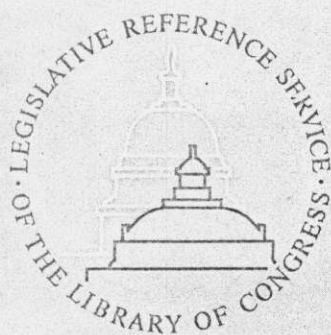


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I. General farm programs, commodity programs,
and agricultural marketing

General farm programs

H.R. 12430 (Mr. Poage; 6/25/69; Agric.)

Food and Agriculture Act. Extends the provisions of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 indefinitely.

House: Hearings, Sept. 3-11; Oct. 21-31, 1969.

H.R. 14014 (Mr. Purcell; 9/25/69; Agric.)

Agricultural Stabilization Act. Authorizes a class I base plan for milk producers; extends the Wool Act, the cotton program, and the wheat and feed grains programs. Provides price supports for feed grains at 90 percent of parity; for a wheat export certificate program; for an acreage diversion program for soybeans and flaxseed; for a "Consumer Protection Reserve"; for the establishment of marketing orders; for permanent extension of the cropland adjustment program; and for continuation of the rice program.

House: Hearings, July 15, 21, 29-31; Aug. 5-7; Sept 8-11, 16, 24; Oct. 10, 1969.

S. 2524 (Mr. Dirksen et. al; 7/1/69; Agric. & Fores.)

Agricultural Adjustment Act. To extend and amend the 1965 Food and Agriculture Act by providing a 5-year transition period during which acreage allotments, base acreages, marketing quotas processing taxes, and direct payments would be phased out.

To limit direct payments for wheat, feed grains and cotton in 1971, to 80 percent of 1969 expenditures; in 1972, to 60 percent; in 1973, to 40 percent; and in 1974, to 20 percent.

Reduce the cost to processors of wheat certificates in 1971 to 80 percent of the 1969 level; in 1972, to 60 percent; in 1973, to 40 percent; and in 1974, to 20 percent.

Discontinue all acreage allotments, base acreages, processing taxes and direct payments for wheat, cotton, and feed grains, effective with 1975 crops.

Continue cropland adjustment features of the 1965 Act, amended to require that land retirement would be on a competitive basis, with emphasis on whole-farm retirement, and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to retire at least 10 million acres in the period 1971-75, inclusive.

Provide loan rates for wheat, feed grains and cotton on the basis of 0 to 85 percent of the previous 3-year average price, beginning with the 1971 crop year.

Prohibit sale by the Commodity Credit Corporation of stocks at less than 150 percent of current loan rates.

On acceptance of (1) limited direct payments, (2) reduced processor costs for wheat certificates, (3) discontinuation of acreage allotments, base acreages, processing taxes and direct payments for commodities, and (4) amendment to the cropland adjustment program, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to offer a special transitional program to low-income farmers, including compensation for cancellation of acreage allotments and base acreages, retraining grants, adjustment assistance, and loans to facilitate transition to more gainful employment.

House: Hearings, July 15, 21, 29-31; Aug. 5-7; Sept. 8-11, 16, 24; Oct. 10, 1969.

S. 3068 (Mr. McGovern; 10/23/69; Agric. & Fores.)

Agricultural Stabilization Act. (See H.R. 14014, above).

Senate: Hearings, Feb. 18-26; Mar. 23, 1970

Commodity and marketing programs

H.R. 14030 (Mr. O'Neal; 9/25/69; Agric.,)

To extend during the 1970 crop year existing authority for intracounty lease, sale, and transfer of peanut acreage allotments.

House: Hearings
Reported (No. 91-542) Sept. 30, 1969.
Passed, Oct. 20, 1969.

Senate: Hearings
Reported (No. 91-525) Nov. 6, 1969.
Passed, Nov. 10, 1969.

Approved: Nov. 21, 1969 (P.L. 91-122).

H.R. 7996 (Mr. Meeds: 3/3/69; Agric.)

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 to grant permanent authority for class I dairy base plans.

House: Hearings, May 5, 1969.

(Similar bills: H.R. 492; 7922 and H.R. 9182).

H.R. 10710 (Mr. Abbitt; 4/30/69; Agric.)

Milk Research and Development Programs:

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 to authorize dairy farmers within a Federal marketing order to develop and operate improved programs for advertising and promotion of milk and dairy products.

House: Hearings, Aug. 8, 1969.

(Similar bills: H.R. 10824 and 11726).

H.R. 485 (Mr. Johnson of Calif.; 1/3/69; Agric.)

To increase Tulelake area durum wheat acreage allotments.

House: Hearings, July 23, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-787) Jan. 19, 1970.
Laid on table, Mar. 17, 1970; House passed
S. 858.

S. 858 (Messrs. Murphy and Cranston; 2/4/69; Agric. and Fores.)

To increase Tulelake area durum wheat acreage allotments from 8,000 to 12,000 ac.

Senate: Hearings, July 24, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-417) Sept. 18, 1969.
Passed Sept. 23, 1969.

House: Reported: see H.R. 485 above.
Passed Mar. 17, 1970.

Approved: Mar. 31, 1970 (P.L. 91-220)

H.R. 9655 (Mr. Quie, et. al.; 3/27/69; Agric.)

Honey Promotion and Research Act of 1969.

To enable honey producers to finance a nationally coordinated research and promotion program to expand markets for honey.

House: Hearings, June 10-11, 1969.

(Similar bills: H.R. 9948, 11049, and 11790.)

H.R. 2777 (Mr. Jones of N. C., et. al; 1/9/69; Agric.)

Potato Research and Promotion Act.

To enable potato growers to finance a nationally coordinated research and promotion program to expand markets for potatoes.

House: Hearings: April 17-18, 1969
Reported (No. 91-311) June 12, 1969.
Failed of passage, Nov. 12, 1969.

S. 1181 (Mr. Young of N.D., et.al.; 2/28/69; Agric. and Fores.)

Potato Research and Promotion Act.

To enable potato growers to finance a nationally coordinated research and promotion programs.

Senate: Hearings, May 8, 1969
Reported (No. 91-416) Sept. 18, 1969
Passed, Oct. 20, 1969.

Agricultural Marketing, general

S. 2225 (Mr. Aiken, et. al.; 5/23/69; Agric. and Fores.)

Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act.

To amend the Agricultural Fair Practices Act of 1967 to prohibit refusal by handlers to bargain with associations of producers. Defines a bargaining association.

Senate: Hearings, Nov. 20; Dec. 9, 1969.

H.R. 9857 (Mrs. May; 4/2/69; Agric.)

To amend the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act to authorize an increase in license fee, and to increase the annual exemption for retail grocers and frozen food brokers.

House: Hearings, July 17, 1969
Reported (No. 91-544) Sept. 30, 1969.
Passed, Oct. 6, 1969.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-490) Oct. 22, 1969.
Passed, Oct. 23, 1969.

Approved: Nov. 4, 1969 (P.L. 91-107).

H.R. 13193 (Messrs. Miller and Goodling:)

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, to provide for payment by handler assessments of the administrative costs of the Department of Agriculture.

House: Hearings, Sept. 30; Oct. 1-2, 1969.

S. 1862 (Mr. Holland; 4/18/69; Agric. and Fores.)

To permit paid advertising under marketing orders for tomatoes.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-637) Jan. 27, 1970.
Passed, Jan. 30, 1970.

S. 2214 (Messrs. Murphy and Cranston; 5/20/69; Agric. and Fores.)

To exempt potatoes for processing from marketing orders.

Senate: Hearings, June 10, 1969.
Reported, (No. 91-418) Sept. 18, 1969.
Passed, Oct. 16, 1969

House: Hearings, June 6, 1969 (on H.R. 11243).
Reported (No. 91-802) Jan. 27, 1970.
Passed, Feb. 9, 1970.

Approved: Feb. 20, 1970 (P.L. 91-196).

H.R. 2690 (Mr. Johnson of Calif., et. al.; 1/9/69; Agric.)

To provide for marketing orders for pears for canning or freezing and to permit a checkoff for marketing projects, including paid advertising.

House: Hearings, Apr. 15, 1969
Reported (No. 91-310) Jun. 12, 1969.

(Similar bills: H.R. 3279 and 4147).

S. 1455 (Mr. Allott, et.al; 3/10/69; Agric. & Fores.)

Extends the area applicable to marketing agreement and order programs for apples to include Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Illinois and Ohio.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-491) Oct. 22, 1969
Passed, Oct. 23, 1969.

S. 1456 (Mr. Allott, et.al.; 3/10/69; Agric. and Fores.)

Permits marketing orders under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act applicable to apples so as to provide for paid advertising.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-524) Nov. 6, 1969.
Passed, Nov. 10, 1969.

H.R. 14810 (Mr. Sisk; 11/13/69; Agric.)

Similar to H.R. 8536, above.

House: Hearings Jan. 23, 1970.
Reported (No. 91-803) Jan. 27, 1970.
Passed, Feb. 18, 1970

H.R. 8536 (Mr. Sisk; 3/10/69; Agric.)

Provides that marketing orders and agreements for agricultural commodities other than milk, shall contain terms which establish and provide for production research.

House: Hearings, July 28, 1969
Reported (No. 91-588) Oct. 22, 1969.

(Similar bill: H.R. 11663)

H.R. 11663 (Mr. McFall; 5/26/69; Agric.)

Authorizes production research under marketing agreement and other programs of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act.

House: Hearings, July 28, 1969.

S. 2116 (Mr. Aiken; 5/12/69; Agric. and Fores.)

Inspection of egg products. Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to cause continuous inspection of the processing of egg products in plants processing egg products for commerce.

Senate; Hearings, Nov. 14, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-639) Jan. 28, 1970).
Passed, Feb. 2, 1970.

H.R. 8739 (Mr. Abernethy; 3/12/69; Agric.)

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, to establish a Rice Inspection Service in the Department of Agriculture, to improve rice inspection.

House; Hearings, Sept. 30, 1969.

II. Rural Development, Electrification, Credit
and Conservation

Rural development

S. 15 (Mr. Pearson, et.al., 1/15/69; Finance).

Rural Job Development Act. Provides income tax incentive and other benefits for employers operating certain industrial or commercial enterprises in rural job development areas.

Senate: Hearings, May 21-22, 1969.

S. 3598 (Mr. Aiken, et.al.; 3/17/70; Agric. and Fores.)

To amend the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to furnish financial assistance in carrying out plans for works of improvement for land conservation and utilization, and for other purposes.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-754) Apr. 2, 1970.
Passed, Apr. 7, 1970.

S.J.Res. 60 (Mr. Mundt, et.al.; 2/28/69; Gov't. Oper.)

Commission on Balanced Economic Development to study current geographic trends in the economic development of the nation as an aid in the formulation of policy.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-201) May 23, 1969.
Passed, May 27, 1969.

Rural electrification and telephone

H.R. 7 (Mr. Poage; 1/3/69; Agric.)

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to provide an additional source of financing for the rural telephone program; establishes a rural telephone account in the U.S. Treasury.

House: Hearings, Feb. 19-21; Mar. 13, 1909
Reported (No. 91-101) Mar. 18, 1969.

(Related bills: H.R. 81, 4020, 4192, 7872).

S. 3387 (Mr. Talmadge; Feb. 4, 1970).

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to provide an additional source of financing for the rural telephone program, and for other purposes.

Senate: Hearings, Nov. 5-6, 1969
Report (clean bill) (No. 91-653) Feb. 4, 1970.
Passed, April 2, 1970

(Related bills: S. 1684 and 2202).

Agricultural credit

H.R. 5850 (Mr. Poage; 2/3/69; Agric.)

Provides a flexible interest rate not less than 1 percent on loans to associations for water and waste disposal under the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act.

House: Hearings, June 17, 1969.

H.R. 6244 (Messrs. McClure and Hansen (Idaho), 2/5/69; Agric.)

To bring desert-land entrymen within the provisions of FHA loan requirements, so that they may acquire the financial assistance currently available to the homesteader.

House: Hearings, Nov. 13, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-762) Dec. 17, 1969.
Passed, Jan. 19, 1970.

Conservation

H.R. 561 (Mr. Purcell, et.al.; 1/3/69; Agric.)

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, to extend the Great Plains Conservation Act for 10 years, with an authorization of \$250 million.

House: Hearings, Apr. 17-18, 1969.

(Related bills: H.R. 2062; 3854; 10134).

H.R. 10595 (Mr. Kleppe, et.al.; 4/28/69; Agric.)

To extend the Great Plains Conservation Program; authorizes Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contracts not to exceed 10 years with owners and operators; authorizes \$300,000,000.

House: Hearings April 17-18, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-212) May 8, 1969.
Passed, May 19, 1969.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-269) June 24, 1969 (on S. 1790).
Passed (amended) June 30, 1969.

Conference: Report (No. 91-584) filed Oct. 21, 1969.
Senate Agrees, Nov. 5, 1969.
House Agrees, Nov. 6, 1969.

Approved, Nov. 18, 1969 (P.L. 91-118)

(Related bills: H.R. 561, 2062, 3854, 10134).

S. 1790 (Mr. Young of N.D., et.al.; 4/14/69; Agric. and Fores.)

Great Plains Conservation Program. Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contract with owners and operators of land in the Great Plains area to conserve and protect soil and water resources. Authorizes \$300,000,000.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-269) June 24, 1969.

III. Agricultural Labor

Health services for agricultural workers

H.R. 13432 (Mr. Rogers of Fla.; 8/11/69; Int. and For. Comm.)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to extend the program of assistance for health services for migrant agricultural workers, to provide assistance for health services for other seasonal agricultural workers, and for other purposes.

House: Hearings, Sept. 29, 1969.
Report (No. 91-711) Dec. 9, 1969.

H.R. 14733 (Mr. Rogers of Fla., et.al.; 11/6/69; Int. and For. Comm.)

To extend for 3 years the P.H.S. program of assistance for health services for domestic migrant agricultural workers and to broaden the definition of program beneficiaries to include other seasonal agricultural workers.

House: Report (clean bill) (No. 91-711) Dec. 9, 1969.
Passed, Dec. 16, 1969.

Senate: Passed, Dec. 19, 1969.

Conference: Report filed (No. 91-853) Feb. 25, 1970.
Senate agreed, Feb. 25, 1970.
House agreed, Feb. 26, 1970.

Approved, Mar. 12, 1970 (P.L. 91-209).

Collective bargaining for agricultural workers

S. 8. (Mr. Williams of N.J.), et.al.; 1/15/69; Lab. and Pub. Wel.)

Extends the collective bargaining rights of the National Labor Relations Act to agricultural workers.

Senate: Hearings, Apr. 16-17; May 6-16; June 18, 1969.

(Related bill: H.R. 1004).

S. 2203 (Mr. Murphy; 5/20/69; Agric. and Fores.)

Consumer Agricultural Food Protection Act.

Prohibits labor organization activity concerning agricultural commodities after such commodity leaves the farm where grown or produced; establishes a Farm Labor Relations Board to investigate and provide for hearings. Defines unfair labor practices by employers, and sets out requirements for agricultural employees in labor disputes to limit interruptions of the free flow of commerce.

Senate: Hearings, Jan. 20, 26-27; Mar. 16-17, 1970.

Child labor in agriculture

S. 1808 (Mr. Williams of N.J., et.al.; 4/15/69; Lab and Pub. Wks.)

Sets out conditions under which children may be employed in agriculture outside of regular school hours.

Senate: Hearings, April 16-17; May 6-16; June 18, 1969.

(Related bill: H.R. 10374).

IV. Miscellaneous

Animal quarantine station

H.R. 11832 (Mr. Purcell; 6/3/69; Agric.)

To provide for the establishment of an international quarantine station and to permit the entry of animals from any other country and the subsequent movement of such animals into other parts of the United States for the purpose of improving livestock breeds.

House: Hearings, Nov. 18-19, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-776) Dec. 19, 1969.
Passed, March 4, 1970; proceedings vacated;
laid on table Mar. 4, 1970; S. 2306,
as amended, passed in lieu.

S. 2306 (Mr. Hruska; 6/5/69; Agric. and Fores.)

International quarantine station; see H.R. 11832, above.

Senate: Hearings, Dec. 8, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-638). Jan. 28, 1970.
Passed, Jan. 30, 1970 (after substituting the
language of H.R. 11832). Agreed to
House amendments, with an amendment,
Apr. 6, 1970.

House: Passed (amended) Mar. 4, 1970.

Amendment to Federal Seed Act

H.R. 10236 (Mr. Abernethy; 4/17/69; Agric.)

To amend the Federal Seed Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to set minimum standards for the certification of seeds moving in interstate and international commerce.

House: Hearings, July 23, 1969.

S. 1836 (Mr. Jordan of N.C.; 4/18/69; Agric. and Fores.)

To amend the Federal Seed Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate minimal standards and procedures to be adhered to by individual States in designating seed certifying agencies, and to clarify the term "certified seed."

Senate: Hearings, July 17, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-346) Aug. 6, 1969.
Passed, Aug. 8, 1969.

House: Reported (No. 91-543) Sept. 30, 1969.
Passed, Oct. 6, 1969.

Approved: Oct. 17, 1969. (P.L. 91-89).

Education

S. 1148 (Mr. Moss, et.al.; 2/25/69; Int. and Ins. Aff.)

To confer land-grant status to the Universities of Guam and the Virgin Islands. Authorizes \$3,000,000 to provide cooperative agricultural extension work in the Virgin Islands.

Senate: Hearings, Oct. 1, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-580) Dec. 8, 1969.
Referred to Agric. and Fores. Dec. 12, 1969.
Reported (No. 91-718) Mar. 6, 1970.
Passed Apr. 15, 1970.

ASCS Review Committees

S. 2226 (Mr. Young of N.D.; 5/23/69; Agric. and Fores.).

Provides that review committee members under the Agricultural Adjustment Act may be appointed from any county within a State and that the Secretary of Agriculture may institute proceedings in court to obtain a review of any review committee determination.

Senate: Reported (No. 91-421) Sept. 22, 1969.
Passed, Sept. 25, 1969.

Indemnification for poison contamination

H.R. 6525 (Mr. Olsen; 2/6/69; Agric.).

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to indemnify farmers whose hay is contaminated with residues of economic poisons.

House: Hearings, Dec. 8, 1969.