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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2005.

MR. JEFF TRANDAHL
Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: Pursuant to rule XI, clause 1(d), of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I herewith submit to the House a report of the activities of the Committee on Agriculture during the 108th Congress.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

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submitted the following

R E P O R T

In accordance with rule XI, clause 1(d), of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Agriculture reports herewith on its activities during the 108th Congress.

I. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION, JURISDICTION, AND OVERSIGHT PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

A. ORGANIZATION

The House of Representatives established the total authorized membership of the Committee on Agriculture for the 108th Congress at 51, with a party division of 27 Republicans and 24 Democrats. Among the committee members were 14 Representatives who were serving their first terms (Janklow, Burns, Bonner, Rogers of AL, King of IA, Chocoma, Musgrave, Nunes, Alexander, Ballance, Cardoza, Scott of GA, Marshall, and Davis of TN).

The committee organized on February 12, 2003, into five subcommittees, four of which were assigned jurisdiction over major agricultural commodities and one that dealt with various related agricultural operations. The five subcommittees were constituted as follows:

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

(Ratio includes *ex officio* members. Bob Goodlatte, chairman, and Charles W. Stenholm, ranking minority member, were *ex officio* members of all subcommittees)

COMMODITY SUBCOMMITTEES

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(RATIO 9–8)

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CONSERVATION, CREDIT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RESEARCH (RATIO 11-10)

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OPERATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS, OVERSIGHT, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY (RATIO 11-10)

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B. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Under rules adopted by the House of Representatives for the 108th Congress, the Committee on Agriculture's (hereinafter also referred to as committee) jurisdiction (See rule X, clause 1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives) extended to—

- (1) Adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves.
- (2) Agriculture generally.
- (3) Agricultural and industrial chemistry.
- (4) Agricultural colleges and experiment stations.
- (5) Agricultural economics and research.
- (6) Agricultural education extension services.
- (7) Agricultural production and marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural products, and commodities (not including distribution outside of the United States).
- (8) Animal industry and diseases of animals.
- (9) Commodity exchanges.
- (10) Crop insurance and soil conservation.
- (11) Dairy industry.
- (12) Entomology and plant quarantine.
- (13) Extension of farm credit and farm security.
- (14) Inspection of livestock, poultry, meat products, and seafood and seafood products.
- (15) Forestry in general, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain.
- (16) Human nutrition and home economics.
- (17) Plant industry, soils, and agricultural engineering.
- (18) Rural electrification.
- (19) Rural development.

(20) Water conservation related to activities of the Department of Agriculture.

The revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the 107th Congress (House Document No. 106-320) provides the following concerning the Committee on Agriculture:¹

“This committee was established in 1820 (IV, 4149). In 1880 the subject of forestry was added to its jurisdiction, and the committee was conferred authority to receive estimates of and to report appropriations (IV, 4149). However, on July 1, 1920, authority to report appropriations for the U.S. Department of Agriculture was transferred to the Committee on Appropriations (VII, 1860).

The basic form of the present jurisdictional statement was made effective January 2, 1947, as a part of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 812). Subparagraph (7) was altered by the 93d Congress, effective January 3, 1975, to include jurisdiction over agricultural commodities (including the Commodity Credit Corporation) while transferring jurisdiction over foreign distribution and nondomestic production of commodities to the Committee on International Relations (H. Res. 988, 93d Cong., Oct 8, 1974, p. 34470). Nevertheless, the committee has retained a limited jurisdiction over measures to release CCC stocks for such foreign distribution (Sept. 14, 1989, p. 20428). Previously unstated jurisdictions over commodities exchanges and rural development were codified effective January 3, 1975.

The 104th Congress consolidated the committee’s jurisdiction over inspection of livestock and meat products to include inspection of poultry, seafood, and seafood products, and added subparagraph (20) relating to water conservation (sec. 202(a), H. Res. 6, Jan. 4, 1995, p.464). Clerical and stylistic changes were effected when the House recodified its rules in the 106th Congress (H. Res. 5, Jan. 6, 1999, p.——).

The committee has had jurisdiction of bills for establishing and regulating the Department of Agriculture (IV, 4150), for inspection of livestock and meat products, regulation of animal industry, diseases of animals (IV, 4154; VII, 1862), adulteration of seeds, insect pests, protection of birds and animals in forest reserves (IV, 4157; VII, 1870), the improvement of the breed of horses, even with the cavalry service in view (IV, 4158; VII, 1865).

The committee, having charge of the general subject of forestry, has reported bills relating to timber, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain (IV, 4160). It has also exercised jurisdiction of bills relating to agricultural colleges and experiment stations (IV, 4152), incorporation of agricultural societies (IV, 4159), and establishment of a highway commission (IV, 4153), to discourage fictitious and gambling transactions in farm

¹References are to the volume and section of Hinds’ (volumes I–V, e.g., IV, 500) and Cannon’s (volumes VI–VIII, e.g., VI, 400) Precedents of the House of Representatives, and to the Congressional Record by date and page (e.g., January 3, 1953, p. 500).

products (IV, 4161; VII, 1861), to regulate the transportation, sale and handling of dogs and cats intended for use in research and the licensing of animal research facilities (July 29, 1965, p. 18691); and to designate an agricultural research center (May 14, 1995, p.11070). The committee shares with the Committee on the Judiciary jurisdiction over a bill comprehensively amending the Immigration and Nationality Act and including food stamp eligibility requirements for aliens (Sept. 19, 1995, p.25533).

The House referred the President's message dealing with the refinancing of farm-mortgage indebtedness to the committee, thus conferring jurisdiction (April 4, 1933, p.1209).

The committee has jurisdiction over a bill relating solely to executive level position in the Department of Agriculture (March 2, 1976, p. 4958) and has jurisdiction over bills to develop land and water conservation programs on private and non-Federal lands (June 7, 1976, p. 16768).

Some of the specific areas in which the Committee on Agriculture exercises its jurisdiction or that have been created for the committee by historical reference include:

(1) Public Law 480, Eighty-third Congress, the restoration, expansion, and development of foreign markets for United States agricultural products; and the effect of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (and the North American Free Trade Agreement), bilateral free trade agreements, the European Community, and other regional economic agreements and commodity marketing and pricing systems on United States agriculture.

(2) All matters relating to the establishment and development of an effective Foreign Agricultural Service.

(3) Matters relating to rural development, including rural telephone companies, farm credit banks, farm rural housing loans, rural water supply, rural flood control and water pollution control programs, and loans for rural firehouses, community facilities, and businesses.

(4) Production and use of energy from agricultural and forestry resources.

(5) Matters relating to the development, use, and administration of the National Forests, including, but not limited to, development of a sound program for general public use of the National Forests consistent with watershed protection and sustained-yield timber management, study of the forest fire prevention and control policies and activities of the Forest Service and their relation to coordinated activities of other Federal, State, and private agencies; Forest Service land exchanges; and wilderness and similar use designations applied to National Forest land.

(6) Price spreads of agricultural commodities between producers and consumers.

(7) The formulation and development of improved programs for agricultural commodities; matters relating to the inspection, grading, and marketing of such commodities, including seafood; and food safety generally.

(8) Matters relating to trading in futures contracts for all commodities and similar instruments, including commodity options and commodity leverage contracts.

(9) The administration and operation of agricultural programs through State and county committees and the administrative policies and procedures relating to the selection, election, and operation of such committees.

(10) The administration and development of small watershed programs under Public Law 566, Eighty-third Congress, as amended, and the development of resource conservation and development programs for rural areas.

(11) Programs of food assistance or distribution supported in whole or in part by funds of the Department of Agriculture, including but not limited to the food stamp program and the commodity distribution program.

(12) Aquaculture programs of the Department of Agriculture.

(13) Sugar legislation, including import control programs that stabilize domestic prices.

(14) All matters relating to pesticides, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Amendments of 1988, and the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, including, but not limited to, the registration, marketing, and safe use of pesticides, groundwater contamination, and the coordination of the pesticide program under FIFRA with food safety programs.

(15) Agricultural research programs, including, but not limited to, the authorization of specific research projects and agricultural biotechnology development efforts.

(16) All matters relating to the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

(17) Legislation relating to the control of the entry into the United States of temporary, nonresident aliens for employment in agricultural production.

(18) Legislation relating to the general operations and the Organic Act of the Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Credit Corporation, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, Farm Credit System, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, and Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

(19) Producer-funded research, promotion, and consumer and industry information programs for agricultural commodities.

(20) Legislation regarding reclamation water projects where the pricing of water delivered by such projects is affected by whether the water will be used in the production of a crop for which an acreage reduction program is in effect.

(21) Legislation regarding reclamation water projects for which the Secretary of Agriculture is required to make a determination regarding commodity availability prior to the determination of the price to be charged for the delivery of such project water.

(22) Legislation establishing the level of fees charged by the Federal Government for the grazing of livestock on Federal lands.

(23) Legislation governing the Federal regulation of transactions involving swaps contracts, hybrid financial instruments, and derivative securities and financial products.

(24) Legislation regarding the Federal Reserve Board with respect to its authority to regulate the establishment of appropriate levels of margin on stock index futures contracts.

The committee also reviews and studies, on a continuing basis, the current and prospective application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the committee, and the organization and operation of the Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities in or for the administration and execution thereof. In addition, the committee, along with other standing committees of the House, has the function of reviewing and studying on a continuing basis the effect or probable effect of tax and other fiscal and monetary policies affecting subjects within their jurisdiction.

C. OVERSIGHT PLAN

The Committee on Agriculture met on February 12, 2003 to fulfill the General Oversight Responsibility reporting requirements of rule X 2(d)(1) of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

The following outline was prepared in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member and approved by the Full committee which was forwarded to the Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration on February 15, 1999:

OVERSIGHT PLAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE FOR THE 108TH CONGRESS

The committee expects to exercise appropriate oversight activity with regard to the following issues:

2002 FARM BILL AND CURRENT AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) implementation of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002;
- Current status U.S farm economy;
- USDA's implementation of the 2003 Crop Loan Rates, Nonrecourse Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments;
- Implementation of the Milk Income Loss Contract program authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002;
- Review Federal Milk Marketing Order minimum pricing regulations; Operation of specialty crop programs;
- Impact of 2002 and 2003 calendar year weather conditions on 2003 crop production.
- Oversight of implementation of new peanut program, including marketing loan program, direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, and quota compensation payments;
- Oversight of implementation of sugar program, including flexible marketing allotments and

- Payment in Kind Program; and
- Proposed policy options for a new tobacco program and a buyout of tobacco quota.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- Administration of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, including implementation of crop insurance provisions contained in ARPA of 2000 in light of 2001 and 2002 crop and livestock disasters and continued drought conditions into the 2003 crop year;
- Oversight of RMA and FCIC actions following the demise of American Growers Insurance Company, including analysis of the possible causes of the firm's failure and future problems for the crop insurance industry and its reinsurers and with respect to development of risk management products for livestock producers;
- USDA implementation of statutory provisions designed to reduce crop insurance program waste and improve program integrity;
- Proposed policy options regarding crop insurance options for revenue and gross income protection;
- Implementation of dairy forward contracting pilot project and expansion of the dairy options pilot program; and
- Impact of the Enron fraud and electricity market investigations by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the CFTC.

AGRICULTURAL TRADE

- The administration is negotiating the World Trade Organization (WTO) multilateral trade agreement affecting U.S. agriculture. Negotiations continue on the Agricultural Agreement under the Doha Development Agenda. New oversight of possible accession of new countries to the WTO, such as Russia;
- The administration's plans for new trade agreements with Chile and Singapore, the Free Trade Area of the Americas and bilateral Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with Morocco, Central America, the South African Customs Union and Australia;
- USDA's implementation of the Trade Title of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002;
- USDA and USTR's implementation of trade agreements and related issues to ensure compliance of other countries' trade obligations, including:
 - WTO dispute settlement provisions, European Union (EU) issues such as the EU meat hormone ban, use of the U.S. carousel legislation, tariff rate quotas (TRQ), withdrawal of EU TRQ's for grains, biotechnology, EU non-trade concerns, including animal welfare and other societal concerns and import and export State trading enterprises;
 - Issues relating to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), including Canada's use of high tariffs for dairy, poultry, eggs, barley, and margarine prod-

ucts and Canadian exports of wheat, barley, and other agricultural commodities into the U.S. Additionally, Mexico's recent actions designed to impair NAFTA trade by imposing antidumping cases on U.S. pork, apples, beef, and rice; sanitary and phytosanitary barriers on grains and meat, and a tax on soft drinks using high fructose corn syrup. Furthermore, issues relating to the implementation of the NAFTA agreement on sugar;

- Issues relating to China's accession to the WTO, including U.S. concerns with the implementation of tariff rate quotas, acceptance of U.S. biotechnology, and China's use of export subsidies;
- Issues relating to Russia's actions to revoke import licenses for meat and poultry;
- Harmonization of sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS), including those provided by international organizations and incorporation of new technologies and products into SPS standards;
- Food assistance programs to ensure that program goals are being met in the most recent uses of the program reauthorized in the 2002 farm bill, including the Global Food for Education Program, Food for Progress Program, and P.L. 480; and
- Congressional oversight of trade legislation that affects U.S. agriculture, including trade promotion negotiating authority and import sensitive products, sanctions legislation and examination of which markets offer the greatest opportunity to increase sales of U.S. agricultural products.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION

- Review implementation of biosecurity protocols at USDA ARS laboratories;
- USDA's implementation of research, education and extension programs authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, and the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000;
- Administration of the Agricultural Research Service's research stations and worksites;
- Administration of USDA's agricultural marketing and promotion programs;
- Review USDA's continuing ability to conduct foreign animal disease research, training and diagnostic programs at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center following the transfer of the center to the Department of Homeland Security;
- Federal efforts to facilitate research and development of aquacultural enterprises, specifically focusing on the activities of the Joint Committee on Aquaculture, chaired by the Secretary of Agriculture and including the Secretaries of Interior and Commerce; and
- Implementation of USDA's regulation on organic standards.

CONSERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- All changes to current and implementation of new conservation programs created in the 2002 farm bill;
- Comparing conservation payments to commodity program payments and their effect of keeping producers profitable;
- Impact of regulatory activities carried out pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, or any proposed legislative changes to such Act, on agricultural producers;
- Oversight of regulatory initiatives undertaken by the EPA, NMFS, and the FWS concerning Endangered Species Act consultations regarding pesticide products regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act;
- Impact of EPA's regulatory activity relative to methyl bromide on production agriculture in the U.S.;
- Review of the resource needs of the EPA as they pertain to the collection of pesticide registration, re-registration and tolerance fees;
- Review of the continuing international negotiations concerning implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants to the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade;
- EPA's implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA);
- Budget and program activities of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS);
- NRCS implementation of the FSRIA 2002 amendments to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program;
- NRCS implementation of the technical service provider assistance provisions of FSRIA 2002;
- Review of NRCS's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking of the Conservation Security Program enacted in FSRIA 2002;
- Review of USDA's Conservation Reserve and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program;
- Review of implementation of the EPA's rule on animal feeding operations and its impact on the U.S. livestock industry and the practical uses of the EQIP to ease implementation of the rule;
- Review of EPA's rule on permit trading under the Clean Water Act and its effect on and potential benefits to U.S. agriculture;
- Review implementation of the small watershed rehabilitation act;
- Review of potential impacts of EPA's Clean Air Act regulatory program on U.S. agriculture, including a review of the findings of the National Research Council's final report, Air Emissions from Animal Feeding Operations: Current Knowledge, Future Needs;

- Potential consequences for production agriculture in the U.S. should the mandates contained in the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change be implemented by treaty, law or regulation;
- Impact of regulatory activities carried out pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, or any proposed legislative changes to the ESA, on agricultural producers;
- Impact of EPA's regulatory activity relative to methyl bromide on production agriculture in the U.S; and
- Impact of EPA's rule change on wetlands regulation under the Clean Water Act in recognition of the SWANK ruling.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

- United States Forest Service (USFS) management of the National Forest System, including the agency's fiscal and financial accountability, strategic planning and performance measurement under the Government Performance and Results Act, efforts to address the Nation's declining forest health, and Federal laws and regulations affecting the management of private forest lands;
- USFS management of public lands under its jurisdiction, including a review of agency policy governing grazing and other uses of these lands which require users to secure a permit;
- Impacts of implementation delay in last-minute regulations affecting Federal lands, including the forest roadless policy, transportation policy, and planning regulations;
- Impact of the Southern Forests Assessment, an inter-agency study on the sustainability of southern forest practices;
- Review of programs that strengthen and support private forestland management; and
- Review of the USFS/Bureau of Land Management report on co-location and combination of services and operations.

USDA GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- Implementation of the Freedom to E-File Act;
- Implementation and streamlining of USDA's Common Computing Environment;
- Administration of USDA operations, including reorganization efforts, administrative convergence, management improvements, compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act, oversight of the National Appeals Division, and the impact on client services;
- Implementation of USDA's Civil Rights settlement; and
- Confidentiality of information provided to USDA by agricultural producers.

FARM CREDIT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE RURAL ECONOMY

- Farm Credit Administration's (FCA) regulatory program and activities regarding the Farm Credit System (FCS) to assure the FCS' safety and soundness;

- Availability of credit to agricultural producers in light of low commodity prices and weather disasters;
- Review of FCA's national charter proposal and its potential effects on the viability of the FCS;
- Review of Farmer Mac activities and programs;
- Implementation of rural development policies and authorities contained in FSRIA 2002; and
- Implementation of the local television legislation enacted in FSRIA 2002.

WELFARE REFORM AND FOOD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- Oversight of the implementation of provisions relating to the food stamp program included in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. These include:
 - Food stamp benefits for non-citizens
 - Increasing the food stamp standard deduction
 - Increasing the transitional food stamp benefits for persons leaving welfare programs
 - Simplification of the food stamp program by states
 - Employment and training programs for food stamp participants;
 - Reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), including waiver authority for the food stamp program and initiation of the State food assistance block grant demonstration project;
 - Implementation and assessment of the state's use of electronic benefits transfer (EBT) systems to improve the distribution of food benefits;
 - Effectiveness of State welfare agencies and statutory provisions designed to curb food stamp trafficking and fraud;
 - Effectiveness of the reformed food stamp quality control system on reducing overpayments, payments to ineligible participants and underpayments;
 - Implementation and monitoring of the funding levels for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), both levels of funding for commodities and for administrative expenses;
- Oversight of other commodity distribution programs and those programs included in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, including:
 - Commodity food projects
 - Commodity supplemental food program
 - Seniors' farmers market nutrition program
 - Commodities for the school lunch program
 - Grants for purchase of locally produced food
 - Fruit and vegetable pilot program
 - Nutrition information and awareness pilot program and
 - Nutrition monitoring oversight.

FOOD SAFETY

- USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service's administration of the meat and poultry inspection laws and the Food and Drug Administration's food inspection activities, including

seafood and seafood products to ensure that policies and resources are focused on developing scientifically sound systems for food safety assurance;

- USDA's efforts to educate consumers regarding safe food handling practices, the development of pre-exposure and post-exposure interventions to reduce the frequency and severity of food borne illnesses, expanded research and development of pathogen reduction technologies, as well as streamlined, science-based policies relative to assessment and approval of food safety technologies;
- Review implementation of new protocols for meat, poultry, eggs, or seafood safety inspection, including the implementation of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point pathogen reduction regulation; and
- Impact of lawsuits challenging aspects of food safety inspection modernization efforts including authority to establish and enforce microbiological performance standards and HACCP based inspection models.

PLANT AND ANIMAL HEALTH

- The issue of new drug development, approval, and availability for animal agriculture as well as the implementation of the Animal Drug Availability Act;
- Review implementation of the Plant Protection Act of 2000;
- Review implementation of the Animal Health Protection Act of 2002;
- Review enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act;
- Federal efforts to reduce threats to human, animal, and plant health due to predatory and invasive species; and
- USDA's management of domestic pest and disease surveillance and eradication programs.

LIVESTOCK MARKETING

- USDA's implementation of mandatory livestock price reporting;
- USDA's implementation of voluntary Country of Origin Labeling in preparation for mandatory Country of Origin Labeling;
- Effectiveness of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) in monitoring the potential for market manipulation in the livestock industry; and
- Concentration of agribusiness and the potential impact on agricultural producers;

HOMELAND SECURITY AND BIOTERRORISM

- Review the implementation of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 including USDA and HHS joint regulation of select biological agents and toxins; also, protection against adulteration of food, debarment for repeated or serious food import violations, registration of food facilities and other activities;

- USDA's ability to protect, prevent and effectively deal with an attack on agriculture and its infrastructure;
- Oversight of the transfer of the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection responsibility from the USDA to the Department of Homeland Security;
- USDA's management of domestic pest and disease surveillance and eradication programs in light of the transfer of resources to the Department of Homeland Security; and
- USDA's continuing ability to conduct foreign animal disease research, training and diagnostic programs at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center following the transfer of the center to the Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Adequacy of agricultural labor and the agricultural guest worker program, H2A.

II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING THE 108TH CONGRESS

A. MAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Agriculture reported or otherwise considered a variety of bills in the 108th Congress covering many of the diverse areas within its jurisdictional interest. A considerable portion of the committee's work in the first session of the 108th Congress was devoted to developing H.R. 1904, which became Public Law 108-148, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act. This bill represents the culmination of over 8 years of effort dating back to 1997, when then-Chairman Bob Smith of Oregon introduced H.R. 2515, the Forest Recovery and Protection Act. Although that bill failed on the House floor, the problem it was intended to address became increasingly prevalent in the intervening years.

In 3 of the last 6 years, wildland fires consumed more than twice the annual average number of acres. In 3 of the last 4 years, the Forest Service has spent considerably more than \$1 billion annually suppressing wildfires. In two of those years, the severe depletion of funds for firefighting costs have essentially stopped implementation of other agency programs in middle of the fiscal year, disrupting program delivery.

The conditions that have led to this situation are over-crowded forests, wildfires, and insect infestations. Public forest and rangelands have been degraded by years of fire suppression and other management decisions that have led to an increase in over-crowded stands of trees, with far too many trees per acre than many arid areas can support. Catastrophic wildfires, which burn unusually hot and cause severe ecological damage, have been increasingly common, and Forest Service experts say over 70 million acres of forests, primarily in the Western United States, are at extreme risk of future catastrophic fires. A total of 190 million acres are considered to be at some degree of risk of catastrophic fire or insect infestations.

While the Forest Service has increased their efforts to reduce hazardous fuel loads and improve forest health on the National Forests, procedural laws (including the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Forest Management Act (NEPA)) were hampering their ability to complete projects in a timely fashion.

These cumbersome process-oriented laws were delaying projects to the point where any commercially-viable wood lost value, or, worse, the stands the project was intended to restore were destroyed by catastrophic wildfire before appropriate treatments could be executed.

P.L. 108–148 is designed to streamline the process to execute vital forest health projects by specifying how Federal land management agencies are to comply with NEPA, as well as how to handle administrative appeals and litigation against forest health projects. Specific safeguards to protect old growth forests were included in the final version of the bill.

Other provisions include: pilot research projects on a list of critical forest pests and diseases which primarily threaten Eastern Forests; research on biomass energy production from by-products of hazardous fuel reduction projects; and a new Watershed Forestry Assistance program designed to help landowners meet water quality objectives in their forests. (*Note.*— For a description of P.L. 108–148, see under “C. Digest of Bills Within the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture on Which Some Action Has Been Taken.”)

Other major activities of the committee during the 108th Congress included the following:

Tobacco

The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 was included in H.R. 4520, the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, which became Public Law 108–357. This measure provides for the termination of tobacco marketing quotas and related price support, the compensation of tobacco quota holders and producers, and the assessment mechanism for tobacco manufacturers and importers.

The current Tobacco Program was created by the Federal Government in 1938, and the overall structure of the program has been modified minimally since. The program consists of supply management and support prices and operates at no net cost to the Federal Government. In order to produce and market tobacco, farmers must own quota or rent quota from quota holders.

In recent years, the Federal Tobacco Program has faced significant challenges. Domestic consumption of cigarettes has steadily decreased, as has U.S. leaf content in cigarettes. Domestic purchase intentions of manufacturers have decreased, and imports of tobacco have increased. As a result, tobacco quota holders have experienced more than a 50 percent reduction in their quotas over the past 8 years through no fault of their own.

The tobacco provisions in P.L. 108–357 become effective with the 2005 and subsequent crops of each kind of tobacco. The law eliminates the current Federal tobacco price support and supply control program and compensates tobacco quota owners and growers for the elimination of the quota. Rather than being funded by the taxpayer, the buyout is funded by assessments on tobacco manufacturers and importers. The law does not provide authority for the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco or tobacco products. The total cost of the law is limited to \$10.14 billion over 10 years. (*Note.*— For a description of P.L. 108–357, see under “C. Digest of Bills Within the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture on Which Some Action Has Been Taken”)

Economic Assistance

Early in the 108th Congress, a \$3.1 billion agricultural disaster assistance package was approved (P.L. 108-7). A portion of the measure was earmarked for livestock producers, as well as producers who suffered losses due to several years of persistent drought and other disasters.

Later in the Congress, the committee saw enacted Agricultural Disaster Assistance which was included in the conference report to H.R. 4837, the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act 2005, which became Public Law 108-324.

In addition to experiencing excessive rains and wind from five major hurricanes making landfall in the United States, producers also suffered damages from early freezes, floods, droughts, and other natural disasters in 2004. The Agricultural Disaster Assistance measure contains funding for various assistance provisions, including crop loss, livestock, and tree assistance. Most of the provisions are offset by capping available funds for the Conservation Security Program at \$6.037 billion for fiscal year 2005 through 2014. (*Note.*— For a description of P.L. 108-7 and P.L. 108-324, see under “C. Digest of Bills Within the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture on Which Some Action Has Been Taken”)

Trade

Trade continues to be a primary interest to the committee. Since fiscal year 1999, U.S. agricultural exports have show an upward trend, increasing from \$49 billion to an estimated \$55.5 billion for fiscal year 2003 and a projected \$57 billion for fiscal year 2004. These exports account for about a quarter of the gross income of U.S. farmers and ranchers and generate both farm and nonfarm employment. U.S. agricultural imports, estimated at \$45 billion in fiscal year 2003 and \$47.5 billion in fiscal year 2004, are fostered by low average U.S. tariffs, the relative strength of the U.S. dollar, and consumer tastes and preferences for high value food products, the largest component of imports.

While various world economic and other factors influence exports, many farm groups believe that U.S. agriculture’s future prosperity depends on U.S. trade policies such as negotiating improved market access for U.S. products bilaterally, regionally, and multilaterally; assuring market access and consumer acceptance at home and abroad for products of agricultural biotechnology; assuring that China adheres to its World Trade Organization (WTO) agricultural market access commitments; and resolving commodity trade disputes.

The committee oversaw multilateral negotiations on agricultural trade liberalization in the WTO. The fifth ministerial conference was held September 2003 in Cancun, Mexico; however, the conference ended without an agreement on a framework for negotiating reductions in farm subsidies and agricultural tariffs, raising doubts about the ability of WTO member countries to complete the current round of negotiations, known as the Doha Development Agenda, by the scheduled deadline of January 1, 2005.

Free trade agreements (FTA’s) with Chile, Singapore, Australia, and Morocco were signed into law (P.L. 108-77, P.L. 108-78, P.L. 108-286, and P.L. 108-302). Passage of the FTA’s were expedited

under the fast track procedure in the Trade Act of 2002. (*Note.*— For a description of the FTA's, see P.L. 108–77, P.L. 108–78, P.L. 108–286 and P.L. 108–302, see under “C. Digest of Bills Within the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture on Which Some Action Has Been Taken”)

B. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

(1) Statistics on bills referred to the Committee on Agriculture

Number of bills referred:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| House bills | 218 |
| Senate bills | 13 |
| House joint resolutions | 2 |
| House resolutions | 5 |
| House concurrent resolutions | 3 |
| Senate joint resolutions | 1 |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | 0 |
| Total | 242 |

Disposition of bills containing items under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture

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|---|----|
| Bills enacted into law | 26 |
| Bills acted on by the committee included in other bills that became law | 0 |
| Bills vetoed | 0 |
| Bills acted on by both Houses, but not enacted | 3 |
| Bills passed by the House but not considered by the Senate | 12 |
| House resolutions passed | 2 |
| Bills reported to the House but not considered | 2 |
| Bills ordered reported, but not reported | 22 |
| Bills defeated in the House | 0 |
| Other bills acted on by the committee | 4 |

(2) Statistics on hearings and markups

| | Open business meeting | Washington hearings | Field hearings | Total |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Full committee | 9 | 19 | 1 | 29 |
| Subcommittees: | | | | |
| General Farm Commodities and Risk Management | 0 | 9 | 2 | 11 |
| Livestock and Horticulture | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 |
| Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Total | 10 | 40 | 9 | 59 |

C. DIGEST OF BILLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHICH ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN²

1. Bills Enacted into Law

Public Law 108–58 (H.R. 2474)

To authorize the Congressional Hunger Center to award Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 (approved July 14, 2003).

This Act ensures that funds appropriated to operate the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows Program are adminis-

²Note. “Similar or identical bills, and bills having reference to each other, are indicated by the number in parenthesis.

tered through the Congressional Hunger Center for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

Legislative History: H.R. 2474 was introduced by Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson on June 16, 2003. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committee on International Relations. On June 25, 2003, the bill passed the House, under suspension of the rules by a vote of 411 yeas to 0 nays. On June 27, 2003, the bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent. On July 14, 2003, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–58.

Public Law 108–136 (H.R. 1588, S. 1050)

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes (approved November 24, 2003).

This Act known as the National Defense Authorization included two provisions within the Committee on Agriculture’s jurisdiction.

Section 2852 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Air Force to take appropriate action to quiet title to tracts of land located in the platted subdivision of Falling Waters, Okaloosa County, Florida adjacent to Eglin Air Force Base in order to resolve certain encroachment issues.

The land was at one time within the Choctawatchee National Forest that was transferred in 1940 from the control and jurisdiction of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, to the control and jurisdiction of the War Department for military purposes. However, according to the 1940 Act, in the event that the area transferred within or adjacent to the national forest shall cease to be needed for military purposes, it be restored to a national-forest status.

Section 1058 of the Act requires the Director of OMB to conduct a review of existing authorities regarding the use of Air Force and Air National Guard modular airborne fire-fighting system units and other DOD assets to fight wildfires to ensure that such assets are available in the most expeditious manner to fight wildfire on Federal or non-Federal land at the request of a Federal agency or State government. The Act also authorizes the Director to report to Congress on results and policy revisions and prohibits implementation of any revised policies until 30 days after the report has been submitted.

Legislative History: H.R. 1588 was introduced by Representative Duncan Hunter on April 3, 2003. It was reported by the Committee on Armed Services on May 16, 2003, (H.Rept. 108–106). On May 22, 2003, the bill was agreed to in the House by a vote of 361 yeas to 68 nays. On June 4, 2003, the bill was agreed to in the Senate with an amendment by voice vote. On July 16, 2003, the House appointed conferees from the Committee on Agriculture for consideration of sections 1057 and 2822 of the House bill. On November 7, 2003, the conference report (H.Rept. 108–354) was agreed to in the House by a vote of 362 yeas to 40 nays, and 2 present. On November 12, 2003, the conference report was agreed to in the Senate by a vote of 95 yeas to 3 nays. On November 24, 2003, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–136.

Public Law 108–140 (S.J. Res.22, H.J. Res. 74)

Recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research (approved December 1, 2003).

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is the primary research agency of the Department of Agriculture that provides the Department of Agriculture and other Federal offices with objective research that is critical to the mission of those offices. The agricultural research conducted by ARS has an enormous impact on the economic viability of agriculture in the United States and around the world. The ARS has achieved major scientific breakthroughs that have benefited farmers, ranchers, agribusiness, and consumers.

This Act recognizes the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research. The Act acknowledges the promise of ARS to continue to perform outstanding agricultural research in the next 50 years and beyond.

Legislative History: H.J. Res. 74 was introduced by Chairman Goodlatte on October 21, 2003. On October 29, 2003, the Committee on Agriculture met in an open business meeting and ordered favorably reported H.J. Res. 74. S.J.Res. 22 was introduced by Senator Cochran on November 3, 2003. It was agreed to in the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent on November 3, 2003. On November 17, 2003, S.J.Res. 22 was agreed to in the House under suspension of the rules by a vote of 332 yeas to 0 nays. On December 1, 2003, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–140.

Public Law 108–148 (H.R. 1904, S. 2449)

To improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watershed, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes (approved December 3, 2003; short title “The Healthy Forests Restoration Act”).

Major provisions of the “Healthy Forests Restoration Act” include:

Hazardous Fuels Reduction on Federal Land: Directs the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior with respect to National Forest System lands, and public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, to plan and conduct hazardous fuel reduction projects on specified types of Federal lands, including on certain lands that contain threatened and endangered species habitat. Directs the Secretary concerned to fully maintain, or contribute toward the restoration of, the structure and composition of old growth stands according to pre-fire suppression old growth conditions characteristic of the forest type. The Secretary should take into account the contribution of the stand to landscape fire adaptation and watershed health, and retain the large trees contributing to old growth.

The Act directs the Secretary concerned to establish a multiparty monitoring, evaluation, and accountability process to assess ecological and social effects of authorized fuel projects. Directs the Secretary concerned to track, by the degree of severity, acres burned by wildfires and develop a process for monitoring the maintenance of treated areas, over time, to preserve the forest health benefits achieved.

The Act directs the Secretary concerned to give priority to fuel projects that provide for the protection of communities and watersheds. Requires the Secretary concerned to plan and conduct fuel projects in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other applicable laws, analyze alternative options to proposed agency actions, with exceptions for projects in wildland-urban interface areas and facilitate collaboration among State and local governments, Indian tribes, and interested persons during the preparation of each fuel project in a manner consistent with standards in the Western Governors Association's wildfire management strategy.

Biomass: The Act amends the Biomass Research and Development Act to extend certain research by developing new tools for land managers, including tools to estimate the cost of delivering varying quantities of wood to a particular location.

The Act amends the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to allow the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service and in collaboration with eligible institutions, to accelerate adoption of biomass technologies, create community-based enterprises, and establish small-scale business enterprises to find uses for biomass.

The measure also authorizes the Secretary to make grants to persons that own or operate facilities that use biomass for wood-based products or other commercial purposes to offset the costs incurred to purchase biomass.

Watershed Forestry Assistance: The Act amends the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to permit the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to State foresters and State officials, or to Cooperative Extension officials at land grant colleges and universities and specified institutions, for the purpose of expanding State forest capacities and activities to address watershed issues on non-Federal forested land and potentially forested lands. The Act directs the Secretary to develop, a technical assistance program to protect water quality, and establish a watershed forestry cost-share program.

Insect Infestations and Related Diseases: The Act directs the Secretary concerned to establish an accelerated program to plan, conduct, and promote comprehensive and systematic information gathering on forest-damaging insects and associated diseases.

The measure also allows the Secretary concerned to conduct applied silvicultural assessments on Federal lands that are infested with forest-damaging insects or that are at risk of such infestation.

Healthy Forests Reserve Program: The Act directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the healthy forest reserve program within the Forest Service for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species as well as improve biodiversity and enhance carbon sequestration.

The measure directs the Secretary of Agriculture, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce, to designate rare forest ecosystems to be eligible for the program. The Act sets forth eligibility criteria for private lands and specifies that lands may be enrolled pursuant to a 10-year cost-share agreement, a 30-year easement, or a long-term easement with a buyback option.

The Act requires that lands enrolled in the program compile a restoration plan, which shall be developed jointly by the land owner and the Secretary of Agriculture. It sets forth the payment structures for the various methods of enrollment in the program and directs the Secretary of Agriculture to provide landowners with the technical assistance necessary to comply with the terms of the plan under the program.

The Act also directs the Secretary of the Interior to provide safe harbor provisions under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to landowners who enroll land in the program when such enrollment will result in a net conservation benefit for listed, candidate, or other species.

Miscellaneous: The Act directs the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program to inventory and monitor forest stands including forest stands in the National Forest System and on private forest land that will address issues such as the early detection and assessment of environmental threats and to develop an early warning system for potential catastrophic environmental threats to forests.

Legislative History: H.R. 1904 was introduced by Representative McInnis on May 1, 2003, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committee on Resources. On May 9, 2003, the Committee on Agriculture reported the bill to the House, H.Rept. 108–96 part I, and the Committee on Resources was discharged from further consideration. However, on that same date, the bill was sequentially referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. On May 16, 2003, the Committee on the Judiciary reported the bill to the House, H.Rept. 108–96 part II. On May 20, 2003, the bill passed the House by a vote of 256 yeas to 170 nays. On July 31, 2003, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry reported the bill to the Senate, S.Rept. 108–121. On October 30, 2003, the bill passed the Senate by a vote of 80 yeas to 14 nays. On November 20, 2003, Conference Report 108–386 was filed. On November 21, 2003, the Conference Report passed the House, by a vote of 286 yeas to 14 nays. On that same date, the Conference Report passed the Senate by unanimous consent. On December 3, 2003, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 198–148. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summary for April 30, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–3”)

Public Law 108–152 (S. 117, H.R. 482)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes (approved December 1, 2003).

This Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange specified land in Florida. The Act also requires the concurrence of the Secretary of the Air Force with respect to the sale or exchange of certain land.

Legislative History: S. 117 was introduced by Senator Graham of Florida on January 9, 2003. On January 9, 2003, the Senate agreed to the bill, without amendment, by unanimous consent. The bill was then referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. On November 19, 2003, the bill was passed by the House, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On December 3, 2003, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–152.

Public Law 108–161 (H.R. 1367, 1858)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program regarding the provision of veterinary services in shortage situations, and for other purposes (approved December 6, 2003).

This Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to the availability of appropriations, to assist veterinarians in repaying their educational loans if they agree to provide veterinary medical services in areas where the Secretary has determined a shortage of qualified veterinarians exist.

In addition, the Act authorizes the Secretary to provide additional loan repayment for those veterinarians in the program who agree to provide services to the Federal Government in emergency situations. Examples of when this may be important include California's outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease and the outbreak of low pathogenic Avian Influenza in Virginia. In both of these examples, the Federal Government, acting through USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, mobilized its resources in order to detect, control and eradicate diseases. Having a pool of qualified veterinarians able to assist in a time of emergency simply bolsters the ability to rapidly contain diseases which can cost our economy millions of dollars.

Legislative History: H.R. 1367 was introduced by Representative Pickering on March 19, 2003. The Committee on Agriculture ordered reported the bill on October 29, 2003. On November 17, 2003, the bill passed the House, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. The bill passed the Senate, without amendment, by unanimous consent. On December 6, 2003, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–161.

Public Law 108–204 (S. 523)

To make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes (approved March 2, 2004).

This Act makes technical changes to Indian laws relating to tribal sovereignty, culture, and economic development potential. These changes include the extension of several expiring authorizations, amending provisions and statutes relating to particular Indian tribes, and modifying certain Native American programs.

Of interest to this committee is section 128 of the Act which adds the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College in Mount Pleasant, Michigan to the list of 1994 Land Grant Institutions.

Legislative History: S. 523 was introduced by Senator Campbell on March 5, 2003. On May 15, 2003, the bill was reported to the Senate by the Committee on Indian Affairs, S. Rept.108–49. On July 30, 2003, the bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Resources. On November 17, 2003, the Committee on Resources reported the bill,

H.Rept. 108–374 part I. However, on that same date, the House Committee on Agriculture received a sequential referral of the bill. On January 31, 2004, the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On February 11, 2004, the bill passed the House, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On March 2, 2004, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–204.

Public Law 108–278 (H.R. 3846, S. 2134)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land (approved July 22, 2004).

This Act establishes a process for the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to enter into contracts or agreements with certain Indian tribes to carry out land management activities on Federal lands adjacent to tribal forests or rangelands. The purpose of such projects would be to restore lands that pose a risk of fire, disease, or other threat to tribal lands.

Legislative History: H.R. 3846 was introduced by Representative Pombo on February 26, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Resources and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 20, 2004, the Committee on Resources reported the bill, H.Rept. 108–509 pt. 1. On that same date, the Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill from further consideration. On June 21, 2004, the bill passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On June 22, 2004, H.R. 3846 was received in the Senate. On June 25, 2004, the bill passed the Senate without amendment, by unanimous consent. On July 22, 2004, the President signed H.R. 3846 into Public Law 108–278.

Public Law 108–279 (S. 1167, H.R. 2304)

To resolve boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri (approved July 22, 2004).

This Act establishes a process for the Forest Service and the U.S. Army to resolve boundary disputes with private landowners around the Mark Twain National Forest. The Act provides property owners who have ownership disputes with the two agencies 15 years to notify the Federal Government of their claim. Upon receipt of a valid claim, the appropriate agency would then either convey the disputed property to owners or confirm Federal ownership and compensate the private owners for the value of the disputed land. In the first case, the agencies could convey the land without consideration and pay associated administrative costs and reimbursements to the landowner.

Legislative History: S. 1167 was introduced by Senator Bond on June 2, 2003. On June 3, 2003, the companion bill H.R. 2304 was introduced by Representative Blunt. On November 17, 2003, H.R. 2304 passed the House, amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On March 9, 2004, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reported S. 1167, amended, S. Rept. 108–234. On May 19, 2004, S. 1167 was agreed to by the Senate by unanimous consent. On July 12, 2004, S. 1167 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote.

On July 22, 2004, the President signed S. 1167 into Public Law 108–279.

Public Law 108–317 (HR. 2696)

To establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest woodland ecosystems of the interior West (approved October 5, 2004).

The Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2004 directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service to establish institutes to promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires and restore the health of forest and woodland ecosystems in the interior West (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah). The Act would also authorize the appropriation of \$15 million for the Secretary of Agriculture to establish and provide assistance to three research institutes. Those institutes would be required to develop strategies, conduct research on, transfer, promote, and monitor restoration-based hazardous fuel reduction treatments to reduce the risk of severe wildfires and enhance the health of forests within the interior West.

Legislative History: H.R. 2696 was introduced by Representative Rick Renzi on July 10, 2003. The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On November 21, 2003, the Committee on Resources reported the measure, amended, H.Rept. 108–397 pt. 1, and the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On February 24, 2004, H.R. 2696 passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote, and the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. On March 29, 2004, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reported the measure, without amendment, S. Rept. 108–252. On September 15, 2004, H.R. 2696 passed the Senate, without amendment, by unanimous consent. On October 5, 2004, the President signed H.R. 2696 into Public Law 108–317.

Public Law 108–319 (H.R. 3249)

To extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments committee (approved October 5, 2004).

This Act extends the term of the Forest Counties Payments committee to coincide with the sunset of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which expires on September 30, 2007. The committee was created in the fiscal year 2001 Interior Appropriations bill and is comprised of local government county and school officials. Its purpose was to develop long-term solutions to ensure the proper management of our national forests, emphasizing forest health and economic activity, and evaluate the effectiveness of the County Schools legislation.

Legislative History: H.R. 3249 was introduced by Congressman Greg Walden on October 3, 2003. The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 28, 2003, H.R. 3249 passed the House, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote, and was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. On May 20, 2004, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reported

the bill, without amendment, S.Rept. 108–277. On September 15, 2004, the bill passed the Senate, without amendment, by unanimous consent. On October 5, 2004, the President signed H.R. 3249 into Public Law 108–319.

Public Law 108–341 (S. 1814, H.R. 3433)

To transfer Federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior (approved October 18, 2004)

This Act transfers administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands in Stoddard County, Missouri, from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for continued operation of the Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center. The Act also transfers eligible employees, with their benefits and without a break in Federal service and without competition, from the Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to the Department of Agriculture (approved October 18, 2004).

Legislative History: S. 1814 was introduced by Senator Bond on November 3, 2003 and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. On April 20, 2004, S. 1814 passed the Senate, without amendment by unanimous consent. On April 21, 2004, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Resources, and in addition to the committees on Agriculture, and Education and the Workforce. On October 4, 2004, the bill was reported by the Committee on Resources, without amendment, H.Rept. 108–716, and the committees on Agriculture and Education and the Workforce were discharged. On that same date, the bill passed the House, under suspension of the rules by a vote of 333 yeas to 0 nays. On October 18, 2004, the President signed the S. 1814 into Public Law 108–341.

Public Law 108–350 (S. 33, H.R. 3744)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites (approved October 21, 2004).

This Act allows the Forest Service to sell or exchange a total of 23 administrative sites on National Forest lands in Arkansas and Oklahoma and use the funds generated to relocate and renovate offices as well as purchase and replace administrative sites. The total value of the sites to be sold is \$3.375 million. The total acreage involved requires an act of Congress to allow the agency to sell these lands. These sales will encourage efficient management of the National Forest system lands in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Legislative History: S. 33 was introduced by Senator Blanche Lincoln on January 1, 2003 and referred the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. On November 24, 2003, S. 33 passed the Senate by unanimous consent. On December 8, 2003, S. 33 was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, 2004, S. 33 was ordered reported, without amendment, by the Committee on Agriculture. On October 5, 2004, S. 33 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 21, 2004, S. 33 was signed by the President into Public Law 108–350.

Public Law 108-357 (H.R.4520, S. 1637)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology business and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad (approved October 22, 2004).

Title VI of H.R. 4520 repeals the tobacco marketing quota program and provides tobacco farmers and quota holders with transitional assistance payments over 10 years that are financed with assessments on tobacco companies. The Act capped the program at \$10.14 billion.

The Act also includes the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax (VEETC) which extends the Ethanol Tax Incentive through 2010 and ensures that the full amount of user excise taxes levied will be collected and remitted to the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). On average, this provision will generate more than \$3 billion per year in additional HTF revenue. The Small Ethanol Producer Tax Credit will allow the credit to be passed through to the farmer owners of a cooperative promoting the growth of small business and farmer owned ethanol refineries. For the first time the biodiesel industry will receive a tax credit to encourage and promote the use of a clean fuel for diesel engines.

Several timber-related tax provisions were included that allow small landowners to treat timber sale income as capital gains, expensing of reforestation costs, and expansion of biomass tax credit to include open-loop biomass. These provisions were drawn from several stand-alone bills, including H.R. 974, the Timber Tax Simplification Act, H.R. 1310, the Reforestation Tax Act, and portions of H.R. 6, (comprehensive energy bill). Most of these provisions are low- or no-cost items that will provide incentives for landowners to continue to replant forests, and provide new markets for undervalued timber resources on both public and private lands.

Legislative History: H.R. 4520 was introduced by Representative Bill Thomas on June 4, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On June 16, 2004, H.R. 4520 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Ways and Means, H.Rept. 108-548 pt. 1, and the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On June 17, 2004, H.R. 4520 passed the House, as amended, by a vote of 251 yeas to 178 nays. On July 15, 2004, the Senate struck all after the enacting clause and inserted the text of S. 1637 as previously considered. A conference was held on September 29, 2004, October 4, 5, and 6, 2004. On October 7, 2004, a conference report was filed, H.Rept. 108-755, and passed by the House, by a vote of 280 yeas to 141 nays. On October 11, 2004, the conference report passed the Senate by a vote of 69 yeas to 17 nays. On October 22, 2004, H.R. 4520 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-357.

Public Law 108-375 (H.R. 4200, S. 2400)

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes (approved October 28, 2004).

The Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 authorizes appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and Air Force for aircraft, missiles, weapons and tracked combat vehicles, ammunition, shipbuilding and conversion, and other procurement

Section 1086 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase ten aircraft for the National Interagency Fire Center for use in aerial firefighting. The measure requires that the aircraft be certified by the Chief of the Forest Service as suited for conditions commonly carried out in the United States, including Alaska.

Legislative History: H.R. 4200 was introduced by Representative Duncan Hunter on April 22, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. On May 14, 2004, H.R. 4200 was reported by the Committee on Armed Services, as amended, H.Rept. 108-491. On May 20, 2004, H.R. 4200 passed the House, as amended, by a vote of 391 yeas to 34 nays. On June 23, 2004, H.R. 4200 passed the Senate after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting the text of S. 2400 by unanimous consent. On June 24, 2004, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference and appointed conferees. On September 28, 2004, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment, agreed to a conference and appointed conferees. Appointed from the Committee on Agriculture were Messrs. Goodlatte, Burns, and Stenholm. On September 29, 2004, a conference was held. On October 8, 2004, Conference Report 108-767 was filed and passed by the House by a vote of 359 yeas to 14 nays. On October 9, 2004, the Conference Report passed the Senate by unanimous consent. On October 28, 2004, H.R. 4200 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-375.

Public Law 108-379 (H.R. 2984, S. 1827)

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears (approved October 30, 2004).

H.R. 2984 amends the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears. The Act allows producers to dictate how their funds will be used in pear promotion activities.

Legislative History: H.R. 2984 was introduced by Congressman Greg Walden on July 25, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, 2004, H.R. 2984 was ordered reported by the Committee on Agriculture, without amendment. On October 5, 2004, H.R. 2984 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules, by a voice vote. On October 11, 2004, the measure passed the Senate by unanimous consent. On October 30, 2004, H.R. 2984 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-379.

Public Law 108-381 (H.R. 3217)

To provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3217 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to convey without consideration specified parcels of real property in the Apalachi-

cola National Forest to the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies. The measure also authorizes the Secretary to require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance as may be necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

Legislative History: H.R. 3217 was introduced by Representative Allen Boyd on October 1, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 29, 2003, H.R. 3217 was ordered reported by the Committee on Agriculture, without amendment. On November 17, 2003, H.R. 3217 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 11, 2004, the measure passed the Senate by unanimous consent. On October 30, 2004, H.R. 3217 was signed by the President into Public Law 108–381.

Public Law 108–384 (H.R. 3479)

To provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, and for other purposes (approved October 30, 2004).

The Brown Tree Snake Control and Eradication Act of 2004 expresses the sense of Congress that there is a need for better coordinated control, interdiction, research, and eradication of the brown tree snake.

The Act directs the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to fund snake control, interdiction, research, and eradication efforts carried out by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, other Federal agencies, States, territorial governments, local governments, and private sector entities.

The measure also designates the brown tree snake as an agricultural pest under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and as non-mailable matter.

Legislative History: H.R. 3479 was introduced by Delegate Madeleine Bordallo of Guam on November 7, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Resources and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 15, 2004, H.R. 3479 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Resources, H.Rept. 108–687. On that same date, the measure was discharged from further consideration from the Committee on Agriculture. On September 28, 2004, the measure passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 10, 2004, H.R. 3479 passed the Senate, without amendment, by unanimous consent. On October 30, 2004, H.R. 3479 was signed by the President into Public Law 108–384.

Public Law 108–412 (S. 144, HR. 119)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

The Noxious Weed Control Act of 2004 requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide financial assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate “noxious weeds,” as defined by the Plant Protection Act. The measure limits the scope of potentially noxious weeds as animals, pests, and row crops are specifically ineligible. In developing

the program, the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of the Interior, representatives from States and Indian tribes with weed management entities or that have particular problems with noxious weeds, and public and private entities with experience in noxious management.

Under the measure, weed management entities are to submit weed eradication or control projects initially to the States for approval. States would then submit projects to the Secretary. Based on priorities established in the Act, the Secretary may provide funding to the States, who serve as a pass through to those eligible weed management entities. Federal monies are limited to State, private and Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Priority for funding proposed projects will be given on the basis of the severity or potential severity of the noxious weed problem, the extent to which the Federal funds will be used to leverage non-Federal funds, the extent to which the State has made progress in addressing noxious weed problems, and such other factors as the Secretary deems relevant. The Secretary is mandated to provide special consideration for States with approved weed management entities established by Indian Tribes, and may also provide an additional allocation to a State to meet the particular needs and projects that such a tribal weed management entity will address. The Secretary will also make States responsible for the auditing and reporting of funded projects, as well as prescribe to States the requirements for funding applications to be made by the States to the Secretary.

The Act authorizes \$50 million annually from 2005–2009. Administrative costs incurred by the Secretary may not exceed 5 percent in any given year, and the Federal share of any project carried out on non-Federal land may not exceed 50 percent. Administrative costs incurred by States are limited to 10 percent annually.

The Act also establishes an emergency response program that allows weed management entities at the request of the governor of the State in which they reside to forgo the application process established under the Act and request emergency funds from the Secretary to enable a rapid response to noxious weed outbreaks. The reporting and auditing requirements remain consistent with those established for non-emergency funding requests under the Act.

Legislative History: S. 144 was introduced by Senator Larry Craig on January 13, 2003 and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. On February 11, 2003, S. 144 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, S.Rept. 108–6. On March 4, 2003, S. 144 passed the Senate, as amended, by unanimous consent. On March 5, 2003, S. 144 was referred to the Committee on Resources and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On June 1, 2004, S. 144 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Resources, H.Rept. 108–517 pt. 1. On September 30, 2004, the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On October 4, 2004, S. 144 passed, the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 10, 2004, the Senate agreed to the House amendment by unanimous consent. On October 30, 2004, the President signed S. 144 into Public Law 108–412.

Public Law 108-421 (H.R. 1964, S. 999)

To establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and for other purpose (approved November 30, 2004).

The Highlands Conservation Act is to promote conservation of critical natural resources and priority conservation lands identified in the U.S. Forest Service's update of the New York-New Jersey Highlands Regional Study (an area encompassing more than 2 million acres extending from eastern Pennsylvania through New Jersey and New York to northwestern Connecticut (the Highlands States)) and State open space plans. As passed by the House, the bill would authorize \$10 million annually over 10 years for land conservation partnership projects, and \$1 million over 10 years for U.S. Forest Service studies and technical assistance to private landowners and local communities.

Legislative History: H.R. 1964 was introduced by Representative Rodney Frelinghuysen on May 6, 2003, and referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On November 17, 2003, the Committee on Resources reported the bill, as amended, H.Rept. 108-373. On November 21, 2003, the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration and bill passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On December 9, 2003, H.R.1964 was received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. On September 28, 2004, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reported H.R. 1964, as amended, S. Rept. 108-376. On October 10, 2004, H.R. 1964 passed the Senate, as amended, by unanimous consent. On November 17, 2004, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1964, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On November 30, 2004 the President signed H.R. 1964 into Public Law 108-421.

Public Law 108-444 (S. 2965)

To amend the Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 1999 to modify the termination date for mandatory price reporting (approved December 3, 2004).

S. 2965 amends the Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 1999 to extend the termination date of such Acts mandatory beef and swine reporting and related authorities to September 30, 2005.

Legislative History: S. 2965 was introduced by Senator Thad Cochran on October 8, 2004. On that same date, the bill passed the Senate, without amendment by unanimous consent. On October 9, 2004, S. 2965 was received in the House and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On November 17, 2004, S. 2965 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On December 3, 2004, the President signed S. 2965 into Public Law 108-444.

Public Law 108-460 (H.R. 2119)

To provide for the use by the State of North Carolina of Federal lands, improvements, equipment, and resource materials at the Oxford Research Station in Granville County, North Carolina (approved December 21, 2004).

This Act authorizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture to convey, without any consideration, to the State of North Carolina, all rights, title and interest of the United States in, and real property and related personal property administered by USDA, as part of the Oxford Research Station. The research station, which has been abandoned for some time, was established in 1912 and is located at the western city limits of Oxford, NC. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture would like to use the facility to study invasive species.

Legislative History: H.R. 2119 was introduced by Representative Frank Ballance on May 15, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform. On September 23, 2004, the Committee on Agriculture ordered reported H.R. 2119, as amended. On October 5, 2004, H.R. 2119, passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 6, 2004, H.R. 2119 was received in the Senate. On December 7, 2004, H.R. 2119 passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent. On December 21, 2004, H.R. 2119 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-460.

Public Law 108-465 (H.R. 3242)

To ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops, and for other purposes (approved December 21, 2004).

The Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 was intended to make changes in Federal agriculture policy in order to accomplish the goals of increasing fruit, vegetable and nut consumption and improving the competitiveness of United States specialty crop producers.

The Act is an authorization of \$54 million per year over 5 years with several provisions designed to help U.S. specialty crop producers compete globally and export internationally, improve the focus of specialty crop research, and help improve response to pest and disease problems.

The measure authorizes \$44.5 million per year in State block grants to be used solely to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Base grants of \$100,000 would be awarded to each State with remaining monies to be allotted based on the proportion of the value of specialty crop production of each State in relation to the national value of specialty crop production for that year. Each State would have to submit a plan that fulfills the requirements of enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crops to the Secretary of Agriculture for approval. Additionally there are yearly audit requirements and the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to disqualify states for future grant receipt if the states fail to comply with the requirements of the plan.

This Act also authorizes the appropriation of \$2 million per year, in addition to Commodity Credit Corporation funds already made available, to carry out the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) program; authorizes \$5 million per year and requires the Secretary of Agriculture to elevate the priority of current methyl bromide alternative research and extension activities and re-examine the risks and benefits of extending the phase-out deadline; au-

thorizes \$1.5 million per year for the maintenance of the Agricultural Marketing Service inspection training center in Fredericksburg, Virginia; and establishes and authorizes \$1 million per year on the books of the Treasury a pest and disease response fund account. The Secretary shall have complete discretion regarding the use of this fund to support activities in response to economic and health threats posed by pests and diseases affecting agricultural commodities.

The measure requires the Secretary of Agriculture to reduce the export petition certificate backlog, submit a report to Congress on the significant sanitary/phytosanitary issues that affect the export of specialty crops, and instructs the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into an agreement with the National Plant Board to obtain peer review of procedures and standards that govern consideration of import/export requests. Additionally the bill adds specialty crop research to the list of the United States Department of Agriculture's high priority research and extension activities, and establishes a permanent specialty crops committee under an existing board to study research needs of specialty crops and make recommendations. Specialty crops are defined for the purposes of this Act.

Legislative History: H.R. 3242 was introduced by Representative Doug Ose on October 2, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means. On October 6, 2004, the Committee on Agriculture reported H.R. 3242, amended, H.Rept. 108-750 pt. 1, and the Committee on Ways and Means was discharged from further consideration. On October 7, 2004, H.R. 3242 passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On that same date H.R. 3242 was received in the Senate. On December 7, 2004, H.R. 3242 passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent. On December 21, 2004, H.R. 3242 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-465. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summary for November 5, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108-20”)

Public Law 108-470 (H.R. 4620, S. 2866)

To confirm the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans (approved December 21, 2004).

For years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has collected State commodity checkoff assessments from marketing loans to fund research and promotion. In recent years, however, when producers within a State have voted to increase assessments on themselves, USDA has found that it lacks the statutory authority to recognize modified memorandums of understanding with a state. This Act provides USDA the authority to collect these assessments and allows USDA to recognize modified agreements with the States.

Legislative History: H.R. 4620 was introduced by Representative George Nethercutt on June 18, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, H.R. 4620 was ordered reported, amended, by the Committee on Agriculture. On October 5, 2004, the measure passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 6, 2004, H.R. 4620 was re-

ceived in the Senate with no further action being taken. The companion bill S. 2866 was introduced by Senator Jim Inhofe on September 29, 2004. On September 30, S. 2866 was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. On November 21, 2004, S. 2866 passed the Senate, without amendment by unanimous consent. On November 24, 2004, S. 2866 was received in the House and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On December 7, 2004, H.R. 4620 passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent. On December 21, 2004, H.R. 4620 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-470.

Public Law 108-488 (H.R. 4569, S. 2575)

To provide for the development of a national plan for the control and management of Sudden Oak Death, a tree disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, and for other purposes (approved December 23, 2004).

This Act directs the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service and in consultation with other Federal agencies that have appropriate expertise, to develop a national plan to control and manage Sudden Oak Death, a forest disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*.

The Act also directs such plan to address information derived by USDA to identify *Phytophthora ramorum* hosts and survey the extent of Sudden Oak Death, past and current efforts to understand the risk posed by *Phytophthora ramorum*.

Legislative History: H.R. 4569 was introduced by Representative Max Burns on June 15, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, 2004, H.R. 4569 was ordered reported, without amendment, by the Committee on Agriculture. On October 5, 2004, the measure passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 6, 2004, H.R. 4569 was received in the Senate. On December 8, 2004, H.R. 4569 passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent. On that same date, the companion bill, S. 2575 passed the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent, after discharging the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. On December 23, 2004, H.R. 4569 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-488.

Public Law 108-498 (S. 2856)

To limit the transfer of certain Commodity Credit Corporation funds between conservation programs for technical assistance for the programs (approved December 23, 2004).

This Act amends the Food Security Act of 1985 which makes certain Commodity Credit Corporation technical assistance funding available for producers and landowners participating in specified agricultural conservation programs. The measure limits the use of such funding only to the program for which it was made available.

Legislative History: S. 2856 was introduced by Senator Thad Cochran on September 28, 2004 and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. On October 11, 2004, S. 2856 was discharged from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and passed by the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent. On November 16, 2004, S. 2856 was received in the House and referred to the Committee on Agri-

culture. On December 6, 2004, S. 2856 passed the House under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On December 23, S. 2856 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-498. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summaries for June 4, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–7 and June 15, 2004, Hearing Serial No. 108–32.)

Other Laws

Several bills acted on by other authorizing committees, but not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture, were enacted with provisions relating to matters within the committee’s jurisdiction. Following are abbreviated summaries of these bills, including some of the relevant provisions:

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Public Law 108–30 (S. 870)

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to extend the availability of funds to carry out the fruit and vegetable pilot program (approved May 29, 2003).

This Act extends the authorization to allow the funds for the fresh and dried fruit and fresh vegetable pilot program within the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to remain available through the completion of the 2003–2004 school years. The 2002 farm bill authorized \$6 million for a fresh and dried fruit and fresh vegetable pilot program in a limited number of schools. Children in participating schools receive fresh fruits and vegetables at no cost throughout the school day. The pilot program is currently operating in 25 schools in each of 4 States (Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa) and one Indian reservation. The pilot program was to begin in September 2002, however due to the timing of the passage of the farm bill, it did not begin until late November. As a result, the funds provided for this pilot were not fully expended.

Legislative History: On April 20, 2003, S. 870 was introduced by Senator Harkin and passed by the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, but was not considered. On May 14, 2003, the bill passed the House under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On May 29, 2003, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–30.

Public Law 108–73 (H.R. 2465, S. 1323)

To extend for six months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the U.S.Code is reenacted (approved August 15, 2003).

Chapter 12 is a specialized form of bankruptcy relief available only to a family farmer with regular annual income. This form of bankruptcy relief permits eligible family farmers, under the supervision of a bankruptcy trustee to reorganize their debts pursuant to a repayment plan. The special attributes of chapter 12 make it better suited to meet the particularized needs of family farmers in financial distress than other forms of bankruptcy relief, such as chapter 11 (business organization) and chapter 13 (individual reorganization).

Chapter 12 was enacted on a temporary 7-year basis as part of the Bankruptcy Judges, United States Trustees, and Family Farm-

er Bankruptcy Act of 1986 in response to the farm financial crisis of the early 1980's. It has subsequently been extended several times.

This Act amends the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, as amended, to extend until January 1, 2004, the reenactment of chapter 12 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code (Adjustment of Debts of a Family Farmer with Regular Annual Income) thereby extending family farmer bankruptcy relief.

Legislative History: On June 12, 2003, H.R. 2465 was introduced by Representative F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. On June 23, 2003, the bill passed the House under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On June 24, 2003, the bill was received in the Senate, however, it was not referred to a committee. On July 31, 2003, the bill passed the Senate without amendment, by unanimous consent, clearing the measure for the President. On August 15, 2003, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108-73.

Public Law 108-77 (H.R. 2738, S. 1416)

To implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (approved September 3, 2003).

The U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is intended to benefit key U.S. export sectors including agriculture and construction equipment, autos and auto parts, computers and other information technology products, medical equipment and paper products. More than 85 percent of trade in these areas will become tariff free immediately, with most of the remainder to be phased out over 4 years.

More than three-quarters of U.S. farm goods will enter Chile duty-free within 4 years and duties on U.S. products will be phased out over 12 years. Key U.S. farm products will benefit from improved market access, including pork and pork products, beef and beef products, soybeans, and soybean meal, durum wheat, feed grains, potatoes, and processed food products such as French fries, pasta, distilled spirits and breakfast cereals. Tariffs on U.S. and Chilean wines will first be equalized at low U.S. rates and then eliminated

U.S. farmers will have access to Chile that is as good as or better than the European Union or Canada, both of which already have FTAs with Chile.

Chilean price bands, under which important duties on the same product may vary according to price level, will be phased out. During the phase out, producer of these products will be treated as good as or better than their competitors with other countries.

The FTA eliminated the use of export subsidies on U.S.-Chilean farm trade, but preserves the right to respond to third countries' use of export subsidies to displace U.S. products in the Chilean market and vice-versa.

The U.S.-Chile FTA establishes a Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Matters whose objective is to enhance implementation of the WTO SPS Agreement and develop a mutual understanding of each other's SPS and regulatory processes.

The U.S.-Chile FTA also renewed their commitment to continue to work on resolving important sanitary and phytosanitary issues,

such as meat and dairy inspection and meat grading, which are inhibiting trade.

Legislative History: On July, 15, 2004, Representative DeLay and Representative Rangel introduced H.R. 2738, both by request. The bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. On July 21, 2003, the bill was reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, H.Rept. 108–224 pt I and on July 22, 2003, reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, H.Rept. 108–224, pt II. On July 24, 2003, the bill passed the House by a vote 270 yeas to 156 nays. On July 31, 2003, the bill passed the Senate, without amendment by a vote of 65 yeas to 32 nays. On September 3, 2003, H.R. 2738 was signed by the President into Public Law 108–77. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summaries for May 21, 2003, June 18, 2003, and July 22, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–5, and April 28 2004 and May 19, 2004, Hearing Serial No. 108–29”)

Public Law 108–78 (H.R. 2739, S. 1417)

To implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (approved September 3, 2003).

The United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement is intended to enhance the commercial relationship with American’s 12th largest trading partner. It will also serve as the foundation for other possible FTAs in southeast Asia.

In 2002, American farmers exported around \$259 million worth of food products to Singapore. By binding all of its tariffs at zero, Singapore will open its markets to American agricultural products and create new opportunities for American farmers to sell their produce to a national whose small size prevents it from being able to grow enough food for consumption by its citizens

Legislative History: On July, 15, 2004, Representative DeLay and Representative Rangel introduced H.R. 2739, both by request. The bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. On July 21, 2003, the bill was reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, H.Rept. 108–225 pt I and on July 22, 2003, reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, H.Rept. 108–225, pt II. On July 24, 2003, the bill passed the House by a vote 309 yeas to 114 nays. On July 31, 2003, the bill passed the Senate, without amendment by a vote of 66 yeas to 32 nays. On September 3, 2003, H.R. 2739 was signed by the President into Public Law 108–78. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summaries for May 21, 2003, June 18, 2003, and July 22, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–5, and April 28 2004 and May 19, 2004, Hearing Serial No. 108–29.)

Public Law 108–130 (S. 313, H.R. 1260)

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs (approved November 18, 2003).

In 1996 Congress enacted the Animal Drug Availability Act to streamline drug review and approval procedures. However, contrary to Congressional intent and despite additional resources, it became more difficult to get new products approved. This Act will authorize a program of fees by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) relating to the review of new animal drugs. Under this legis-

lation, the additional revenues generated from fees paid by the animal health industry would be dedicated for use in expediting the new animal drug review process, in accordance with performance goals that would be developed by FDA in consultation with the industry.

Legislative History: S. 313 was introduced by Senator Ensign on February 5, 2003 and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. On May 21, 2003, the bill was reported, amended, by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, H.Rept. 108–51. On May 23, 2003, the bill passed the Senate, as amended, by unanimous consent. On June 4, 2003, the bill was referred in the House to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. On November 4, 2003, S. 313 passed the House under suspension of the rules, amended, by a voice vote. On November 7, 2003, the Senate agreed to the House amendment, clearing the measure for the President. On November 12, 2003, the President signed S. 313 into Public Law 108–130.

Public Law 108–134 (H.R. 3232)

To reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004 (approved November 22, 2003).

The Act amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, and the Commodity Distribution Reform Act and WIC Amendments of 1987, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004.

Legislative History: H.R. 3232 was introduced by Representative Castle on October 2, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. On October 28, 2003, H.R. 3232 passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 29, 2003, the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. On November 6, 2003, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged and the bill was passed by the Senate by unanimous consent, clearing the measure for the President. On November 22, 2003, H.R. 3232 was signed by the President into Public Law 108–134.

Public Law 108–211 (S. 2241)

To reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004 (approved March 31, 2004).

This Act extends provisions in the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch and Commodity Distribution Reform Act that are due to expire on March 31, 2004. These provisions ensure that low income children have access to safe and nutritious food in school, after school, and during the summer months. Passage of this legislation will give Congress additional time to complete work on H.R. 4, the “Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Protection Act of 2003.”

Legislative History: S. 2241 was introduced by Senator Cochran on March 26, 2004. It was agreed to in the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent on March 26, 2004. The bill was held at the desk in the House and agreed to under suspension of rules by a voice vote on March 30, 2004. On March 31, 2004, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–211.

Public Law 108-265 (S. 2507, H.R. 3873)

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes (approved June 30, 2004).

This Act reauthorizes programs contained in the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 through fiscal year 2008. Some of the various programs include the Special Nutrition Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the Summer Food Service Program, the State Administrative Expense Program, and the WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.

This Act also amends the Commodity Distribution Reform Act and WIC Amendments of 1987 to reform certain commodity provisions as they relate to Federal child nutrition programs.

The Act requires school food authorities (which currently are only authorized) to certify directly as eligible for free school meals, without further application, any child who is a member of a food stamp household. The Act amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to require State food stamp agencies to enter into agreements to cooperate in such direct certification. This requirement would be phased in over 3 years based on district size, starting with the largest school districts.

The Act expands the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program to eight States and three Indian reservations. The program provides free fresh and dried fruits and vegetables to eligible schools.

Legislative History: H.R. 3873 was introduced by Representative Castle on March 2, 2004 and referred to the committee Education and the Workforce. On March 23, 2004, H.R. 3873 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Education and the Workforce, H.Rept. 108-445, and passed by the House under suspension of the rules, by a vote of 419 yeas to 5 nays. On March 25, 2004, H.R. 3873 was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. S. 2507 was introduced by Senator Cochran and reported by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on June 7, 2004. See S. Rept. 108-279. On June 23, 2004, S. 2507 passed the Senate, amended, by unanimous consent. On June 24, 2004, S. 2507 passed the House, without amendment, by unanimous consent. On June 30, 2004, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108-265.

Public Law 108-282 (S. 741, H.R. 2079)

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, and for other purposes (approved August 2, 2004).

This Act addresses the critical shortage of animal drugs available for minor species, which are defined as animals other than humans that are not major species (cattle, horses, swine, chickens, turkeys, dogs and cats), and for minor uses for major species, which are defined as the use of a drug in a major species for a disease that occurs infrequently in a small number of animals, or in limited geographic areas in a small number of animals annually.

The Act also provides for new requirements for the labeling of food in order to protect consumers with food allergies. Specifically,

food that contains one of the eight major food allergens (milk, eggs, fish, Crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soybean) must list the food source from which the major food allergen is derived either immediately after the list of ingredients or in parentheses following an ingredient that contains a food allergen.

Legislative History: S. 741 was introduced by Senator Sessions on March 27, 2003. On February 8, 2004, S. 741 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, S.Rept. 108–226. On March 8, 2004, S. 741 passed the Senate, as amended, by unanimous consent. On July 15, 2004, S. 741 was reported, without amendment, by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, H.Rept. 108–608. On July 20, 2004, the bill passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules, by a voice vote. On August 2, 2004, the bill was signed by the President into Public Law 108–282.

Public Law 108–286 (H.R. 4759, S. 2610)

To implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (approved August 3, 2003).

The U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement is intended to provide expanded export opportunities for a range of U.S. agricultural goods. Duties on all U.S. agricultural exports to Australia, which totaled \$700 million in 2003, will be eliminated immediately upon entry into force of the Agreement. Currently, Australia maintains duties of 5 percent on fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, soups, processed food, some grains, oilseeds and other products. For some dairy products, Australia's tariffs reach 30 percent. Duties on most imports from Australia will be phased out over a period of 4 to 18 years. Duties will be maintained on sugar and certain dairy products. In addition, for certain products, including beef, dairy, cotton, peanuts, and certain horticultural products, the Agreement includes other mechanisms, such as preferential tariff rate quotas and safeguards. The United State and Australia agree to work together in WTO agriculture negotiations to improve market access; reduce, with a view to phasing out, all forms of export subsidies; to develop disciplines eliminating State trading enterprises' monopoly export rights; and to substantially reduce trade-distorting domestic support.

Legislative History: On July, 6, 2004, Representative DeLay and Representative Rangel introduced H.R. 4759, both by request. The bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Also, on July 6, 2004, Senator Grassley introduced S. 2610, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. On July 12, 2004, the Committee on Ways and Means reported the bill without amendment, H.Rept. 108–597. On July 14, 2004, H.R. 4759 passed the House by a vote of 314 yeas to 109 nays. On July 15, 2004, H.R. 4759 passed the Senate by a vote of 80 yeas to 16 nays. On August 3, 2004, the President signed H.R. 4759 into Public Law 108–286. On August 25, 2004, S. 2610 was reported by the Committee on Finance, S.Rept. 108–316. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summaries for May 21, 2003, June 18, 2003, and July 22, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–5, and April 28 2004 and May 19, 2004, Hearing Serial No. 108–29.”)

Public Law 108-302(H.R. 4842, S.2677)

To implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (approved August 17, 2004).

The United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement will go into effect on or after January 1, 2005, if the President determines that Morocco has complied with certain provisions of the Agreement.

For agriculture, U.S. poultry, beef, wheat, corn, and sorghum exports will benefit from liberalization of Morocco's tariff-rate quotas. Morocco will also provide immediate duty-free access on products such as pecans, frozen potatoes, and breakfast cereals and more graduated duty-free on other products such as soybeans, sorghum, and grapes. For its part, the United States will phase-out all agricultural tariffs within 15 years.

Legislative History: On July 15, 2004, Representative DeLay and Representative Rangel introduced H.R. 4842, both by request. The bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Also on July 15, 2004, Senator Grassley introduced S. 2677, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. On July 21, 2004, the Committee on Ways and Means filed a report to accompany H.R. 4842, H.Rept. 108-627. On that same day, S. 2677, passed the Senate, without amendment by a vote of 85 yeas to 13 nays. On July 22, 2004, H.R. 4842 passed the House, without amendment, by a vote of 323 yeas to 99 nays. On that same day, H.R. 4842 passed the Senate by unanimous consent. On August 17, 2004, H.R. 4842 was signed by the President into Public Law 108-302. On August 25, 2004, S. 2677 was reported by the Committee on Finance, S. Rept. 108-317. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summaries for May 21, 2003, June 18, 2003, and July 22, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108-5, and April 28 2004 and May 19, 2004, Hearing Serial No. 108-29.”)

Public Law 108-369 (S. 2864, H.R. 5167)

To extend for 18 months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.

The Family Farmer Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2004 amends the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, to extend for 18 additional months (until July 1, 2005) the period for which chapter 12 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code (Adjustments of Debts of a Family Farmer) is reenacted.

Legislative History: S. 2864 was introduced by Senator Charles Grassley on September 29, 2004 and referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. On October 6, 2004, S. 2864 passed the Senate, without amendment by unanimous consent. On October 8, 2004, the measure passed the House, without amendment by unanimous consent. On October 25, 2004, the President signed S. 2864 into Public Law 108-369.

Appropriations

Public Law 108-7 (H.J. Res.2)

Making further Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2003, and for other purposes (approved February 20, 2003).

Division N, title 2 of Public Law 108-7 is known as the “The Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003” and provides disaster payments for crop losses for either 2001 or 2002 (a producer will choose which year) and will operate like the 2000 disaster program (with

a few exceptions). The Agricultural Assistance Act covers all traditional disaster crops.

The Act expands eligibility for the 2002 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) which was initiated by the Administration to provide assistance for selected types of livestock in counties designated as disaster counties. The Act re-establishes a more targeted Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) for producers suffering grazing losses in counties designated as disaster counties due to weather-related problems.

The Act also provides the Livestock Compensation Program with a flat payment by number and type of livestock to all livestock producers in a qualifying disaster county. The measure provides funding through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to producers who were in counties eligible to be declared 2001 or 2002 primary disaster counties but had not applied for a disaster designation by the original cutoff date, in addition to counties designated as disaster counties for reasons other than drought.

The Act authorized the Livestock Assistance Program to provide payments to livestock producers for grazing losses in a primary disaster county. However, payments vary by the severity of the grazing loss.

The Act provided \$250 million for replenishment of section 32 funds. section 32 funds are used for government purchases of surplus fruits and vegetables and other commodities that are used by schools and food banks.

The Act gives direct payments to tobacco growers who are eligible at a \$.0555 per pound based on the national basic poundage quota for the 2002 marketing year.

The Act provides compensation for losses to the cottonseed industry resulting from hurricanes and other conditions in 2002. The measure also provides disaster assistance to sugarcane producers for losses resulting from hurricanes in 2002.

The Act further provides disaster assistance for sugar beet losses for either 2001 or 2002. A producer will choose which year.

The Act provides assistance to agricultural producers located along Rio Grande for suffering economic losses because of irrigation water shortages caused by Mexico's failure to deliver water to the United States under treaty obligations.

The Act provides \$1.65 million to reimburse producers in New Mexico for losses during 2002 due to pesticide misapplications by the Federal Government.

The Act allows the Secretary to use up to \$18.2 million of funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation to compensate Florida commercial citrus and lime growers for lost production from trees removed to control citrus canker and certified citrus nursery stocks placed in a citrus canker quarantine area. It specifies that to be eligible for assistance due to tree removal a grower must have removed the tree after September 30, 2001.

The Act ensures that the reduction in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual payments on CRP acres approved for haying and grazing in 2002 because of drought and other weather problems is waived for all producers.

The Act specifies that the Secretary may use funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation made available for USDA conservation programs for the provision of technical assistance.

The Act allows producer-owned coops to forfeit 1999, 2000 and 2001 crops of type 21 fire-cured tobaccos or type 37 Virginia sun-cured tobacco.

The Act provides \$15 million to address chronic bovine tuberculosis problems in the El Paso region.

The Act provides \$70 million to USDA to cover administrative costs of implementing this title and the 2002 farm bill.

Legislative History: H.J. Res. 2 was introduced by Representative Young of Florida on January 7, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. On January 8, 2003, the resolution passed the House, without amendment by a voice vote. On January 9, 2003, the resolution was received by the Senate and placed on the Senate legislative calendar for consideration. On January 23, 2003, the resolution passed the Senate, as amended, by a vote of 69 yeas to 29 nays. After passage, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference and appointed conferees. On January 29, 2003, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment, agreed to a conference and appointed conferees. A Conference was held on February 10, and 11, 2003. On February 13, 2003, conference report 108–10 was filed and passed by the House by a vote of 338 yeas to 83 ayes. On that same date, the conference report was filed in the Senate and passed by a vote of 76 yeas to 20 nays. On February 20, 2003, the resolution was signed by the President into Public Law 108–7. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summary for April 10, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–2”)

Public Law 108–83 (H.R. 2657, S. 1383)

Making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (approved September 30, 2003).

The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act funds House and certain Senate operations as well as various joint support services and Federal agencies. Included in this Act was an additional \$319 million for wildland fire management.

Legislative History: H.R. 2657 was introduced and reported as an original measure by Representative Kingston on July 1, 2003. See House Report 108–186. On July 9, 2003, the bill passed the House, as amended, by a vote of 394 yeas to 26 nays. On July 10, 2003, the Senate received the bill and began consideration. On July 11, 2003, the bill passed the Senate, amended, by a vote of 85 yeas to 7 nays. On that same date, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference and appointed conferees. On September 16, 2003, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment, agreed to a conference and appointed conferees. On September 18, 2003, conference report 108–279 was filed in the House. On September 24, 2003, the conference report passed the House, by a vote of 371 yeas to 56 nays and the Senate by unanimous consent. On September 30, 2003, the President signed H.R. 2657 into Public Law 108–83.

Public Law 108–108 (H.R. 2691, S. 1391)

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (approved November 10, 2003).

The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004, reduced Forest Service funding to just over \$67

million, a roughly 25 percent cut from the previous fiscal year. It mandated that if the Forest Service was forced to transfer funds from other programs to cover fire suppression expenses, the first source of those funds was to be the Forest Legacy Program.

Legislative History: H.R. 2691 was introduced and reported, H.Rept. 108–195, as an original measure by Representative Charles Taylor on July 10, 2003. On July 17, 2003, H.R. 2691 passed the House, as amended, by a vote of 268 yeas to 152 nays. On September 23, 2003, the bill passed the Senate, amended, by a voice vote. On that same date, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference and appointed conferees. On October 1, 2004, the House disagreed to the Senate Amendment, agreed to a conference, and appointed conferees. On October 28, 2003, Conference Report 108–330 was filed. On October 30, 2003, the Conference Report passed the House by a vote of 190 yeas to 229 nays. On November 3, 2003, the report passed the Senate by a vote of 87 yeas 2 nays. On November 10, 2003, H.R. 2691 was signed by the President into Public Law 108–108.

Public Law 108–199 (H.R. 2673, S. 1427)

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (approved January 23, 2004).

This Act—known also as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004”—provides \$80.6 billion for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies and programs. Broken down, it provides: (1) \$3.27 billion for agriculture credit program loan authorizations; (2) \$1.15 billion for the Agricultural Research Service; 3) \$989 million for the Farm Service Agency; 4) \$858 million for conservation activities; (5) \$784.5 million for the Food Safety and Inspection Service; (6) 725.5 million for the Animal and Plant Healthy Inspection Service; (7) \$30.9 billion for the Food Stamp Program; (8) \$11.42 billion for child nutrition programs; (9) \$4.64 billion for Special Supplemental Nutrition Programs for Women, Infants and Children; and (10) \$1.19 billion for the Food for Peace Program.

The Act delays until September 30, 2006 the mandatory country of origin labeling for all products except for farm-raised and wild fish be delayed until September 30, 2006. Under the 2002 farm bill (P.L. 107–171), the labeling program was scheduled to begin on September 30, 2004.

Legislative History: H.R. 2673 was introduced and reported as an original measure by Representative Bonilla on July 9, 2003. See House Report 108–193. On July 14, 2003, the bill passed the House, as amended, by a vote of 347 yeas to 64 nays. On November 6, 2003, the bill passed the Senate, amended, by vote of 93 yeas to 1 nay. On November 17, 2003, the Senate then insisted on its amendment, requested a conference and appointed conferees. On November 18, 2003, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment, agreed to a conference, and appointed conferees. A Conference was held on November 19, 2003. On December 8, 2003, conference report 108–401 was filed in the House and passed by a vote of 242 to 176 nays. On January 22, 2004, the conference report passed the Senate by a vote of 65 yeas to 28 nays. On January 23,

2004, H.R. 2673 was signed by the President into Public Law 108–199.

Public Law 108–324 (H.R. 4837, S.2674)

Making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes (approved October 13, 2004).

This Act provides \$2.9 billion in emergency assistance for agricultural producers experiencing crop loss caused by natural disasters including drought conditions, hurricanes, and other disasters.

The measure provides financial assistance to producers incurring qualifying crop or quality losses due to damaging weather or related condition for either the 2003, 2004, or 2005 crop. Assistance is limited to only one of the crop years 2003, 2004, or 2005 as elected by the producer. Qualifying crop losses for the 2005 crop are limited to only those losses caused by a hurricane or tropical storm of the 2004 hurricane season in counties receiving a Presidential disaster declaration.

The measure requires that USDA administer the program in the same manner as the disaster bill contained in the 2001 Agriculture Appropriations bill and deems ineligible for financial assistance those producers who did not purchase crop insurance or file appropriate paperwork for a noninsurable commodity for the year incurring the losses. The measure provides a waiver if the producers enter into a contract to purchase insurance coverage (at higher than the catastrophic level) for the insurable commodity for each of the next two crops, or in the case of a noninsurable commodity, to file the required paperwork and pay the administrative fee for each of the next two crops.

The Act deems ineligible for financial assistance those producers with adjusted gross incomes of greater than \$2.5 million in 2003 and deems ineligible for financial assistance those producers not in compliance with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions.

The measure limits financial assistance to no greater than 95 percent of what the value of the crop would have been in the absence of the losses and does not allow producers to be eligible for payments if they receive payments from section 32 funds with respect to 2004 hurricane crop losses.

The measure also provides financial assistance for livestock losses to producers for 2003 or 2004 losses (but not both years) in a county that has received an emergency designation by the President or the Secretary after January 1, 2003. It requires that USDA administer the program in the same manner as the disaster provisions in the 2001 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

The Act provides funding to producers who suffered tree losses during the period beginning on December 1, 2003, through December 31, 2004. It also provides an additional \$15 million to eligible forest land owners who produce periodic crops of timber from trees for commercial purposes and who have suffered tree losses during the period beginning on December 1, 2003, through December 31, 2004. However, it does not allow producers to be eligible for payments if they receive payments from section 32 funds with respect to 2004 hurricane crop losses.

The Act provides for assistance to participants in the Emergency Conservation Program.

The Act caps the Conservation Security Program at \$6,037,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2005 through 2014.

Legislative History: H.R. 4837 was introduced and reported as an original measure on July 15, 2004, by Representative Knollenberg, H.Rept. 108–607. On July 22, 2004, H.R. 4837 passed the House, as amended, by a vote of 420 yeas to nay. On September 20, 2004, H.R. 4837 passed the Senate, as amended, by a vote of 91 yeas to 0 nays, in lieu of S. 2674. On October 9, 2004, conference report 108–773 was filed and passed by the House by a vote of 374 yeas to 0 nays. On October 11, 2004, the Senate agreed to the conference report by a voice vote. On October 13, 2004, the President signed H.R. 4837 into Public Law 108–324.

Public Law 108–447 (H.R. 4818, S. 2812)

Making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes (approved December 8, 2004).

This Act known also as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005” provides \$83.3 billion for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies and programs. Broken down, it provides: (1) \$16.5 billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation; (2) \$1.299 billion for the Agricultural Research Service; (3) \$1.008 billion for the Farm Service Agency; (4) \$837 million for conservation activities; (5) \$824 million for the Food Safety and Inspection Service; (6) \$820 million for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; (7) \$35.2 billion for the Food Stamp Program; (8) \$11.8 billion for child nutrition programs; (9) \$5.3 billion for Special Supplemental Nutrition Programs for Women, Infants and Children; and (10) \$1.8 billion for the Food for Peace Program.

In order to offset part of the cost of the Act, division J, title I, section 122, requires that fiscal year 2005 appropriations (and obligation limitations), with certain exceptions, be cut across the board by 0.80 percent. (The exceptions pertain to funding provided in the Defense, Homeland Security, and Military Construction Appropriations Acts enacted earlier in the session, as well as any supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2005.) In addition, the cut applies to advance appropriations for fiscal year 2005 provided in prior appropriations acts and certain contract authority. According to preliminary estimates, the across-the-board cut is expected to yield savings of about \$3.5 billion in budget authority and \$1.9 billion in outlays for fiscal year 2005.

The Act also: provides that \$33,197,000 of the \$814,623,000 allocated to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for Salaries and Expenses may be spent on an animal I.D. program; caps the Conservation Security Program at \$202,411,000; rescinds all of the funds appropriated for the Local Television Loan Guarantee program; rescinds \$3,500,000 of the funds in the Agricultural Conservation Program account; rescinds \$163,000,000 of section 32 funds; rescinds \$191,108,000 of the funds available for P.L. 480 Title I; adds producers of elk, reindeer and bison to the list of livestock producers eligible for emergency feed assistance; provides \$1 million to the Virginia Horse Center; provides \$6 million to the Florida Department of Citrus; incorporates Chairman Goodlatte’s

legislation designating the oak tree as the national tree; and authorizes the Forest Service to charge recreation fees to visitors of Federal recreational lands and waters.

The Act also removed the funding limitation for salaries and expenses for the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP), however, it did include a provision canceling \$20 million of the mandatory funds provided in the farm bill.

Legislative History: H.R. 4818 was introduced and reported as an original measure by Representative Jim Kolbe of the Committee on Appropriations, H.Rept. 108-599. On July 15, 2004, H.R. 4818 passed the House, amended, by a vote of 365 yeas to 41 nays. H.R. 4818 was expanded at the conference stage to cover eight other regular appropriations acts. The conference report, H.Rept.108-792, was reported on November 19, 2004.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4818, by a vote of 344-51, on November 20, 2004. The conference report was considered pursuant to the terms of a special rule, H. Res. 866, which had been reported by the House Rules Committee earlier that day (H.Rept. 108-794). During House consideration of the special rule, it was amended to provide for automatic adoption in the House of a measure (discussed below) providing for enrollment corrections in H.R. 4818. The Senate agreed to the conference report, by a vote of 65-30, later that day.

On December 6, 2004, the House completed action on H. Con. Res. 528, a measure correcting the enrollment of H.R. 4818.

Among other things, the enrollment correction measure reduced from 0.83 percent to 0.80 percent the across-the-board cut in discretionary programs included in the conference report. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summary for July 20, 2004, Hearing Serial No. 108-35”)

2. Bills Acted on by the Committee Included in Other Laws Enacted

None.

3. Bills Vetoed

None.

4. Bills Acted on by Both Chambers But Not Enacted

H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care and for other purposes.

H.R. 4 was introduced by Representative Deborah Pryce on February 4, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and in addition to the committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Agriculture, and Financial Services. On February 13, 2003, H.R. 4 passed the House, without amendment, by a vote of 230 yeas to 192 nays. On October 3, 2003, the Senate Committee on Finance, reported the bill, amended, S.Rept. 108-162. On April 1, 2004, the Senate was unable to invoke a cloture motion by a vote of 51 yeas to 47 nays.

H.R. 4 as passed by the House was a bill to continue funding and revise the block grant Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), which was created in the 1996 welfare reform law. Under

the TANF block grant program, caseloads have fallen 50 percent, and is widely considered a success.

The House passed measure included changes in law with regard to food stamps by 1) establishing a new Federal “super waiver” authority that would allow states to set aside or change Federal food stamp policies and 2) permit up to five states the authority to operate a food assistance block grant program in place of the regular Food Stamp Program.

H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6 was introduced by Representative Billy Tauzin on April 7, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and in addition to the committees on Science, Ways and Means, Resources, Education and the Workforce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, and Agriculture. On April 11, 2004, H.R. 6 passed the House, as amended, by a vote of 247 yeas to 175 nays. On July 31, 2003, H.R. 6 passed the Senate as amended, by a vote of 84 yeas to 14 nays. The Senate also insisted on its amendment, requested a conference and appointed conferees. On September 5, 2003, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment, agreed to a conference and appointed conferees. On November 18, 2003, Conference Report 108–375 was filed and passed by the House by a vote 246 yeas to 180 nays. On November 21, 2003, the Senate was unable to invoke a cloture motion by a vote of 57 yeas to 40 nays.

H.R. 6 included a provision that set minimum ethanol production at 5 billion gallons, nearly doubling the number of bushels of corn for ethanol production from 1 billion bushels currently to about 2 billion by 2012. This would provide a boost to corn and sorghum prices by 10 to perhaps 30 cents per bushel. It would also have spillover effects to other crop prices as farmers shift acreage to corn and sorghum. The overall effect would be positive for net farm income by an estimated \$2 to \$4 billion by the year 2012. The measure also extends and expands income tax credit for the production of electricity from qualified energy resources including wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal energy, solar energy, small irrigation power, and municipal solid waste.

Renewable energy provisions relating to ethanol and biodiesel that were contained in this bill were modified and included in P.L. 108–357. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summary for March 15, 2004, Hearing Serial No. 108–26”)

H.R. 2707, to direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, acting through the U.S. Forest Service, to carry out a demonstration program to assess potential water saving through control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on forests and public lands administered by the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service.

H.R. 2707 was introduced by Representative Stevan Pearce on July 10, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Resources and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On February 24, 2004, the Committee on Resources reported H.R. 2707, as amended, H.Rept. 108–424 pt. 1. On that same date, the Committee on Agri-

culture was discharged from further consideration of the bill and H.R. 2707 passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules, by a vote of 367 yeas to 40 nays. On February 25, H.R. 2707 was received in the Senate and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. The companion, bill S. 1516, was introduced by Senator Pete Domenici on July 31, 2003 and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. On March 9, 2004, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reported S. 1516, as amended, S.Rept. 108–235. On May 19, 2004, S. 1516 passed the Senate, as amended, by unanimous consent. On May 20, 2004, S. 1516 was received by the House and held at the desk.

H.R. 2707 directs the Secretary of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior to assess the extent of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive invasion in the western United States. The Act also authorizes a demonstration program to control Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on public lands.

Bills Acted on by the House But Not the Senate

H.J. Res. 49, Recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

H.J. Res. 49 was introduced by Chairman Goodlatte on April 10, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committee on International Relations. On June 16, 2003, H.J. Res. 49 was reported by the Committee on Agriculture, H.Rept. 155 pt. 1, and the Committee on International Relations was discharged from further consideration. On June 25, 2004, the measure passed the House, under suspension of the rules by a vote of 409 yeas to 0 nays. On June 26, 2003, H.J. Res. 49 was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with no further action being taken. (*Note.*— On April 7, 2003, the Senate passed S. Res. 106, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture by unanimous consent. The House does not have the opportunity to act on Senate Resolutions.)

H.J. Res. 49 cites the FAS for representing U.S. agriculture interests for 50 years and acknowledges the benefits that have been seen as agriculture exports have risen from \$3 million in 1953 to over \$50 million in 2002.

The measure recognizes the FAS and its employees for cooperating with the agriculture community, identifying private partners capable of carrying out the FAS mission, identifying and expanding markets for U.S. agriculture products, introducing innovative and creative ways of expanding markets for agriculture products, providing international food assistance to feed the hungry worldwide, addressing unfair barriers to United States agriculture exports, implementing strict procedures governing the use of programs and funds for FAS, and overseeing the efficient and effective use of Federal funds to carry out programs.

H. Con. Res. 494, Supporting the goals and purposes of National Farm Safety and Health Week and applauding the men and women who provide a stable supply of food and fiber for the United States and the world.

H. Con. Res. 494 was introduced by Representative Thomas Reynolds on September 21, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 22, 2004, H. Con. Res. 494 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On September 23, 2004, H. Con. Res. 494 was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with no further action being taken.

H. Con. Res. 494 declares that Congress supports the goals and purposes of National Farm Safety and Health Week, and applauds the men and women who provide a stable supply of food and fiber for the United States and the world.

H.R. 1014, To require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal land administered by these agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1014 was introduced by Representative George Radanovich on February 27, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 20, 2004, the Committee on Resources reported the bill, amended, H.Rept. 108–508 pt. 1, and the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On July 19, 2004, H.R. 1014 passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On July 20, 2004, H.R. 1014 was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with no further action being taken.

H.R. 1014 directs the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to take certain steps to solicit involvement by government officials of local gateway communities (communities, including recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, that are near public lands) in the development of land use plans, programs, regulations, and decisions projects, or policies for public land under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management which are likely to have a significant impact.

H.R. 2432, To amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes.

H.R. 2432 was introduced by Representative Doug Ose on June 11, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget. On May 14, 2004, H.R. 2432 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Government Reform, H.Rept. 108–490 pt. 1, and the measure was sequentially referred to the Committee on Agriculture because of its jurisdictional interest in agriculture commodity programs created and reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of

2002. On that same date, the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On May 18, 2004, H.R. 2432 passed the House, amended, by a vote of 373 yeas to 54 nays. However, H.R. 2432 was laid on the table and its text appended to H.R. 2728, pursuant to H. Res. 645. H.R. 2728 passed the House by a vote of 251 yeas to 177 nays on May 18, 2004. On May 20, 2004, H.R. 2728 was received in the Senate and placed on the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Section 4 of the Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act removes statutory exemptions in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-171) from various paperwork review and regulatory requirements.

H.R. 2966, To preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public land, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2966 was introduced by Representative George Radnovich on July 25, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Resources and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 20, 2004, H.R. 2966 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Resources, H.Rept. 108-513 pt. 1. On June 30, 2004, the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On September 21, 2004, H.R. 2966 passed the House, amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On September 22, 2004, H.R. 2966 was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with no further action being taken.

The Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2004 amends Public Law 91-383 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue regulations directing Federal land management agencies to preserve and facilitate the continued use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on the lands they administer. Under the measure, as a general rule, trails and areas now used by pack and saddle stock animals would remain open and accessible for such use.

H.R. 3157, To provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster areas as a result of a disaster.

H.R. 3157 was introduced by Representative Roy Blunt on September 24, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 29, 2003, the Committee on Agriculture ordered reported the measure, as amended. On November 17, 2003, H.R. 3157 passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On November 18, 2003, H.R. 3157 was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with no further action being taken.

H.R. 3157 would designate a specific disaster liaison from USDA headquarters to work with State and local USDA offices in feder-

ally-declared disaster areas. The liaison would coordinate the implementation of USDA disaster assistance with other Federal agencies' assistance and also with state department of agriculture.

H.R. 3247, To provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, to clarify the purposes for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3247 was introduced by Representative Thomas Tancredo on October 2, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On May 20, 2004, H.R. 3247 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Resources, H.Rept. 108–511 pt. 1, and the bill was then sequentially referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. On that same date, the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On June 30, 2004, the Committee on the Judiciary reported the measure, amended, H.Rept. 108–511 pt. 2. On September 28, 2004, H.R. 3247 passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On September 29, 2004, the bill was received in the Senate with no further action being taken.

The Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act amends Federal laws to provide that any person who knowingly violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of such an Act or any regulations issued under such Act concerning the management, use, and protection of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands, National Park System (NPS) lands, National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) lands, and National Forest (NF) land shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, subject to fine and or imprisonment as provided under Federal criminal law.

The Act also set a minimum fine of \$500 for fire usage violations on BLM lands, National Park Systems lands, and National Forest System lands, if the violation was the result of reckless conduct, occurred in an area subject to a complete ban on open fires, and resulted in damage to public or private property.

H.R. 3514, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands and improvements associated with the National Forest System in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3514 was introduced by Representative John Peterson on November 18, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, 2004, H.R. 3514 was ordered reported, amended, by the Committee on Agriculture. On October 5, 2004, the measure passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 6, 2004, H.R. 3514 was received in the Senate with no further action being taken.

The Pennsylvania National Forest Improvement Act of 2003, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or convey six parcels of land from the Allegheny National Forest to local municipalities or private individuals. All of these parcels have been identified by

the Forest Service as outlying parcels that are not connected to the National Forest. Three of the parcels would be conveyed to local government agencies, allowing them to consolidate operations to better serve their communities. Proceeds from the land sold would be used to improve administrative sites and acquire in holdings from willing sellers.

H.R. 4503, To enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4503 was introduced by Representative Joe Barton on June 3, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and in addition to the committees on Science, Ways and Means, Resources, Education and the Workforce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, Agriculture, and the Budget. On June 14, 2004, H.R. 4503 passed the House, by a vote of 244 yeas to 178 nays. On June 16, 2004, H.R. 4503 was received in the Senate with no further action being taken.

The Energy Policy Act of 2004 included provisions crucial to the agriculture sector including the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and renewable energy tax provisions.

The measure allowed for RFS to increase over time the contribution of ethanol and biodiesel, a clean-burning alternative fuel made from domestic renewable fuel sources, to our Nation's fuel supply, so that by 2012, 5 billion gallons of renewable fuels would be required. The mandate would begin at 3.1 billion gallons in 2005.

It was estimated that the legislation, which would dramatically increase the use of renewable fuels, would reduce the Nation's trade deficit by more than \$34 billion, increase the GDP by \$156 billion by 2012, create more than 214,000 jobs throughout the entire economy, expand household income by an additional \$51.7 billion, increase net farm income nearly \$6 billion per year, create \$5.3 billion of new investment in renewable fuel production capacity and displace more than 1.6 billion barrels of oil.

Additionally, the measure extends the production tax credit for alternative fuels to producers of electricity from wind, biomass (including livestock waste nutrients), and methane derived from farm wastes.

The bill also has many provisions that allow for more domestic oil and natural gas exploration. (*Note.*— This bill is similar to H.R. 6, for further discussion, see H.R. 6 under “4. Bills Acted on by Both Chambers But Not Enacted.”)

H.R. 4617, To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4617 was introduced by Representative John Doolittle on June 18, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 8, 2004, H.R. 4617 was reported, amended, by the Committee on Resources, H.Rept. 108–666 pt. 1, and the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. On September 28, 2004, the measure passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On September 29, 2004, H.R. 4617 was received by the Senate with no further action being taken.

H.R. 4617 authorizes two land exchanges between private landowners and the U.S. Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Act provides for the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire two small tracts of land from two private landowners in the Tahoe National Forest. While the parcels are small enough to be exchanged under the Small Tracts Act, other antiquated limitations would prevent the exchange.

H.R. 4838, To establish a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps to provide a means by which young adults can carry out rehabilitation and enhancement projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, rehabilitation public land affected or altered by fires, and provide disaster relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4838 was introduced by Representative Greg Walden on July 15, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 28, 2004, H.R. 4838 passed the House, as amended, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On September 29, 2004, H.R. 4838 was received in the Senate with no further action being taken.

The Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Act of 2004 establishes a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps to be composed of young adults enrolled as members of a service and conservation corps covered by a contract or cooperative agreement to work on projects that prevent and suppress fires, rehabilitate public land affected by fires, and provide disaster relief. The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts or cooperative agreements directly with any service and conservation corps or State department of natural resources, agriculture, or forest to carry out such projects.

The Act also directs the Secretaries to give priority to certain projects that will reduce hazardous fuels on public lands, restore public land affected or threatened by disease or insect infestation, rehabilitate public land affected or altered by fires, assess public land at high risk of reburn, and address public land located near a municipal watershed and water supply.

H.R. 5042, To amend the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944 to ensure that the dependents of employees of the Forest Service stationed in Puerto Rico receive a high-quality elementary and secondary education.

H.R. 5042 was introduced by Representative Anibal Acevedo-Vila on September 9, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, 2004, H.R. 5042 was ordered reported, without amendment, by the Committee on Agriculture. On October 5, 2004, the measure passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote. On October 6, 2004, H.R. 5042 was received in the Senate with no further action being taken.

H.R. 5042 amends the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay for expenses related to the education of certain dependents of Forest Service employees stationed in Puerto Rico. Those expenses would include tuition at primary and secondary schools and the cost of transporting students to those schools. The measure specifies that the Forest

Service could use any funds available to the agency to pay for those costs, including permanently appropriated funds.

Other Bills

Several bills acted on by other authorizing committees, but not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture, were enacted with provisions relating to matters within the committee's jurisdiction. Following are abbreviated summaries of these bills, including some of the relevant provisions:

Legislative Matters

H.R. 108, To amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act.

H.R. 108 was introduced by Representative J.D. Hayworth on January 7, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Resources. On April 8, 2004, H.R. 108 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a vote of 406 yeas to 8 nays. On April 9, 2003, H.R. 108 was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with no further action being taken.

H.R. 108 amends the Education Land Grant Act to require that the Forest Service pay the cost for all action required under the National Environmental Policy Act with respect to conveyance under the Education Land Grant Act. Additionally, both the conveyance of land under this Act and the forest plan amendment requires an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act. The Act and the interim Forest Service manual are silent on who bears the cost of the environmental analysis. H.R. 108 requires the Forest Service to bear the full cost of environmental analysis.

Appropriation Matters

H.R. 4568, Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4568 was introduced and reported as an original measure by Mr. Taylor of the Committee on Appropriations, H.Rept. 108-542, on June 15, 2004. On June 16, 2004, the measure passed the House, as amended by a vote of 334 yeas to 86 nays. Also on that date, two points of order were sustained that were brought up by Chairman Goodlatte against the bill that constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. On June 21, 2004, H.R. 4568 was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations with no further action being taken.

The House-passed bill further reduced Forest Service Land Acquisition from last year's \$67 million to \$15.5 million, a 77 percent reduction.

The House passed bill retained (in the Administrative Provisions) a funding limitation preventing the Forest Service from paying salaries or expenses related to the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP). Chairman Goodlatte had language that would have cancelled \$40 million in mandatory funding for FLEP struck from

the bill on a point of order when the bill was considered on the floor of the House.

The House passed bill (Sec. 317) amends the Knutson-Vandenberg Act (Act of June 9, 1930, 16 USC 576(b)) to allow the Secretary to determine that receipts should be made available for fire suppression costs before they are determined to be "excess" and returned to the Treasury. Previous practice by the Forest Service had created questions about whether the Forest Service "owed" prior year receipts to the Treasury because they should have been declared "excess" under the K-V Act.

Section 331 of the measure requires more detailed reporting to Congress on competitive sourcing studies conducted by the Forest Service, and restricts the application of competitive sourcing studies to activities with substantial potential to reduce costs.

Title IV of the measure provided an additional \$400 million for emergency wildfire suppression activities, and, if not used for that purpose, to reimburse appropriated funds diverted to fire suppression in previous fiscal years.

Section 402 of the passed bill prohibited the use of funds to plan, design, or construct forest roads on the Tongass National Forest in Alaska if such roads were necessary in order to conduct timber sales. (*Note.*— For further action, see the discussion of Public Law 108–447 (H.R. 4818) under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law")

H.R. 4766, Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4766 was introduced and reported as an original measure by Mr. Bonilla of the Committee on Appropriations, H.Rept. 108–584, on July 7, 2004. On July 13, 2004, the bill passed the House by a vote of 389 yeas to 31 nays. On July 22, 2004, H.R. 4766 was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations with no further action being taken.

This Act provided \$83.1 billion for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies and programs. Broken down, it provided: 1) \$16.5 billion for Commodity Credit Corporation; 2) \$1.3 billion for the Agricultural Research Service; 3) \$1 billion for the Farm Service Agency; 4) \$814 million for conservation activities; 5) \$825 million for the Food Safety and Inspection Service; 6) \$814 million for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; 7) \$34 billion for the food stamp program; 8) \$11.4 billion for child nutrition programs; 9) \$4.9 billion for Special Supplemental Nutrition Programs for Women, Infants and Children; and 10) \$1.18 billion for the Food for Peace Program.

This Act also: rejected an administration proposal to fund technical assistance for two mandatory conservation programs with a new fiscal year 2005 discretionary account; provided funding increases for animal and plant pest and disease surveillance and eradication, including an expansion in funding of \$20 million and oversight for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) activities; reduced spending for discretionary rural development programs by \$86 million, but provided \$152 million more than the administration request; prohibited FDA from using funds to enforce the current statute that bans importation of prescription drugs by parties other than drug companies; and prohibited USDA employees from implementing a tobacco quota buyout program if the buyout pay-

ments are from appropriated funds. (*Note.*— For further discussion see P.L. 108–447 (H.R. 4818) under “1. Bills Enacted into Law”)

H.R. 5212, Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, for additional disaster assistance relating to storm damage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5212 was introduced by Representative Bill Young on October 5, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and in addition to the Committee on the Budget. On October 6, H.R. 5212 passed the House, amended, by a vote of 412 yeas to 0 nays. On October 7, 2004, H.R. 5212 was received by the Senate with no further action being taken.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Hurricane Disasters Assistance Act of 2005 included language that would provide disaster assistance to producers affected by weather related disasters across the country. The provision contained offsets that impose a cap on spending for the Conservation Security Program (CSP). However, the language stipulated that producers could not received disaster assistance that exceeds 95 percent of the crop’s worth absent the disaster.

Similar disaster assistance was included in the Senate version of H.R. 4567, fiscal year 2005 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. (*Note.*— For further action, see the discussion of Public Law 108–324 (H.R. 4837) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

6. House Resolutions Approved

H. Res. 261, Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the efforts of organizations such as Second Harvest to provide emergency food assistance to hungry people in the United States, and encouraging all Americans to provide volunteer services and other support for local antihunger advocacy efforts and hunger relief charities, including food banks, food rescue organizations, food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency shelters.

H. Res. 261 was introduced by Representative Frank Wolf on June 5, 2005 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, 2004, H. Res. 261 was ordered reported, without amendment, by the Committee on Agriculture. On October 5, 2004, the measure passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote.

This resolution recognizes the efforts of community-and faith-based groups such a Second Harvest to recover surplus food from restaurants and other facilities and donate it to local soup kitchens. These efforts play an important role in combating hunger which afflicts many American, particularly children.

H. Res.481,Recognizing the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs to efforts to decrease hunger and help feed those in need.

H. Res. 481 was introduced by Representative Phil Gingrey on December 8, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, 2004, H. Res. 481 was ordered reported, without amendment, by the Committee on Agriculture. On October, 5, 2004, the measure passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote.

This resolution recognizes and encourages Hunters for the Hungry programs. These are voluntary, cooperative efforts among hunt-

ers, sportsmen's associations, meat processors, State meat inspectors, and hunger relief organizations to help feed those in need.

Other Resolutions:

Several other resolutions acted on by other authorizing committees, but not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture, were enacted with provisions relating to matters within the committee's jurisdiction. Following are abbreviated summaries of these bills, including some of the relevant provisions:

H. Res. 252, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the United States in its efforts within the World Trade Organization (WTO) to end the European Union's protectionist and discriminatory trade practices of the past 5 years regarding agricultural biotechnology.

H. Res. 252 was introduced by Representative Roy Blunt on May 22, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. On June 10, 2003, H. Res. 252 passed the House, amended, under suspension of the rules by a vote of 339 yeas to 80 nays.

This resolution supports and applauds the efforts of the administration on behalf of the Nation's farmers and ranchers, and sound science by challenging the long-standing, unwarranted moratorium imposed in the European Union on agriculture and food biotech products. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under "D. Oversight. Summary for June 17, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–9.")

H. Res. 425, Recognizing and honoring the firefighters and other public servants who responded to the October 2003, historically devastating, outbreak of wildfires in Southern California.

H. Res. 425 was introduced by Representative Susan Davis on October 30, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Government Reform. On November 5, 2003, H. Res. 425 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote.

H. Res. 425 commends the firefighters and public servants who participated in responding to the October 2003 wildfires in southern California for their dedicated service to the people of California.

7. Bills Reported to the House But Not Considered

H.R. 1038, To increase the penalties to be imposed for a violation of fire regulations applicable to the public lands, National Park System lands, or National Forest System lands when the violation results in damage to public or private property, to specify the purpose for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1038 was introduced by Representative Thomas Tancredo on February 27, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Resources and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On July 17, 2003, H.R. 1038 was reported by the Committee on Resources, without amendment, H.Rept. 108–218 pt. 1, and the bill was sequentially referred to the Committee on the Judiciary until September 15, 2003. On September 10, 2003, the Committee on Resources filed a supplemental report, H.Rept. 108–218 pt. II. On September 15, 2003, the Committee on the Judiciary reported the measure, amended, H.Rept. 108–218 pt. III, and the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. No further action was taken.

The Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003 amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to increase to \$1,000 the maximum fine for violations of public lands regulations to the fine as provided under current Federal criminal law with respect to lands under the Bureau of Land Management.

The measure also amends the National Park Service Organic Act, and other Federal laws concerning the National Forest System, to increase the maximum \$500 fines to \$10,000 for use and management violations with respect to national park and national forest lands.

The bill also amends such Acts to set a minimum fine of \$500 for fire usage violations on BLM public lands, National Park System lands, or National Forest System lands if the violation was the result of reckless conduct, occurred in an area subject to a complete ban on open fires, and resulted in damage to public or private property.

H.R. 3283, To improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and passes and for other purposes.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act was introduced by Representative Ralph Regula on October 8, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Resources and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On November 19, 2004, H.R. 3283 was reported, as amended, by the Committee on Resources, H.Rept. 108-790 pt. 1. On November 22, 2004, the Committee on Agriculture was granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than December 10, 2004. (*Note.*— For further discussion, see P.L. 108-447 (H.R. 4818) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

H.R. 3283 directs the Secretary of the Interior (with respect to the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation) and the Secretary of Agriculture (with respect to the Forest Service) to establish fair and equitable basic recreation fees, expanded recreation fees, and special recreation permit fees and guidelines identifying the process by which Federal land management agencies shall establish and change amounts charged for such fees.

Other Bills

One bill was reported by another authorizing committee, but not considered with provisions relating to matters within the Committee on Agriculture’s jurisdiction. Following is an abbreviated summary of the bill, including some of the relevant provisions.

H.R. 4264, To amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4264 was introduced by Representative Mark Green on May 4, 2004 and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. On October 7, 2004, H.R. 4264 was reported, amended, by the Committee on the Judiciary, H.Rept. 108-756. No further action was taken.

The Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2004 amends the Federal criminal code to make the buying selling, or transporting of animals for participation in animal fighting ventures felonies to be charged under Title 18 of the U.S. Code. It authorizes jail time of up to 2 years for violations of the Federal animal fighting law doubling the current misdemeanor penalty of up

to 1 year. Under current law, animal fighting prohibitions are misdemeanors under Title 7 of the U.S. Code.

8. Bills Defeated in the House

None.

9. Other Bills Acted on by the committee

H.R. 1907, to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to ensure that availability of funds to provide technical assistance for certain conservation programs of the Department of Agriculture.

H.R. 1907 was introduced by Representative Frank Lucas on May 1, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On June 17, 2003, the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit and Rural Development, and Research ordered reported the bill, amended, to the Full committee with no further action being taken.

H.R. 1907 amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to declare that certain funds reserved for technical assistance for the Farmland Protection Program, the Grassland Reserve Program, and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program shall be available only for the conservation program from which the funds were reserved and not for other specified programs. (*Note.*— See also the discussion for P.L. 108-498 (S. 2856) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

H.R. 3372, To designate the facility of the Agriculture Research Service of the Department of Agriculture located at State Highway 26 West in Poplarville, Mississippi, as the “Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory.”

H.R. 3372 was introduced by Representative Gene Taylor on October 21, 2003 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 23, 2004, H.R. 3372 was ordered reported, without amendment, by the Committee on Agriculture. In compliance with House rule XXII, clause 1(6), no further action was taken.

H.R. 3372 would designate the Agriculture Research Service facility in Poplarville, Mississippi as the “Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory.” This facility assists the Gulf Coast States in research and development of small fruits.

H.R. 4576, To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a voluntary program for the provision of country of origin information with respect to certain agricultural products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4576 was introduced by Chairman Bob Goodlatte on June 15, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On July 22, 2004, H.R. 4576 was ordered reported, without amendment, by the Committee on Agriculture. No further action was taken.

Under current law, the U.S. Department of Agriculture must require country of origin labels for fish sold in the U.S. by September 30, 2004, and for meat, vegetable, and fruit commodities by September 30, 2006. H.R. 4576 would replace those requirements with a voluntary labeling program. A person participating in the voluntary program would be required to use a label created by the Secretary of Agriculture and to follow specific requirements and definitions to label food as originating in the United States.

The measure also requires USDA to conduct a nationwide survey during the first year after enactment, and every 2 years thereafter, to evaluate whether consumers are able to determine the country of origin of fresh fruits and vegetables. Results of the survey and any recommendations for improving consumer awareness of the country of origin of fruits and vegetables would be reported to Congress. The Secretary of Agriculture would be authorized to assess labeling program participants a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for violations of the terms of the program. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summaries for June 26, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–12 and October 1, 2003 Hearing Serial No. 108–17.”)

H.R. 5120, To improve the operation and utilization of the United States National Arboretum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5120 was introduced by Representative Calvin Dooley on September 22, 2004 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 30, 2004, H.R. 5120 was ordered reported, amended, by the Committee on Agriculture. No further action was taken.

The U.S. National Arboretum Appreciation Act of 2004 requires the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a contract with the Friends of the National Arboretum, either through a sole-source contract or other method and authorize the Friends of the National Arboretum to act as an agent of the USDA to allow the use of the grounds and facilities of the National Arboretum by private persons and entities. The measure also provides guidelines for services related to planning and overseeing special events. (*Note.*— See also the discussion under “D. Oversight. Summary for October 21, 2003, Hearing Serial No. 108–19.”)

D. OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Agriculture and its subcommittees were active in their oversight functions, holding a number of oversight hearings both in the field and in Washington, DC during the course of the 108th Congress. The hearings related to the application, administration, and effectiveness of laws that lie within the committee’s jurisdiction as well as the organization and operation of the Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies having responsibility for the administration of such laws. The hearings often resulted in recommendations for improvements in the administration of the laws, regulations and policies in effect in the executive branch as they related to the committee’s jurisdiction. Information gathered at these hearings was useful in preparing legislation for consideration in the House of Representatives.

As part of its hearings, the committee and its subcommittees reviewed the way the particular Federal agency or department (usually the Department of Agriculture) administered existing laws related to the subject matter of the legislation before, or to be considered by, the committee. In some cases, legislation favorably reported to the House carries a termination date (a “sunset”) to ensure that in the future Congress will again review the effectiveness and the methods with which the executive branch of Government has carried out the letter and the spirit of that statute.

In keeping with the objective of the Oversight Plan as submitted to the Committee on Government Reform and House Administration, the committee and its subcommittees conducted the following chronological oversight hearings during the 108th Congress (*Note.*— To see a copy of the Oversight Plan as submitted, see “I. Summary of Organization, Jurisdiction, and Oversight Plan of the Committee on Agriculture.”):

Oversight hearings

March 26, 2003: Review of Artificial Barriers to United States Agricultural Trade and Foreign Food Assistance. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–1.

The committee held its first hearing on the issue of artificial barriers to U.S. trade and food aid, focusing on the European Union’s moratorium on agricultural biotechnology, and how it may have influenced some developing African countries, currently in the throes of a severe famine, to reject much needed U.S. food aid because the shipments contained corn produced with biotechnology. The witness testimony largely held that EU policy concerning biotechnology is not based on sound science, and is severely detrimental not only to U.S. farmers and ranchers but to those throughout the world who are in the grip of starvation.

April 10, 2003: Review the implementation of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–2.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the implementation of the 2002 farm bill that made several changes to agricultural policy, particularly the commodity title. The commodity programs continue the fixed direct payment and marketing loans for grains, cotton, and oilseeds. A new counter-cyclical assistance program was also implemented. Also under review by the subcommittee was the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 that was signed into public law under the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003. Under Secretary J.B. Penn of the Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture testified that the Direct Payment and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program was in place with benefits available to producers. In his testimony, Under Secretary Penn also discussed the distribution of disaster assistance to producers in areas struggling from multiple years of drought and highlighted efforts by the USDA to ensure efficient and timely delivery of assistance to producers. Foremost among these efforts was the launching of a new website which gives producers a single location to access information, find answers to frequently asked questions and submit suggestions. (*Note.*— For discussion of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, see P.L. 108–7 (H.J. Res. 2) under “I. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

May 20, 2003: Review of the state of the dairy industry. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry. Hearing Serial No. 108–4.

The purpose of this subcommittee hearing was to review the state of the Nation’s dairy industry and gather information to provide a sound basis for future dairy policy discussions. The subcommittee heard testimony from three panels of witnesses which included economists from both the USDA and academia, represent-

atives from dairy organizations, and producers representing different regions of the country.

May 21, 2003: Review of the status of the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations on Agriculture. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108-5.

Chairman Goodlatte emphasized that the voices of America's farmers and ranchers must be heard in the WTO negotiations. This hearing provided Members of the committee the opportunity to question USDA Secretary Ann Veneman and USTR Ambassador Robert Zoellick about the status of WTO negotiations on agriculture. Chairman Goodlatte recognized that for American farmers and ranchers, trade is an essential part of their livelihood and that the WTO negotiations offer an opportunity for the United States to increase agricultural exports. USDA Secretary Veneman, in prepared remarks, discussed the importance of export markets to agriculture and how past trade agreements have benefited agriculture before taking questions. Ambassador Zoellick centered his remarks around the position agricultural trade holds in the current U.S. trade strategy before discussing the major challenges that continue to exist.

(Note.— See also the discussion on P.L. 108-77 (H.R. 2783), P.L. 108-78 (H.R.2739), P.L. 108-286 (H.R. 4759) and P.L. 108-302 (H.R. 4842) under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law")

May 22, 2003: Review of the financial condition of crop insurance and the implementation of the Agriculture at Risk Protection Act. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108-6.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the financial state of the Crop Insurance Program, specifically, the affect of the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) has had on the program. The ARPA was passed to reform and improve the Crop Insurance Program, while reducing the participation cost of farmers. The subcommittee heard from four witnesses including Dr. Keith Collins, USDA Chief Economist and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and Ronald Davidson, Administrator of the USDA Risk Management Agency.

June 4, 2003: Review of Conservation Technical Assistance and the Implementation of the Conservation Title of the 2002 farm bill. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. Hearing Serial No. 108-7.

The purpose of this hearing was to review current conservation technical assistance and the implementation of the Conservation Title of the 2002 farm bill. Subcommittee Chairman Lucas noted in his opening statement that all of the testimony the committee received concluded that the current technical assistance funding is not equitable. In comments addressing disagreements arising from the implementation of the Conservation Title of the 2002 farm bill, Chairman Lucas stated "It is up to this subcommittee to help keep the implementation process on track." Mr. Lucas maintained that the subcommittee "will make sure that the implementation process is fair and equitable." Testimony was received from three panels of witnesses. The panels included representatives from the USDA, producer organizations and environmental and conservation groups. *(Note.—* See also the discussion on P.L. 108-498 (S. 2856) "1. Bills Enacted Into Law")

June 5, 2003: Review of regulatory and enforcement activity since the passage of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–8.

The Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management received the testimony of James Newsome, Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Chairman Newsome’s testimony focused on the regulatory and enforcement activity since the passage of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000. Chairman Newsome said, “I am excited by the remarkable changes we have seen in just the short time since enactment of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act.”

June 17, 2003: Review of biotechnology in agriculture. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 108–9.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the status of biotechnology in U.S. agriculture. The subcommittee focused specifically on the active role the Federal Government has taken in regulating genetically modified foods and plants. Testimony was received from a panel of three witnesses; each witness represented a Federal agency with regulatory responsibility over biotechnology. The hearing conveniently followed the passage of H. Res. 252 by the House of Representatives. In his opening statement Chairman Lucas noted that during the debate on H. Res. 252 statements were made which “erroneously suggested that products of biotechnology were not regulated.”

Regarding the concerns of many in the agricultural community over the seeming lack of progress by the FDA to publish a final decision on pre-market notification, Chairman Goodlatte asked the USDA witness if it would be feasible for APHIS to formalize a consultation process with the FDA to ensure that the FDA is notified of the availability of an agricultural biotechnology product prior to commercialization. The USDA witness responded that this was a viable method of dealing with this issue and that the agency would be considering this approach as part of their ongoing review of their regulatory process. (*Note.*— See also the discussion of H. Res. 252 under “6. House Resolutions Approved.”)

June 18, 2003: Review of current Multilateral and Bilateral Agricultural Trade Negotiations. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–5.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the current state of multilateral and bilateral agricultural trade negotiations. In his opening statement Chairman Goodlatte said, “United States agriculture depends on exports and a vibrant trade policy is important to United States farmers and ranchers. We want to seek greater opportunity for our agricultural products and trade negotiations can make that possible.” The committee heard from three panels of witnesses representing commodity and producer groups. Among the testimony heard by the committee were concerns raised by Ernest Reeves. Reeves stated that “there is a concern that past negotiations have given more access than we have received. Future trade agreements must provide favorable access to for U.S. agricultural products.” (*Note.*— See also the discussion on P.L. 108–77 (H.R. 2783), P.L. 108–78 (H.R.2739), P.L. 108–286 (H.R. 4759) and P.L. 108–302 (H.R. 4842) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law.”)

June 19, 2003: Review of the implementation of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–8.

This hearing focused on the implementation of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act, (CFMA) market changes since the passage of the Act, and recent developments in the futures industry. The subcommittee heard testimony from the Chairmen of both the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, in addition to executives representing the New York Mercantile Exchange and several industry associations.

June 21, 2003: Review of proposals to ban packer ownership of livestock. Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture Field Hearing. Hearing Serial No. 108–10.

The purpose of this hearing was to discuss proposals to ban packer ownership of livestock and to hear the comments from both packers and producers. The 2002 farm bill encouraged hearings such as this one to discuss the many differing viewpoints regarding a ban of packer ownership of livestock. Chairman Hayes, in his opening statement, acknowledged, “In convening this hearing, and taking time to listen to folks who would be directly impacted by such proposals, we are honoring the intent of the farm bill, and we have begun a helpful dialog.”

June 25, 2003: Review of the Department of Agriculture’s Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–11.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the USDA’s Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. Chairman Goodlatte remarked that “Funding for distance learning and telemedicine services are having a positive impact on many residents in our rural areas.” The committee first discussed the program with Tom Dorr, USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development, before participating in a live telemedicine and distance learning demonstration.

June 26, 2003: Hearing to review mandatory country of origin labeling. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–12.

Three panels of witnesses, totaling fifteen witnesses, testified and responded to questions regarding the 2002 farm bill’s mandatory country of origin labeling provision. The committee heard from the administration, producers, packers, processors and retailers, in an effort to gauge concerns and possible problems developing during the programs voluntary stage. Chairman Goodlatte stated that “testimony at today’s hearing underscored that there is still a lack of consensus about what the law says, how it should be implemented, and whether or not it will ultimately do more harm than good.” (*Note.*— See also the discussion of H.R. 4576 under “9. Other Bills Acted on by the committee.”)

July 10, 2003: Review of crop insurance products available for specialty crop producers. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–13.

The first in a series of subcommittee hearings reviewing crop insurance, the purpose of this hearing was to review the availability of crop insurance products to producers of specialty crops, specifically in the eastern United States. Chairman Moran expressed a concern of the subcommittee. “Despite significant progress, it can still be difficult for producers to obtain coverage for their particular crops” he said. The subcommittee heard from a panel of four wit-

nesses representing growers and State administrators. The subcommittee plans to continue to hold hearings reviewing crop insurance by region and commodity.

July 22, 2003: Hearing to review Geographical Indications and the World Trade Organization's agricultural negotiations. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108-5.

The purpose of the hearing was to review the issue of geographical indications and the potential effect of proposals by countries in the World Trade Organization (WTO) agricultural negotiations on United States agriculture and food exports. Chairman Goodlatte noted that, if adopted, the European Union's proposals would "severely impact our domestic producers and consumers while simultaneously undermining valuable intellectual property rights." The committee heard from two panels of witnesses. During the hearing Jon W. Dudas, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, stated concerns regarding "systematic discrimination" that U.S. geographical indicator owners face in the EU. The second panel consisted of several witnesses whose products are affected by geographical indications policy, including representatives from the Idaho Potato Commission, Kraft Food North America, and Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. among others. (*Note.*— See also the discussion on P.L. 108-77 (H.R. 2783), P.L. 108-78 (H.R.2739), P.L. 108-286 (H.R. 4759) and P.L. 108-302 (H.R. 4842) under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law")

July 23, 2002: Hearing to review the 2002 Wildfire Season and the Wildfire Threats of the 2003 Season. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108-14.

Congress has appropriated over half a billion dollars over the last three fiscal years to reduce hazardous fuel loads on the National Forests, and has increased other fire suppression and operations funding as well. The purpose of the hearing was to explore what administrative barriers are preventing timely fuels treatment, and provided an opportunity to examine the on-the-ground impact of catastrophic fires, insect, and disease outbreaks on public lands on States, counties and private landowners. The committee heard from two panels of witnesses. The first panel featured Mark E. Rey, the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment at the USDA. The second panel included representatives from State and local governments that are affected by the administration of public forests.

August 19, 2003: Review of Crop Insurance and the Commodity Programs. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108-13.

This was the second hearing conducted in a series of hearings to review crop insurance. However, this was a field hearing that heard first-hand from State and local agricultural leaders in Minnesota and North Dakota on how the results of the crop insurance reforms approved 3 years ago, along with new farm bill programs, have benefited their operations. In addition to discussing what is working well, the subcommittee heard testimony on how the program might be improved to better serve the farmers of the region, as well as their lenders and insurance agents.

September 24, 2003: Review of Crop Insurance for Program Crops. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–13.

This hearing was the third in a series of hearings to review crop insurance by commodity and region. This hearing provided an overview of the crop insurance program for commodity crops, including corn, cotton, grain sorghum, soybeans, and wheat grown primarily in the midwest, southeast, and southwest areas of the U.S. The hearing also focused on the availability of insurance products and adequate coverage levels, changes that have been made as a result of implementing of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act, and improvements that could enhance the ability of crop insurance to better manage risk for producers.

October 1, 2003: Review of mandatory country of origin labeling. Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture. Hearing Serial No. 108–17.

The 2002 farm bill as amended contained language that will require retailers to provide country of origin labeling (COOL) on fresh fruits and vegetables, red meats, seafood, and peanuts beginning September 30, 2004. Until then the program is voluntary. The purpose of this hearing was to focus on how the implementation of the law could specifically affect the fruit, vegetable, fish and peanut industries. (*Note.*— See also the discussion of H.R. 4576 under “9. Other Bills Acted on by the committee”)

October 2, 2003: Review of Crop Insurance for Specialty Crop Producers. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–13.

This was the second hearing on crop insurance coverage for specialty crops in a series of hearings on crop insurance. The hearing focused on additional issues for non-commodity agriculture including apples, sweet potatoes, and floral products. Three witnesses testified before the subcommittee as to how crop insurance is an increasingly important part of the risk management strategy for many farmers.

October 16, 2003: To examine new generation cooperatives and strategies to maximize farm and ranch income. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–18.

The focus of this hearing was to examine how traditional cooperatives sustain themselves during the rapidly changing and globalizing agricultural economy and to learn more about the new structures of farmer associations that are working to maximize economic returns to the U.S. agriculture industry. Twelve witnesses testified before the committee including producers who are seeking new business structures that may abandon the traditional cooperative model and seek outside investors who may have an interest in the community where the operation is located but otherwise are looking for a reasonable return on their investment.

October 21, 2003: Review the U.S. National Arboretum. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry. Hearing Serial No. 108–19.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the U.S. National Arboretum, including its public facilities and research missions. Two panels testified before the subcommittee including the Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen, Chairman of the District of Columbia Appropriations Subcommittee, Dr. Rodney J. Brown, Deputy Under

Secretary for Research, Education and Economics of USDA, and Ms. Tuckie Westfall, Chairwoman of the Friends of the National Arboretum.

On September 22, 2004, H.R. 5120 was introduced by Representative Calvin Dooley and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On September 30, 2004, H.R. 5120 was ordered reported, as amended by the Committee on Agriculture. (*Note.*— For further discussion, see H.R. 5120 under “9. Other Bills Acted on by the committee”)

November 5, 2003: Review domestic policies affecting the specialty crop industry. Subcommittee Livestock and Horticulture. Hearing Serial No. 108–20.

The purpose of this hearing was to review domestic policies that affect the U.S. produce industry ranging from conservation, research, and market access to marketing orders and risk management tools. The subcommittee heard from eight representatives of the fruit and vegetable sector on a variety of critical issues including the implementation of the 2002 farm bill, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and the 2001 Economic Assistance Package which included specialty crop State block grants.

On October 2, 2003, H.R. 3242 was introduced by Representative Doug Ose and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means. On September 30, 2004, H.R. 3242 was ordered reported, as amended by the Committee on Agriculture. (*Note.*— See also the discussion on P.L. 108–465 (H.R. 3242) “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

November 6, 2003: Review the application for contract market designation of the United States Futures Exchange LLC before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–21.

The purpose of this hearing was to review EUREX’s pending application for designation as a U.S. futures exchange. With the passage of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act (P.L. 106–554), exchanges, both new and old, have been able to bring innovative ideas to the marketplace, while compelling the Commission to define anew its charge to preserve the integrity of markets. Seven witnesses testified before the committee that provided insight on the new regulatory approval process.

December 1, 2003: Review crop insurance and commodity programs. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–13.

This was the second field hearing in a series of hearings to review of crop insurance. The purpose of this field hearing was to hear from State and local agricultural leaders and producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas on crop insurance reforms that were enacted 3 years ago, along with new farm bill programs, and how they have benefited their operations. In addition to understanding what is working well, the subcommittee heard testimony on how the program might be improved to better serve the farmers of the region, as well as their lenders and insurance agents.

January 21, 2004: Review USDA’s Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Response. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–22.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the USDA’s response to the discovery of a Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)

positive cow in the U.S. The committee heard from Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, marking the first time she had testified on Capitol Hill since the discovery. The committee commended the Secretary and USDA for their diligent work in maintaining public confidence; however, the committee questioned USDA's announcement regarding non-ambulatory, or "downer" cattle, saying that it had failed to address important questions. Among the concerns raised was what happens to these animals when they do not move forward in the food production system. Prior to the announcement, non-ambulatory animals were the principle target of the U.S. BSE surveillance and testing regime. Had the current policy been in place previously, the U.S. would likely not have found the BSE-infected cow.

March 5, 2004: Review the development of USDA's animal identification program. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108-24.

This was a field hearing held at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, to review the development of the USDA's animal identification program. Animal identification has been at the forefront of policy discussions within the livestock sector and various proposals to implement a nationwide identification system have gained awareness since the December 23, 2003, discovery of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in Washington State. Since then, USDA has accelerated efforts to develop a national animal ID program.

Six witnesses testified before the committee including administration officials, representatives of one of the largest of livestock groups, and the hosts of the hearing, the International Livestock Congress.

March 11, 2004: Review the peanut program. Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs. Hearing Serial No. 108-25.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the peanut program. Congress made historic changes to the peanut program in the Farm Security Act of 2002. A 1930's depression era program was replaced with a peanut program for the 21st century. A supply management program that relied on quotas was replaced with a program that gives a safety net to producers while also giving them the freedom to make production choices that best suit them for each particular year.

Seven witnesses testified before the subcommittee including administration officials, and producers and growers who are familiar with all aspects of the peanut industry.

March 15, 2004: Review energy and the rural economy. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Forestry. Hearing Serial No. 108-26.

The purpose of this field hearing was to discuss the opportunities, challenges, and benefits of renewable energy, particularly the benefits it provides to rural America.

Seven witnesses appeared before the subcommittee and testified about how agriculture has gone through an amazing transformation, from working in the fields to feed their families to feeding the world. In the last few decades, agriculture has branched out into a whole host of new arenas that provide markets for American crops, create jobs for American workers, and offer new products for U.S. consumers as well as consumer around the world.

(*Note.*— See also the discussion of H.R. 6 under “4. Bills Act on by Both Chambers But Not Enacted”)

March 29, 2004: Review agricultural research. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. Hearing Serial No. 108–27.

The purpose of this field hearing was to review agriculture research and extension. The subcommittee heard from two panels of witnesses on how agricultural research is critical to the U.S. For example, in the 1960’s, one farmer supplied 25.8 people in the U.S. and abroad with their food. In 1994, one farmer supplied food for 129 people in the U.S. and abroad. The efficiency of U.S. farmers also benefits U.S. consumers. U.S. consumers spend approximately 9 percent of their income on food compared with 11 percent in the United Kingdom, 17 percent in Japan, 27 percent in South Africa, and 53 percent in India.

April 8, 2004: Review agricultural conservation. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 108–28.

The purpose of this field hearing was to review how agricultural conservation programs benefit agricultural producers in Hawaii. Hawaii has a long and diverse history of agricultural products. The fact that fruits, rice, hogs, cattle, nuts, coffee beans, sugarcane, forestry products, flowers and nursery products either are or have been major agricultural products show just a glimpse of how necessary conservation programs are to give producers the tools to grow crops in an environmentally sound manner. Six witnesses testified on how the 2002 farm bill greatly increased conservation funding and that in fiscal year 2003, Hawaii received 37 EQIP contracts worth over \$2.1 million but that there were still many contracts left unfunded.

April 28, 2004: To Review Agricultural Trade Negotiations. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–29.

The purpose of this hearing was to review agricultural trade negotiations during which only Administrative witnesses testified. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick assured the committee that they will consult with and keep Members of the committee fully informed of all activities related to the recent decision in the WTO trade dispute filed by Brazil against the U.S. Additionally they will aggressively pursue all possible appeals in the case so that the U.S. can maintain its farm programs that were designed to be and are fully consistent with the WTO obligations. (*Note.*— See also the discussion on P.L. 108–77 (H.R. 2783), P.L. 108–78 (H.R.2739), P.L. 108–286 (H.R. 4759) and P.L. 108–302 (H.R. 4842) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

May 19, 2004: To Review Agricultural Trade Negotiations. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–29.

This was the second in a series of hearings related to agricultural trade negotiations during which the committee heard from farmers and ranchers who are most affected by agricultural trade. Testifying before the committee were 15 groups including, but not limited to, the National Chicken Council, National Cotton Council, National Farmers Union, National Milk Producers, and National Cattlemen’s Beef Associations. Discussion focused on many trade issues confronted by the agricultural sector that restrict and even

halt U.S. exports. It was noted that the future strength of agricultural economy in the U.S. will depend on expanding trade opportunities. Thus, the committee was urged to help ensure real and broad-based market access along with careful consideration of regional and multilateral negotiations. (*Note.*— See also the discussion on P.L. 108–77 (H.R. 2783), P.L. 108–78 (H.R.2739), P.L. 108–286 (H.R. 4759) and P.L. 108–302 (H.R. 4842) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

May 20, 2004: Review the second anniversary of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and its impact on the farm economy. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–30.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, a comprehensive law that attempted to return income stability to U.S. farmers and ranchers. The subcommittee heard from high level officials from the USDA, as well as national farm and commodity organizations on the policies within the legislation as well as the performance of the programs.

June 2, 2004: To Review the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–31.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine the programs and financial products of the Federal Agriculture Mortgage Corporation. The hearing also focused on an October 2003 report from the General Accounting Office entitled, “Farmer Mac: Some Progress Made, but Greater Attention to Risk Management, Mission, and Corporate Governance Is Needed.” In this report, GAO made observations about Farmer Mac’s operations, and point to several issues of relevance to the committee in terms of Farmer Mac’s mission and management. In addition to GAO, the committee heard from the Farm Credit Administration, which over the last several months has increased examination and supervision of Farmer Mac’s management and board activities as well as its portfolio of agricultural real estate loans and acquired property, and from the Farmer Mac’s Board Chairman and President.

June 15, 2004: To Review the implementation of the Conservation Title of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. Hearing Serial No. 108–32.

The Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research convened a hearing to review implementation of the farm bill conservation programs. Many of the programs assist farmers in accomplishing significant improvements in environmental quality. These programs are critical tools for the long-term conservation of soil, water, and wildlife habitat that also ensure a sound financial base for agriculture. Discussion involved how the commitments by agriculture supporters to environmental protection and improvement are constantly being reshaped by dynamic forces and pressures at the local, state, national and international level. Several witnesses expressed concerns about continued funding of conservation programs. Witnesses also provided suggestions to move the needle and go beyond the basics to achieve the full potential of the 2002 farm bill. (*Note.*— See also the discussion on P.L. 108-498 (S. 2856) “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

June 16, 2004: To Review Iraqi Agriculture, from Oil for Food to the future of Iraqi production agriculture and trade. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–33.

The purpose of this hearing was to focus on the successful food assistance operation that enabled the U.S. and the World Food Program to feed 26 million Iraqis during the transition from Saddam's Iraq to a free Iraq. Even though the food assistance to Iraq was provided temporarily during the transition last summer, the importance and effectiveness of the U.S. Food Aid Program in preventing disruption to the food supply and keeping the needy fed is clear. USAID is working toward implementation of both short and long-term interventions which link agricultural development, trade and food aid in order to promote food security. In addition, the committee wanted to receive an update on the investigations into the Oil for Food Program while facilitating discussion about the future of Iraqi production agriculture and trade. Compared to many other countries in the region, Iraq has significant water resources. Since the arrival of U.S. forces in Iraq, miles of irrigation, canals and ditches have been restored. Thus, increased agricultural production is likely in 2004.

June 23, 2004: To Review How Products of Biotechnology are Used in Agriculture. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 108–34.

The Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Research and Rural Development held a hearing to review the importance of new technology and its impact on agricultural input costs and techniques. Witnesses aptly pointed out how certain events such as trade restrictions have caused domestic usage of biotechnology to ebb and flow at times. Witnesses also discussed current and future products that are in the research pipelines. Biotechnology has made significant contributions to the enhanced production of key commodities such as corn, soybeans, cotton and canola. Biotechnology also offers the ability to improve the quality and enhance the nutritional content of various foods. Congress was urged to continue to dismantle any non-scientific-based trade barriers that would seek to restrict trade of commodities produced with biotechnology and promote trade agreements that guarantee the free and open trade of our agricultural products, whether produced through traditional or newer methods.

July 14, 2004: To Review USDA's Expanded BSE Cattle Surveillance Program. Full committee Joint Hearing. Hearing Serial No. 108–39.

The House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Government Reform held a joint hearing to review the USDA's expanded Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) cattle surveillance program. The purpose of the hearing was to examine USDA's recently implemented expanded surveillance plan and USDA's efforts to detect the prevalence of BSE in the U.S. cattle population. The U.S. developed and implemented an active surveillance program for BSE in 1990. The USDA's improved surveillance programs are intended to take a snapshot of the Nation's cattle herd; a baseline from which prevalence of BSE can be determined. The surveillance in the U.S. is designed to sample those cattle where BSE would most likely occur (most susceptible) and where the disease would most likely be detected. Congress wants to ensure that

the USDA has the tools and resources necessary to ensure the American beef supply stays BSE free and the cattle markets remain stable.

July 20, 2004: To Review Implementation of the Forest Land Enhancement Program. Hearing Serial No. Full committee. 108–35.

The Full committee held an oversight hearing to review the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP), which was authorized in the 2002 farm bill, but has thus far received only \$20 million of the \$100 million in mandatory funds authorized. Congress has long recognized the importance of private forest lands to the Nation's fiber supply, as well as important sources of other forest values such as wildlife habitat, water quality, recreation, and open space. The intent of FLEP was to create a flexible companion program to the Forest Stewardship program that would utilize the existing State Stewardship committees to identify a range of needed forest conservation and productivity practices that most efficiently met the needs of each state. Program implementation has in effect come to a stop since funds have dried up. This situation has left forest landowners frustrated, and states facing requests for assistance that far exceeded even the funding that was available before the funds were diverted for other purposes. (*Note.*— See also the discussion on P.L. 108–447 (H.R. 4818) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

July 21, 2004: To Review the Federal Crop Insurance System. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Hearing Serial No. 108–36.

The Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to address problems concerning the current crop insurance system in regard to affordable coverage, multi-year losses, and other key factors that have affected producers. The hearing was intended to consider ways to improve the effectiveness of the crop insurance system as a risk management tool for producers.

July 22, 2004: To Review USDA's National Animal Identification System. Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture. Hearing Serial No. 108–24.

The Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to discuss the National Animal Identification System. Because the ability to track “at-risk” cattle has become a major concern for the government, consumers, and industry alike, national animal identification was propelled onto the fast track towards implementation. Testimony included witnesses who have worked on a regional basis with producers, the livestock industry, State animal health officials, and USDA officials on how to begin identifying animals.

July 26, 2004: To Review the Endangered Species Act and its Impact on Agricultural Producers. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. Hearing Serial No. 108–37.

The Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to discuss the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and its impact on agriculture. The ESA was intended to restore populations of species at risk from becoming extinct. However, ESA can play a critical role in how farmers and ranchers do business in the very near future. ESA places restrictions on how agricultural producers can use their property in order to protect

plants and animals deemed endangered or threatened. Farmers and ranchers face fines and imprisonment for even the most basic farm practices if Federal regulators believe such actions would disturb the endangered species. Witnesses provided suggestions to Congress on how to improve the ESA. First witness asserted, the statute should require the formulation and publication of recovery goals to accompany any species listing proposal. Secondly, witnesses urged Congress to amend the standard of “best available scientific and commercial information” to require that the science be peer-reviewed.

August 17, 2004: To Review USDA’s National Animal Identification System. Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture. Hearing Serial No. 108–24.

This was a field hearing held in Fayetteville, NC. It was the second hearing held by the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture to review USDA’s National Animal Identification System (NAIS). In March 2004, the Full committee held a hearing to gain an understanding of USDA’s vision for a NAIS as well as hear from representatives of various producers groups. On July 22, 2004, the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing in Washington to review USDA’s progress toward implementing animal ID. Today, seven witnesses appeared before the subcommittee that included the administration as well as representatives of various State and national producer groups. Several witnesses expressed concerns with the cost of implementing a system, confidentiality, whether it will be a voluntary or mandatory program, which technology will be used, and making sure that this is not a “one size fits all” program.

September 29, 2004: Review the Farm Credit System. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 108–38.

Providing credit to America’s farmers and ranchers is a necessary and serious undertaking for many lenders in the U.S. This hearing provided a venue for discussion of the Farm Credit Act and its guidelines for a Farm Credit System Association that wishes to exit the Farm Credit System (FCS or the System). Recently, Farm Credit Services of America (FSCA), an institution of the FCS, initiated procedures to terminate its involvement in the System. Eight witnesses appeared before the subcommittee and testified on the many challenges facing agriculture and rural America today that raise the question of whether there should be modifications to the System’s chartering legislation in order to enhance agricultural and rural economies of the future.

2. Legislative Oversight

April 30, 2003: Review of H.R. 1904 the President’s Healthy Forests Initiative. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–3.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the President’s proposed Healthy Forests Initiative. In preparation for the upcoming 2003 fire season the committee focused on this high priority legislation which would allow Federal agencies to reduce the risk to U.S. forest and rangelands from catastrophic wildfire, disease and infestation through better management. The committee received testimony from eight individuals including representatives from the USDA, Department of the Interior, Forest Service, among others.

(*Note.*— For further discussion, see P.L. 108–148 (H.R. 1904) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”)

January 28, 2004: Review the potential impact of recent temporary guest worker proposals on the agriculture sector. Full committee. Hearing Serial No. 108–23.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the potential impact of recent temporary guest worker proposals on the agriculture sector. The committee heard from three panels of witnesses representing the major sections of the agriculture industry, as well as witnesses representing the views of those concerned with the U.S. immigration policy.

On November 21, 2003, H.R. 3604 was introduced by Chairman Bob Goodlatte and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 3604 was a bipartisan bill designed to reform the H–2A guest worker program and to streamline the labor certification process while also creating a wage standard that is more fair.

E. PRINTED HEARINGS (BY SUBJECT)

ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS TO UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND FOREIGN FOOD ASSISTANCE. Full committee. March 26, 2003. Serial No. 108–1

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT OF 2002 AND AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2003. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. April 10, 2003. Serial No. 108–2

PRESIDENT’S HEALTHY FORESTS INITIATIVE. Full committee. April 30, 2003. Serial No. 108–3

DAIRY INDUSTRY. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry. May 20, 2003. Serial No. 108–4

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE. Full committee. May 21, June 18, July 22, 2003. Serial No. 108–5

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CROP INSURANCE INDUSTRY. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. May 22, 2003. Serial No. 108–6

CONSERVATION TITLE OF THE FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT OF 2002. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. June 4, 2003. Serial No. 108–7

COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. June 5, 19, 2003. Serial No. 108–8

BIOTECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. June 17, 2003. Serial No. 108–9

PROPOSALS TO BAN PACKER OWNERSHIP OF LIVESTOCK. Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture. June 21, 2003 (Grand Island, NE). Serial No. 108–10

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE’S DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM. Full committee. June 25, 2003. Serial No. 108–11

MANDATORY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING. Full committee. June 26, 2003. Serial No. 108–12

REVIEW CROP INSURANCE FOR SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. July 10, August 19 (Ada, MN), September 24, October 2, and December 1, 2003 (Lubbock, TX). Serial No. 108-13

2002 WILDFIRE SEASON AND THE WILDFIRE THREATS OF THE 2003 SEASON. Full committee. July 23, 2003. Serial No. 108-14

TOBACCO QUOTA BUYOUT. Full committee. July 24, 2003. Serial No. 108-15

OPERATIONS OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry. July 24, 2003. Serial No. 108-16

MANDATORY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING, Part II. Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture. October 1, 2003. Serial No. 108-17

NEW GENERATION COOPERATIVES AND STRATEGIES TO MAXIMIZE FARM AND RANCH INCOME. Full committee. October 16, 2003. Serial No. 108-18

UNITED STATES NATIONAL ARBORETUM. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry. October 21, 2003. Serial No. 108-19

DOMESTIC POLICIES AFFECTING THE SPECIALTY CROP INDUSTRY. Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture. November 5, 2003. Serial No. 108-20

APPLICATION FOR CONTRACT MARKET DESIGNATION OF THE UNITED STATES FUTURES EXCHANGE LLC BEFORE THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION. Full committee. November 6, 2003. Serial No. 108-21

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) RESPONSE. Full committee. January 21, 2004. Serial No. 108-22

TEMPORARY GUEST WORKER PROPOSALS ON THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR. Full committee. January 28, 2004. Serial No. 108-23

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM. Full committee. March 5, 2004 (Houston, TX). Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture. July 22 and August 17, 2004 (Fayetteville, NC). Serial No. 108-24

PEANUT PROGRAM. Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs. March 11, 2004. Serial No. 108-25

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE RURAL ECONOMY. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry. March 15, 2004 (Rochester, MN). Serial No. 108-26

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. March 29, 2004 (Athens, GA). Serial No. 108-27

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. April 8, 2004 (Hilo, HI). Serial No. 108-28

AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. Full committee. April 28, May 19, 2004. Serial No. 108-29

FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT OF 2002. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. May 20, 2004. Serial No. 108-30

FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION. Full committee. June 2, 2004. Serial No. 108-31

CONSERVATION TITLE OF THE FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT OF 2002. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. June 15, 2004. Serial No. 108-32

IRAQI AGRICULTURE: FROM OIL FOR FOOD TO THE FUTURE OF IRAQI PRODUCTION, AGRICULTURE, AND TRADE. Full committee. June 16, 2004. Serial No. 108-33

AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. June 23, 2004. Serial No. 108-34

FOREST LAND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. Full committee. July 20, 2004. Serial No. 108-35

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE SYSTEM. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. July 21, 2004. Serial No. 108-36

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. July 26, 2004 (Greeley, CO). Serial No. 108-37

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. September 29, 2004. Serial No. 108-38

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S BSE CATTLE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM. Full committee, joint with Committee on Government Reform. July 14, 2004. Serial No. 108-39

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108-3 PRESIDENT'S HEALTHY FORESTS INITIATIVE. Full committee. April 30, 2003.

108-4 STATE OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry. May 20, 2003.

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108-12 MANDATORY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING. Full committee. June 26, 2003.

108-13 CROP INSURANCE FOR SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. July 10, August 19 (Ada, MN), September 24, October 2, and December 1, 2003 (Lubbock, TX).

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108-33 IRAQI AGRICULTURE. Full committee. June 16, 2004.

108-34 AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. June 23, 2004.

108-35 FOREST LAND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. Full committee. July 20, 2004.

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108-37 ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. July 26, 2004 (Greeley, CO).

108-38 FARM CREDIT SYSTEM. Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research. September 29, 2004.

108-39 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S BSE CATTLE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM. Full committee, joint with Committee on Government Reform. July 14, 2004.

F. HEARINGS NOT PRINTED

Full committee. Open business meeting. Organizational meeting and approval by voice vote of Committee Oversight Plan for 108th Congress. February 12, 2003.

Full committee. Open business meeting. Approval by voice vote of budget views and estimates letter to be forwarded to the Committee on the Budget. Approval by voice vote of en bloc amendment to committee rules for the 108th Congress. February 26, 2003.

Full committee. Open business meeting. H.J. Res. 49, recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agriculture Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, ordered favorably reported to the House; and H.R. 1904, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, ordered favorably reported to the House. May 8, 2003.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research. Open business meeting. H.R. 1907, to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to ensure the availability of funds to provide technical assistance for certain conservation programs of the Department of Agriculture, ordered favorably reported to the full Committee on Agriculture. June 17, 2003. Full committee. Open business meeting. Without objection, House Committee on Agriculture findings, pursuant to section 301 of the Conference Report (H. Rept. 108-71) to accompany the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 2004 (H. Con. Res. 95), adopted and for-

warded to the House Committee on the Budget. September 10, 2003.

Full committee. Open business meeting. H.J. Res. 74, ordered favorably reported by voice vote; H.R. 1367, ordered favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote; H.R. 2304, ordered favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote; H.R. 3157, ordered favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote; and H.R. 3217, ordered favorably reported, by voice vote. October 29, 2003.

House-Senate Conference on Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003(H.R. 1904). Open conference meeting. Consideration of titles I-VI. November 20, 2003.

Full committee. Open business meeting. Approval by voice vote of budget views and estimates letter to be forwarded to the Committee on the Budget. March 3, 2004.

Full committee. Open business meeting. H.R. 4576, ordered favorably reported by voice vote. July 22, 2004.

Full committee. Open business meeting. H. Res. 261, ordered favorably reported by voice vote; H. Res. 481, ordered favorably reported by voice vote; H.R. 2119, ordered favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote; H.R. 2984, ordered favorably reported by voice vote; H.R. 3372, ordered favorably reported by voice vote; H.R. 3514, ordered favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote; H.R. 4569, ordered favorably reported by voice vote; H.R. 4620, ordered favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote; H.R. 5042, ordered favorably reported by voice vote; S. 33, ordered favorably reported by voice vote; and S. 1814, ordered favorably reported by voice vote. September 23, 2004.

Full committee. Open business meeting. H.R. 3242, ordered favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote; and H.R. 5102, ordered favorably reported, as amended, by voice vote. September 30, 2004.

G. COMMITTEE PRINTS

Special Orders in Tribute to the Honorable Larry Combest. Tuesday, May 19, 2003.

Ceremony Unveiling the Portrait of the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, June 25, 2003.

III. APPENDIX

A. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis: Testing of Rodeo Bulls Docket No. 01-095-2. Received December 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exceptions of RUS Operational Controls Under Section 306E of the RE Act (RIN: 0572-AB68) Received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Television Demonstration Grants; Definition of "rural area"

and new types of “eligible small and emerging private business enterprises” (RIN: 0570-AA36) Received December 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Extension of Timber Sale Contracts To Facilitate Urgent Timber Removal From Other Lands (RIN: 0596-AB48) Received December 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly; Addition of Regulated Area Docket No. 02–121–1. Received December 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Change in Disease Status of Great Britain With Regard to Foot-and-Mouth Disease Docket No. 01–018–4. Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Business and Industry Loans; Revision to Definition of Rural Area (RIN: 0570-AA38) Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review & Foreign Investment Disclosure Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Skip Row and Strip Crops (RIN: 0560-AG55) Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Decrease in Desirable Carryout Used to Compute Trade Demand Docket No. FV02–989–6 FIR. Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Change in the Minimum Maturity Requirements for Fresh Grapefruit Docket No. FVO2–905–2 FIR. Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Revision of Regulations for Determining Price Quotations for Spot Cotton. Doc. CN–01–004. (RIN: 0581-ACOO) Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

12—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Stall Reservations at Import Quarantine Facilities Docket No. 02–

024–1. Received December 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

13—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Demand Side Management and Renewable Energy Systems (RIN: 0572-AB65) Received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

14—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Possession, Use, and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins Docket No. 02–088–1. (RIN: 0579-AB47) Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

15—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Temporary Suspension of a Provision, and Extension of Certain Deadlines Under the Raisin Diversion Program Docket No. FV03–989–2 IFR. Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

16—January 7, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Carboxin; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP–2002–0326; FRL–7282–1. Received December 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

111—January 8, 2003; Letter from the Chief, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—2002 Farm Bill Regulations—Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments for Peanuts, Pulse Crops, Wheat, Feed Grains, Soybeans and Other Oilseeds (RIN: 0560-AG72) Received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

112—January 8, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Active and Inert Ingredients for Use in Antimicrobial Formulations (Food-Contact Surface Sanitizing Solutions). OPP–2002–0278; FRL–6824–2. Received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

113—January 8, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption. OPP–2002–0314; FRL–7281–2. Received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

114—January 8, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Pyrithiobac Sodium (sodium 2-chloro–6-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin–2-yl)thio.benzoate); Pesticide Tolerance. OPP–2002–0005; FRL–7279–5. Received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

115—January 8, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Cyromazine; Pesticide Tolerance.

OPP-2002-0237; FRL-7274-8. Received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

280—January 29, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Poultry Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Increase in Fees and Charges for Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading Docket No. PY-02-002. (RIN: 0581-AC10) Received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

331—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Termination of Designation of the State of Missouri With Respect to the Inspection of Meat and Meat Food Products and Poultry and Poultry Food Products Docket No. 00-052F. Received January 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

332—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketed in the United States and Termination of the Peanut Marketing Agreement and Associated Rules and Regulations Docket No. FV02-996-1 FIR. Received January 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

333—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV02-906-1 FIR. Received January 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

334—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Information Order; Termination. FV-02-710. Received January 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

335—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV02-989-7 FR. Received January 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

336—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mandatory Inspection of Ratites and Squabs Docket No. 01-045F. Received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

337—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Movement and Importation of Fruits and Vegetables Docket No. 00-059-1. Received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

338—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cold Treatment for Fresh Fruits; Port of Corpus Christi, TX Docket No. 00-068-3. Received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

339—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly; Regulated Areas Docket No. 02-129-1. Received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

340—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Increases in Fees for Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products Inspection Services—Fiscal Year 2002 Docket No. 01–019F. (RIN: 0583-AC89) Received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

341—January 31, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Use of Transglutaminase Enzyme and Pork Collagen as Binders in Certain Meat and Poultry Products Docket No. 01–016DF. Received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

441—February 4, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Termination of Designation of the State of Maine with Respect to the Inspection of Meat and Meat Food Products and Poultry and Poultry Food Products Docket No. 02–028F. Received January 28, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

442—February 4, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Urea; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP–2002–0277; FRL–7284–2. Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

443—February 4, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Urea: Revocation of Tolerance Exemptions. OPP–2 002–0276; FRL–7284–3. Received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

766—February 26, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting Agency's final rule—Lambda-cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP–2002–0335; FRL–7285–2. Received December 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

767—February 26, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP–2002–0303; FRL–7282–4. Received December 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

768—February 26, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—S-metolachor; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP–2002–0331; FRL–7283–2. Received December 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

785—February 27, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals). OPP–2002–0336; FRL–7284–8. Received January 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

924—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Imported Fire Ant; Additions to Quarantined Areas Docket No. 02–114–1. Received February 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

925—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Restrictions on the Use of Grain Origin-

nating in a Regulated Area Docket No. 01-118-2. Received February 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

926—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Interstate Movement of Gardenia From Hawaii Docket No. 01-042-2. Received February 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

927—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fruits and Vegetables From Hawaii Docket No. 00-052-2. Received February 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

928—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Milk in the Central Marketing Area; Interim Order Amending the Order Docket No. AO-313-A44; DA-01-07. Received February 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

929—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Areas: Order Amending the Orders Docket No. AO-14-A69, et al.: DA-00-03. Received February 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

930—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Exemption for Shipments of Tree Run Citrus Docket No. FV02-905-4 FIR. Received February 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

931—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Modifications to the Raisin Diversion Program Docket No. FV03-989-1IFR. Received February 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

932—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Additional Opportunity for Participation in 2002 Raisin Diversion Program Docket No. FV02-989-5 FIR. Received February 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

933—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Farm Service Agency, Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RIN: 0560-AE02) Received February 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

934—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Farm Loan Programs Account Servicing Policies-Reduction of Amortized Shared Appreciation Recapture Amortization Rate (RIN: 0560-AG43) Received February 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

935—March 5, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Depart-

ment's final rule—Importation of Used Farm Equipment From Regions Affected With Foot-and-Mouth Disease Docket No. 01–037–2. Received February 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

969—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco Loss Assistance Program 2001 (RIN: 0560-AG61) Received February 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

970—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Livestock Indemnity Program (RIN: 0560-AG33) Received February 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

971—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Chief, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hard White Wheat Incentive Program (RIN: 0560-AG71) Received February 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

972—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Apple Market Loss Assistance Payment Program III (RIN: 0560-AG85) Received February 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

973—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly; Addition of Regulated Area Docket No. 02–121–2. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

974—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—AQI User Fees: Extension of Current Fees Beyond Fiscal Year 2002 Docket No. 02–085–2. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

975—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exotic Newcastle Disease; Additions to Quarantined Area Docket No. 02–117–3. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

976—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Swine Health Protection Docket No. 03–008–1. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

977—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Remove Texas From Lists of States Approved to Receive Stallions and Mares From CEM-Affected Regions Docket No. 03–004–1. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

978—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exotic Newcastle Disease; Additions to Quarantined Area Docket No. 02–117–4. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

979—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's

final rule—Witchweed; Regulated Areas Docket No. 02-042-1. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

980—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Animal Health Protection Act; Revisions to Authority Citations Docket No. 02-076-1. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

981—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of the United States Warehouse Act (RIN: 0560-AG45) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

982—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco Marketing Quotas, Acreage Allotments and Production Adjustment (RIN: 0560-AG51) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

983—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (RIN: 0560-AG08) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

984—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grazing Payments for 2001 Wheat, Barley, or Oats (RIN: 0560-AG22) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

985—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Collecting Guaranteed Loss Payments From FSA Farm Loan Program Borrowers (RIN: 0560-AG44) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

986—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Limitations on the Amount of Farm Service Agency Guaranteed Loans (RIN: 0560-AG64) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

987—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Conservation Reserve Program-Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program (RIN: 0560-AG38) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

988—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sale and Purchase of Flue-Cured Tobacco Across County Lines (Florida and Georgia) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

989—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Conservation Reserve Program-Good Faith Reliance and Excessive Rainfall (RIN: 0560-AG37) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

990—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Boll Weevil Eradication Loan Program (RIN:

0560-AG69) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

991—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—2002 Farm Bill Regulations-Termination of Peanut Market Quota Program and Revised Flue-Cured Tobacco Reserve Stock Level (RIN: 0560-AG75) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

992—March 6, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to the Tobacco Marketing Quota Regulations (RIN: 0560-AG40) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1002—March 10, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Payment Limits (RIN: 0560-AG77) Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1028—March 11, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiophanate Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2002-0355; FRL-7285-9. Received February 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1029—March 11, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2002-0344; FRL-7289-7. Received February 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1030—March 11, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—6-Benzyladenine; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2002-0308; FRL-7287-2. Received February 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1031—March 11, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oxadiazon; Tolerance Revocations. OPP-2002-0086; FRL-7187-3. Received January 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1032—March 11, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—4-(Dichloroacetyl)-1-Oxa-4-Azaspiro. 4.5. Decane; Pesticide Import Tolerance. OPP-2002-0245; FRL-7199-4. Received January 22, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1033—March 11, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Polymers. OPP-2003-0039; FRL-7291-7. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1034—March 11, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pelargonic Acid (Nonanoic Acid); Exemption from the Requirement of a Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2002-273; FRL-7278-7. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1078—March 12, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Decanoic Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2002-0272; FRL-7278-6. Received February 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1079—March 12, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imazamox; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0034; FRL-7291-3. Received February 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1130—March 13, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Payments for Cattle and Other Property Because of Tuberculosis Docket No. 00-105-2. (RIN: 0579-AB36) Received March 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1131—March 13, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Unshu Oranges From Honshu Island, Japan Docket No. 02-108-1. Received March 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1132—March 13, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Aluminum tris (O-ethylphosphonate); Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2002-0348; FRL-7292-6. Received March 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1133—March 13, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1,3 Benzene Dicarboxylic Acid, 5-Sulfo-, 1,3-Dimethyl Ester, Sodium Salt, Polymer with 1,3-Benzene Dicarboxylic Acid, 1,4-Benzene Dicarboxylic Acid, Dimethyl 1,4-Benzene Dicarboxylate and 1,2-Ethanediol; Tolerance Exemption. OPP-2003-0037; FRL-7290-9. Received March 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1134—March 13, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2002-0345; FRL-7289-6. Received March 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1220—March 20, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly; Treatments Docket No. 02-129-2. Received March 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1221—March 20, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly; Addition of Regulated Area Docket No. 02-129-3. Received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1222—March 20, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Licensing and Inspection Requirements for Dealers of Dogs Intended for Hunting, Breeding, or Security Purposes Docket No. 99-087-3. Received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1303—March 24, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—RUS Specification for Voice Frequency Loading Coils—Received March 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1304—March 24, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imazethapyr; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0032; FRL-7294-1. Received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1380—March 25, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV02-984-1 FIR. Received March 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1381—March 25, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Termination of Marketing Order and Implementing Rules and Regulations Docket No. FV03-911-1 FR. Received March 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1382—March 25, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Revision of Rules and Regulations Docket No. FV03-959-2 IFR. Received March 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1383—March 25, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2002-2003 Marketing Year Docket No. FV03-982-1 IFR. Received March 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1384—March 25, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Reduction in Production Cap for 2003 Diversion Program Docket No. FV03-989-3 IFR. Received March 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1385—March 25, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Temporary Suspension of a Provision, and Extension of Certain Deadlines Under the Raisin Diversion Program Docket No. FV03-989-2 FIR. Received March 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1433—March 26, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Folpet; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0075; FRL-7296-2. Received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1434—March 26, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0036; FRL-7292-8. Received February 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1560—March 31, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—*Bacillus pumilus* GB 34; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2002-0328; FRL-7286-9. Received March 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1561—March 31, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—S-Metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0 046; FRL-7229-8. Received March 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1674—April 7, 2003; Letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the administration's final rule—Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Capital Adequacy—ABS and MBS Investments (RIN: 3052-AC14) Received March 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1702—April 8, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lactic acid, ethyl ester and Lactic acid, n-butyl ester; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Correction. OPP-2002-0-217; FRL-7298-4. Received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1703—April 8, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Modified Acrylic Polymers; Revision of Tolerance Exemption. OPP-2003-0079; FRL-7297-8. Received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1723—April 8, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fellowships. FRL-7476-2. (RIN: 2030-AA77) Received April 1, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1813—April 12, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Recognition of Animal Disease Status of Regions in the European Union Docket No. 98-090-5. (RIN: 0579-AB03) Received April 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1814—April 12, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—2002 Farm Bill Regulations-General Credit Provisions (RIN: 0560-AG78) Received March 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1815—April 12, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds (RIN: 0570-AA30) Received April 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1816—April 12, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Decanoic Acid; Exemption from the

Requirement of a Pesticide Tolerance; Technical Correction. OPP-2002-0272; FRL-7296-9. Received April 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1817—April 12, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Active and Inert Ingredients for Use in Antimicrobial Formulations (Food-Contact Surface Sanitizing Solutions); Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule. OPP-2002-0278; FRL-7299-4. Received March 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1976—May 1, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; California Docket No. 03-005-1. Received April 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2010—May 5, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-959-1 FR. Received April 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2011—May 5, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate; Correction Docket No. FV03-966-03 C. Received April 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2060—May 7, 2003; Letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Rural Electrification Act Amendments of 2003".

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2145—May 13, 2003; Letter from the Directors, FinCEN, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Customer Identification Programs for Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers (RIN: 1506-AA34) Received May 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2146—May 13, 2003; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Rice Inspection Services (RIN: 0580-AA82) Received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2148—May 13, 2003; Letter from the Under Secretary, Food Stamp Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Anticipating Income and Reporting Changes. Amendment No. 376. (RIN: 0584-AB57) Received May 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2149—May 13, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—*Bacillus Thuringiensis* Cry1F Protein in Cotton; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0147; FRL-7302-4. Received April 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2186—May 14, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Tolerance Processing Fees; Annual Adjustment. OPP-2003-0140; FRL-7302-7. Received May 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2187—May 14, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Indoxacarb; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0173; FRL-7307-6. Received May 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2227—May 15, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Established of Procedures to Allow the Grading or Packing of Sweet Cherries Outside the Production Area Docket No. FV02-923-1 IFR. Received April 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2228—May 15, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Revising the Regulations Concerning Compensation Rates for Handlers' Services Performed Regarding Reserve Prunes Covered Under the California Dried Prune Marketing Order Docket No. FV02-993-2 FR. Received April 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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ments for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches Docket No. FV03-916-2 IFR. Received April 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2230—May 15, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-932-1 FR. Received May 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2231—May 15, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Establishment of Safeguards and Procedures for Suspension of Packing Holidays Docket No. FV03-925-2 IFR. Received May 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2232—May 15, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, PACA Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA): Amending Regulations to Extend PACA Coverage to Fresh and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables that are Coated or Battered Docket No. FV02-369. (RIN: 0581-AC21) Received May 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2233—May 15, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Winter Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 927 Docket No. FV00-927-3. Received May 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2283—May 19, 2003; Letter from the Director, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a bill to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

2284—May 20, 2003; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exceptions to Geographic Areas for Official Agencies Under the USGSA Docket No. FGIS 2003-003. (RIN: 0580-AA76) Received May 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2285—May 20, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Acreage Reporting and Common Provisions (RIN: 0560-AG79) Received May 14, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2286—May 20, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticides; Minimal Risk Tolerance Exemptions. OPP-2003-0126; FRL-7302-6. Received May 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2287—May 20, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2003-0151; FRL-7305-2. Received May 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2288—May 20, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerances. OPP-2003-0109; FRL-7305-9. Received May 14, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2289—May 20, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyraflufen-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0163; FRL-7306-1. Received May 14, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2321—May 21, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2002-0358; FRL-7304-4. Received April 28, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2322—May 21, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Mefenpyr-Diethyl; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0077; FRL-7297-9. Received April 28, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2367—June 2, 2003; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Official Performance and Procedural Requirements for Grain Weighing Equipment and Related Grain Handling Systems, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2368—June 2, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Bioenergy Program (RIN: 0560-AG84) Received May 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2533—June 5, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Movement and Importation of Fruits and Vegetables Docket No. 00–059–2. Received May 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2555—June 9, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Ports Designated for Exportation of Livestock; Portland, OR Docket No. 02–127–1. Received May 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2556—June 9, 2003; Letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thymol and Eucalyptus Oil; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP–2003–0002; FRL–7308–1. Received June 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2673—June 16, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Revising the Regulations Pertaining to a Voluntary Prune Plum Diversion Program Docket No. FV02-993-3 FR. Received May 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2675—June 16, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Reduction in Production Cap for 2003 Diversion Program Docket No. FV03-989-3 FIR. Received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2677—June 16, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Cotton Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports, (2003 Amendments) Docket No. CN-03-002. Received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2678—June 16, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Cotton Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of User Fees for 2003 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers. CN-02-006. (RIN: 0581-AC17) Received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2679—June 16, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-985-2 FIR. Received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2680—June 16, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2002-2003 Marketing Year Docket No. FV03-982-1 FIR. Received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2681—June 16, 2003; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Of-

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2723—June 18, 2003; Letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Methoprene, Watermelon Mosaic Virus-2 Coat Protein, and Zucchini Yellow Mosaic Virus Coat Protein; Final Tolerance Actions. OPP-2003-0159; FRL-7309-5. Received June 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2724—June 18, 2003; Letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0155; FRL-7308-8. Received June 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2725—June 18, 2003; Letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances. OPP-2003-0103; FRL-7310-8. Received June 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2730—June 18, 2003; Letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bacillus Pumilus Strain QST2808; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0113; FRL-7301-1. Received June 11, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2753—June 19, 2003; Letter from the Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality, transmitting an account of the actions taken by the administration to implement the President's climate change strategy.

2754—June 23, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Cold Treatment Requirement for Ya Pears Imported From Hebei Province in China Docket No. 02-084-2. Received June 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2755—June 23, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exotic Newcastle Disease; Removal of Areas from Quarantine Docket No. 02-117-8. Received June 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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3012—July 8, 2003; Letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Methoxyfenozide; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0088; FRL-7308-6. Received May 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3013—July 8, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bacillus thuringiensis Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 Proteins and the Genetic Material Necessary for their Production in Corn; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0154; FRL-7310-1. Received July 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3014—July 8, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Diallyl Sulfides; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0134; FRL-7303-6. Received July 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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3061—July 9, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Fruits and Vegetables Docket No. 02-026-4. Received July 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3062—July 9, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Small Grains Crop Insurance Provisions and Wheat Crop Insurance Winter Coverage Endorsement (RIN: 0563-AB63) Received July 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3143—July 14, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emamectin; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0220; FRL-7316-6. Received July 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3144—July 14, 2003; Letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0196; FRL-7311-2. Received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3145—July 14, 2003; Letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Buprofezin; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0136; FRL-7310-7. Received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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3257—July 17, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—*Aspergillus flavus* AF36; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP–2003–0138; FRL–7311–6. Received July 14, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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3279—July 21, 2003; Letter from the Branch Chief, EBT-Benefit Redemption Divisor, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of

Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Systems Interoperability and Portability. Amendment No. 384. (RIN: 0584-AC91) Received July 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3280—July 21, 2003; Letter from the Chief, Retailer Management Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Administrative Review Requirements—Food Retailers and Wholesalers (RIN: 0584-AD23) Received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3333—July 22, 2003; Letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's draft bill entitled, "To amend sections 7D, 16(i)(2), and 19 of the United States Grain Standards Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to recover through user fees the costs of standardization activities".

3378—July 23, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Establishment of Safeguards and Procedures for Suspension of Packing Holidays Docket No. FV03-925-2 FIR. Received July 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3379—July 23, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 2002-03 Crop Natural (Sun-dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins Docket No. FV03-989-4 FIR. Received July 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3380—July 23, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiophanate Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2003-0242; FRL-7317-5. Received July 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3454—July 24, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—*Bacillus subtilis* var. *amyloliquefaciens* strain FZB24; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0059; FRL-7309-8. Received July 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3495—July 25, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Payment of Indemnity Docket No. 02-048-2. (RIN: 0579-AB46) Received July 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3496—July 25, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area Docket No. 02-130-2. Received July 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3497—July 25, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; New Mexico Docket No. 03-044-1. Received July 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3498—July 25, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the De-

partment's final rule—Japanese Beetle; Domestic Quarantine and Regulations Docket No. 03–057–1. Received July 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3499—July 25, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Extensions of Payments of Principal and Interest (RIN: 0572-AB79) Received July 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3500—July 25, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sapote Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area in Texas Docket No. 03–032–2. Received July 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3501—July 25, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Boscalid; 3-pyridinecarboxamide, 2-chloro-N-(4'chloro.1,1'-biphenyl.-2-yl); Pesticide Tolerance. OPP–2003–0246; FRL–7319–6. Received July 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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3641—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Temporary Suspension of the Mandatory Outgoing Prune Inspection and Quality Requirements, and Modification of the Undersized Prune Disposition Requirements Under the Marketing Order; and Suspension of the Prune Import Regulation Docket No. FV03–993–3 IFR. Received August 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3642—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Relaxation of Pack Requirements Docket No. FV03–920–1 FR. Received August 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3643—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Reduction in Additional Storage Payments Regarding Reserve Raisins Intended for Use as Cattle Feed Docket No. FV03–989–7 IFR. Received August 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3644—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Decreased Assessment

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3645—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapefruit and Oranges (Texas and States Other than Florida, California, and Arizona); Grade Standards Docket Number FV-00-304. Received August 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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3648—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydramethylnon; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0251; FRL-7319-5. Received August 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3649—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tralkoxydim; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0180; FRL-7315-9. Received August 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3650—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Diallyl Sulfides; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance Correction. OPP-2003-0134; FRL-7320-5. Received August 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3651—September 3, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2003-0207; FRL-7317-3. Received August 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3951—September 4, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change in Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketed in the United States Docket No. FV03-996-2 IFR. Received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3952—September 4, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches Docket No. FV03-916-2 IFR-A. Received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3953—September 4, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Increased Assessment Rate and Defined Fiscal Period Docket No. FV03-958-01 FR. Received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3954—September 4, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rates Docket No. FV03-916-4 IFR. Received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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3956—September 4, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Milk in the Upper Midwest Marketing Area: Order Amending the Order Docket No. DA-01-03; AO-361-A35. Received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4043—September 9, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lambda Cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2003-0267; FRL-7321-3. Received August 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4044—September 9, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propylene Carbonate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0284; FRL-7323-7. Received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4045—September 9, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Diflubenzuron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2003-0279; FRL-7323-1. Received August 26, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4148—September 10, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterinary Services User Fees; Fees for Endorsing Export Certificates for Ruminants Docket No. 02-040-2. Received September 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4149—September 10, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Witchweed; Regulated Areas Docket No. 02-

042-2. Received September 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4151—September 10, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exotic Newcastle Disease; Removal of Areas From Quarantine Docket no. 02-117-9. Received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4152—September 10, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Introductions of Plants Genetically Engineered to Produce Industrial Compounds Docket No. 03-038-1. Received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4153—September 10, 2003; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Swine Packer Marketing Contracts; Contract Library. PSA-2000-01-b. (RIN: 0580-AA71) Received September 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4155—September 10, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2003-0254; FRL-7320-2. Received August 22, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4226—September 15, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, FSIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Definitions and Standards of Identity or Composition: Elimination of the Pizza with Meat or Sausage Standards Docket No. 01-018F. Received September 9, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4307—September 22, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Butafenacil; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0282; FRL-7324-6. Received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4308—September 22, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0278; FRL-7326-4. Received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4309—September 22, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyromazine; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0269; FRL-7326-5. Received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4311—September 22, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—S-Metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerances. OPP-2003-0300; FRL-7324-9. Received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4312—September 22, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sulfentrazone; Pesticide Tolerances. OPP-2003-0270; FRL-7324-5. Received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4313—September 22, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances. OPP-2003-0306; FRL-7327-5. Received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4397—September 24, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantined Areas and Regulated Articles Docket No. 03-018-2. Received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4458—September 29, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Chlorfenapyr; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0146; FRL-7320-8. Received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4459—September 29, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances. OPP-2003-0303; FRL-7327-3. Received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4460—September 29, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glufosinate Ammonium; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0058; FRL-7327-9. Received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4461—September 29, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Indian Meal Moth Granulosis Virus; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0256; FRL-7328-8. Received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4462—September 29, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Quinoxifen; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0218; FRL-7318-2. Received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4463—September 29, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0315; FRL-7328-6. Received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4483—October 1, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Trifloxysulfuron; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0286; FRL-7325-1. Received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4549—October 2, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Reinstatement of the Continuing Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-948-2 FR. Received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4550—October 2, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Dairy Promotion and Research Program; Amendment to the Order Docket No. DA-03-06. Received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4551—October 2, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Extension and Modification of the Exemption for Shipments of Tree

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4552—October 2, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit Docket No. FV03-905-3 IFR. Received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4553—October 2, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Removing All Seeded Grapefruit Regulations, Relaxation of Grade Requirements for Valencia and Other Late Type Oranges, and Removing Quality and Size Regulations on Imported Seeded Grapefruit Docket No. FV03-905-2-IFR. Received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4662—October 7, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0319; FRL-7329-9. Received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4849—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Review by the National Futures Association of Disclosure Documents Required To Be Filed by Commodity Pool Operators for Publicly-Offered Commodity Pools—Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4851—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Transactions—Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4852—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Performance Data and Disclosure for Commodity Trading Advisors (RIN: 3038-AB39) Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4853—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—In the Matter of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Petition for Interpretation Pursuant to Section 1a(12)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act—Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4854—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment to Appendix C of Part 40 and Redesignation as Appendix D of Part 30—Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4855—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Account Identification for Eligible Bunched Orders (RIN: 3038-AB93) Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4858—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—In the Matter of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. and the Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., Petitions for Treatment of Floor Brokers and Floor Traders as Eligible Commercial Entities Pursuant to Section 1a(11)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act—Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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4860—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-930-3 FR. Received October 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4861—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Livestock and Seed Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Soybean Promotion and Research: Amend the Order to Adjust Representation on the United Soybean Board. No. LS-03-03. Received October 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4862—October 24, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Research and Promotion Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Subpart B-Referendum Procedures. Doc. # FV-02-708-FR. Received October 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4915—October 28, 2003; Letter from the Staff Director, Office of Regulatory and Management Services, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice, Comment, and Appeal Procedures for National Forest System Projects and Activities (RIN:0596-AB89) Received October 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4916—October 28, 2003; Letter from the Staff Director, Office of Regulatory and Management Services, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Forest Land Enhancement Program (RIN: 0596-AB95) Received October 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4917—October 28, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantine and Regulations Docket No. 02-125-1. Received October 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4918—October 28, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sapote Fruit Fly Docket No. 03-032-3. Received October 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4919—October 28, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Imported Fire Ant; Approved Treatments Docket No. 02-115-2. Received October 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4920—October 28, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change in Disease Status of East Anglia With Regard to Classical Swine Fever Docket No. 00-080-3. Received October 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4921—October 28, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Vinclozolin; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances. OPP-2003-0311; FRL-7327-6. Received October 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4973—October 29, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Additional Registration and Other Regulatory Relief for Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors; Past Performance Issues (RIN: 3038-AB97) Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4974—October 29, 2003; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Denomination of Customer Funds and Location of Depositories (RIN: 3038-AB31) Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4975—October 29, 2003; Letter from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Non-Discretionary Quality Control Provisions of Title IV of Public Law 107-171 (RIN: 0584-AD31) Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4976—October 29, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas Docket No. 02-037-2. Received October 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4977—October 29, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-945-1 FR. Received October 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4978—October 29, 2003; Letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting the administration's final rule—Business Loans and Development Company Loans (RIN: 3245-AE68) Received October 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4986—October 30, 2003; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, GIPSA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Official Performance Requirements for Grain Inspection Equipment (RIN: 0580-AA57) Received October 22, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4987—October 30, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2003-0327; FRL-7330-4. Received October 28, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5101—November 6, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-931-1 FR. Received November 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5102—November 6, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Processed Fruits and Vegetables—Received November 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5103—November 6, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Organic Program; Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances Docket Number TM–02–03. (RIN: 0581-AC19) Received November 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5104—November 6, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly; Removal of Regulated Area Docket No. 02–129–4. Received October 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5421—November 18, 2003; Letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's draft bill entitled, "To make technical amendments to the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996"

5422—November 18, 2003; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions. OPP–2003–0329; FRL–7330–2. Received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5621—November 21, 2003; Letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation, "To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act, the Federal Meat Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act to require establishments and official plants to pay the costs of Federal Inspection for additional shifts, and for other purposes".

5625—November 25, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterinary Services User Fees; Fee for Use of Animal Ramp at Miami International Airport Docket No. 02–041–2. Received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5626—November 25, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Interstate Movement of Swine Within a Production System; Inspection of Swine Docket No. 02–069–2. Received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5627—November 25, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Possession, Use, and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins Docket No. 02–088–3. (RIN: 0579-AB47) Received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5628—November 25, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prompt Disaster Set-Aside Consideration and Primary Loan Servicing Facilitation (RIN: 0560-AG56) Received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5629—November 25, 2003; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Depart-

ment of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Temporary Suspension of the Prune Reserve and the Voluntary Producer Prune Plum Diversion Provisions Docket No. FV03-993-2 FIR. Received November 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5718—December 8, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, FSA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Obsolete Regulations (RIN: 0560-AH04) Received November 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5719—December 8, 2003; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Review Inspection Requirements (RIN: 0580-AA58) Received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5720—December 8, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Obsolete Regulations (RIN: 0560-AH04) Received November 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5721—December 8, 2003; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, FSA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Obsolete Regulations (RIN: 0560-AH04) Received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5722—December 8, 2003; Letter from the Staff Director, Office of Regulatory and Management Services, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning; Extension of Compliance Deadline for Site-Specific Projects (RIN: 0596-AC02) Received October 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5723—December 8, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; California Docket No. 03-005-2. Received December 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5724—December 8, 2003; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; New Mexico Docket No. 03-044-2. Received December 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5725—December 8, 2003; Letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's draft bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

5945—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Ports of Entry for Certain Plants and Plants Products Docket No. 03-067-1. Received December 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5946—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quar-

antined Areas Docket No. 03-120-1. Received January 13, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5947—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Golden Nematode; Regulated Areas Docket No. 03-082-1. Received January 13, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5948—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas Docket No. 03-047-1. Received January 13, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5949—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Science & Technology, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Cottonseed Chemist Licensing Program, Updating of Commodity Laboratory and Office Addresses, and Adoption of Information Symbols Docket Number ST02-03. (RIN: 0581-AC18) Received January 5, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5950—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-966-4 FR. Received January 5, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5951—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fluroxypyr; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0377; FRL-7340-5. Received December 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5952—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyprodinil; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0394; FRL-7337-5. Received December 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5953—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Vinclozolin; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances Technical Correction. OPP-2003-0311; FRL-7337-7. Received December 9, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5954—January 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions Multiple Chemicals. OPP-2003-0402; FRL-7339-8. Received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6286—January 23, 2004; Letter from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Predecisional Administrative Review Process for Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects Authorized Under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (RIN: 0596-AC15) Received January 22, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6287—January 23, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Designation of Quarantined Area Docket No. 02-096-2. Received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6288—January 23, 2004; Letter from the Program Manager, OPPM, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM); Uniform Procedures for the Acquisition and Transfer of Excess Personal Property (RIN: 0599-AA10) Received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6289—January 23, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Copper (II) Hydroxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0356; FRL-7341-1. Received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6290—January 23, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Formaldehyde, polymer with a-bis(1-phenylethyl)phenyl-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanedil); Tolerance Exemption. OPP-2003-0392; FRL-7340-9. Received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6366—January 27, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Export Sales Reporting Requirements—Received January 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6367—January 27, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fire and Rescue and Other Community Facilities Projects (RIN: 0575-AC53) Received December 9, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6368—January 27, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Artificially Dwarfed Plants in Growing Media from the People's Republic of China Docket No. 98-103-5. Received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6369—January 27, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Eucalyptus Logs, Lumber, and Wood Chips From South America Docket No. 02-097-2. Received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6427—January 28, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Poultry Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Increase in Fees and Charges for Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading Docket No. PY-03-001. Received December 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6428—January 28, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV-906-1 IFR. Received December 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6429—January 28, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV04-984-1IFR. Received December 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6430—January 28, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Organic Program; Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances Docket Number TM-03-02. (RIN: 0581-AC27) Received December 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6431—January 28, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Fees for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Terminal Market Inspection Services Docket Number FV-03-301. (RIN: 0581-AB63) Received January 5, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6432—January 28, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Livestock and Seed Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to the Soybean Promotion and Research Rules and Regulations. Doc. No. LS-02-14. Received January 5, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6433—January 28, 2004; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Processed Commodity Analytical Services (RIN: 0580-AA84) Received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6434—January 28, 2004; Letter from the Acting Staff Director, Office of Regulatory and Management Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Extension of Timber Sale Contracts To Facilitate Urgent Timber Removal From Other Lands (RIN: 0596-AB48) Received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6466—January 30, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Yucatan Peninsula; Addition to the List of Regions Considered Free of Exotic Newcastle Disease Docket No. 02-036-2. Received January 28, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6467—January 30, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lactic Acid, n-Butyl Ester, (S) and Lactic Acid, Ethyl Ester, (S); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0341; FRL-7338-4. Received January 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6468—January 30, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sulfuryl Fluoride; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0373; FRL-7342-1. Received January 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6649—February 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Established of Interim Final and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2003-2004 Marketing Year Docket No. FV04-982-1 IFR. Received February 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6650—February 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV03-959-4FR. Received February 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6651—February 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Milk in the Pacific Northwest Marketing Area; Interim Order Amending the Order Docket No. AO-368-A30; DA-01-08-PNW. Received February 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6652—February 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV04-981-1 IFR. Received February 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6653—February 6, 2004; Letter from the Secretary, LOCAL Television Loan Guarantee Board, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—LOCAL Television Loan Guarantee Program (RIN: 0572-AB82) Received January 28, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6654—February 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agency Organization Docket No. 00-033F. (RIN: 0583-AC78) Received January 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6818—February 26, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Aminoethoxyvenylglycine hydrochloride (aviglycine HCl); Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0389; FRL-7341-6. Received February 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6819—February 26, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenazate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2003-0370; FRL-7335-6. Received February 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6820—February 26, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Aldicarb, Atrazine, Cacodylic Acid, Carbofuran, et al.; Tolerance Actions. OPP-2003-0344; FRL-7338-3. Received February 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6821—February 26, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thifensulfuron mehtyl; Tolerances Actions. OPP-2003-0363; FRL-7338-6. Received February 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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partment's final rule—Irradiation of Sweetpotatoes From Hawaii Docket No. 03-062-2. Received February 23, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7001—March 4, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Gellan Gum; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0003; FRL-7344-1. Received March 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7002—March 4, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption. OPP-2004-0028; FRL-7345-3. Received March 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7003—March 4, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Yeast Extract Hydrolysate from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0403; FRL-7343-9. Received March 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7047—March 8, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Ports of Entry for Certain Plants and Plant Products Docket No. 03-067-2. Received February 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7048—March 8, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV04-932-1 IFR. Received February 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7049—March 8, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et. al.; Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2003-2004 Crop Year for Tart Cherries Docket No. FV04-930-1 FR. Received February 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7141—March 11, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Poultry Improvement Plan; Technical Amendment Docket No. 03-017-3. Received February 23, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7171—March 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantined Areas Docket No. 04-002-1. Received March 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7172—March 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cattle From Mexico Docket No. 00-112-2. Received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7173—March 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Missouri Docket No. 01-015-1. Received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7174—March 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Unshu Oranges from Honshu Island, Japan Docket No. 02–108–2. Received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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7200—March 22, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Tolerance Fees; Suspension of Collection. OPP–2004–0084; FRL–7349–7. Received March 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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7263—March 25, 2004; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—In the Matter of Intermarket Clearing Corporation—Request for Vacation From Designation as Derivatives Clearing Organization—Received March 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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7404—April 1, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zoxamide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions. OPP-2004-0052; FRL-7349-3. Received March 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7508—April 2, 2004; Letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation, "To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe, adjust, and collect fees to cover the costs incurred by the Secretary for activities related to the review and maintenance of licenses and registration under the Animal Welfare Act".

7558—April 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fosthiazate; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0296; FRL-7339-4. Received April 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7559—April 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hygromycin B phosphotransferase; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0036; FRL-7352-8. Received April 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7560—April 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lambda-Cyhalothrin and an Isomer Gamma-Cyhalothrin; Tolerances for Residues. OPP-2004-0025; FRL-7353-4. Received April 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7561—April 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Mesosulfuron-Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2003-0257; FRL-7351-4. Received April 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7623—April 21, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Support the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC); Notice of Funds Availability. OPP-2003-0399; FRL-7349-1. Received April 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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7715—April 22, 2004; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Extra Long Staple Cotton Outside Storage and Strength Adjustment for Loan (RIN: 0560-AH03) Received April 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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7717—April 22, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Japanese Beetle; Domestic Quarantine and Regulations Docket No. 03-057-2. Received March 25, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7718—April 22, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Animal Welfare; Transportation of Animals on Foreign Air Carriers Docket No. 02–012–2. (RIN: 0579-AB51) Received April 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7719—April 22, 2004; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Emergency Conservation Program (RIN: 0560-AG26) Received April 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7720—April 22, 2004; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tree Assistance Program (RIN: 0560-AG83) Received April 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7721—April 22, 2004; Letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the administration's final rule—Electronic Commerce; Organization; Standards of Conduct and Referral of Known or Suspected Criminal Violations; Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Borrower Rights (RIN: 3052-AB69) Received March 25, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7722—April 22, 2004; Letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the administration's final rule—Loan Policies and Operations; Borrower Rights; Effective Interest Rate Disclosure (RIN: 3052-AC04) Received April 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7870—April 29, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revocation of Tolerance Exemptions for Certain Biopesticides. OPP–2003–0416; FRL–7353–5. Received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7911—April 30, 2004; Letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Fees for Product Review and Approval—Received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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partment's final rule—Golden Nematode; Regulated Area Docket No. 03-082-2. Received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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7918—April 30, 2004; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Flexible Marketing Allotments for Sugar (RIN: 0560-AH08) Received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7919—April 30, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Requirements for Cooperative Services Grant Programs, Value-Added Producer Grants, Agriculture Innovation Centers and Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RIN: 0570-AA40) Received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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7974—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV04-979-1 FR. Received April 29, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7975—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 2003-04 Crop Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless Raisins Docket No. FV04-989-1 IFR. Received April 29, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7976—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate Docket No. FV04-981-1 FIR. Received April 29, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7977—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Establishment of Reporting Requirements Docket No. FV04-925-1 IFR. Received April 29, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7978—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches Docket No. FV04-916

917-02 IFR. Received April 29, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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7981—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Imported Fire Ant; Additions to Quarantined Areas Docket No. 03-109-1. Received May 3, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7982—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Infectious Salmon Anemia; Payment of Indemnity Docket No. 01-126-2. (RIN: 0579-AB37) Received May 3, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7983—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Active and Inert Ingredients for Use in Antimicrobial Formulations (Food-Contact Surface Sanitizing Solutions). OPP-2003-0368; FRL-7335-4. Received April 22, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7984—May 6, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Geraniol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0068; FRL-7351-1. Received April 22, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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8142—May 13, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Harpin Protein; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0097; FRL-7356-5. Received May 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8143—May 13, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Rhamnolipid Biosurfactant; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Correction. OPP-2003-0281; FRL-7356-2. Received May 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8166—May 17, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procedures for Reestablishing a Region as Free of a Disease Docket No. 02-001-2. (RIN: 0579-AB53) Received May 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8167—May 17, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza; Additional Restrictions Docket No. 04-011-1. Received May 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8178—May 18, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Phosphomannose Isomerase and the Genetic Material Necessary for Its Production in All Plants; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0135; FRL-7358-9. Received May 13, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8226—May 20, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Orchids of the Genus *Phalaenopsis* From Taiwan in Growing Media Docket No. 98-035-5. (RIN: 0579-AB75) Received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8227—May 20, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterinary Diagnostic Services User Fees Docket No. 00-024-2. (RIN: 0579-AB22) Received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8228—May 20, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quatantined Areas Docket No. 03-102-2. Received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8229—May 20, 2004; Letter from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services (RIN: 0580-AA80) Received May 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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tom Harvesters in Northern Texas Docket No. 03-052-1. Received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8231—May 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Isoxadifen-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2004-0093; FRL-7355-8. Received May 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8232—May 20, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Indoxacarb; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2004-0130; FRL-7359-1. Received May 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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8327—June 1, 2004; Letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual reports due to Congress that appear on pages 111-134 of the March 2004 Treasury Bulletin as required by 26 U.S.C. 9602(a), 42 U.S.C. 10222(e)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1606a(c)(1), 42 U.S.C. 2297g(b)(1), and 7 U.S.C. 7101 note.

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8329—June 2, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ultramarine Blue; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0056; FRL-7357-6. Received May 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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8411—June 8, 2004; Letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—2002 Farm Bill Regulations—Loan Eligibility Provisions (RIN: 0560-AG81) Received June 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8412—June 8, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Indoxacarb; Tolerances for Residues; Technical Correction. OPP-2004-0169; FRL-7362-4. Received June 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8413—June 8, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Humates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0166; FRL-7361-6. Received June 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8414—June 8, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—*Streptomyces Iydicus* WYEC 108; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0041; FRL-7361-3. Received June 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8415—June 8, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2004-0125; FRL-7359-2. Received June 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8544—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Director, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—2002 Farm Bill—Conservation Reserve Program—Long-Term Policy (RIN: 0560-AG74) Received May 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8545—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Assistant Director, Directives and Regulations Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Timber Sale Contracts, Modification of Contracts (RIN: 0596-AC16) Received May 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8546—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Animal Welfare; Definition of Animal Docket No. 98-106-3. (RIN: 0579-AB69) Received June 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8547—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Plum Pox Compensation Docket No. 00-035-3. (RIN: 0579-AB19) Received June 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8548—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Spring Viremia of Carp; Payment of Indemnity Docket No. 02-091-1. Received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8549—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas Docket No. 04-038-1. Received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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8551—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas Docket No. 04-036-1. Received June 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8552—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerance. OPP-2004-0174;

FRL-7362-9. Received June 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8553—June 16, 2004; Letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the administration's final rule—Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; OFI Lending (RIN: 3052-AB96) Received May 28, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8624—June 18, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sulfuryl Fluoride; Pesticide Tolerance; Technical Correction. OPP-2003-0373; FRL-7346-1. Received June 16, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8986—July 12, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—*Aspergillus flavus* NRRL 21882; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2004-0164; FRL-7364-2. Received July 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8987—July 12, 2004; Letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—C8, C10, and C12 Straight-Chain Fatty Acid Monoesters of Glycerol and Propylene Glycol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance. OPP-2003-0379; FRL-7352-6. Received July 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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Charter: Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by USDA, January 27, 2003.

EPA: Fiscal Year 2002 Annual Report, required by the Government Performance and Results Act. Submitted by EPA, January 31, 2003.

USDA: Pesticide Data Program, Annual Summary, Calendar Year 2001, required by the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act. Submitted by USDA, February, 2003.

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GAO: Fiscal Year 2004 International Affairs Issue Papers. Submitted by GAO, June 3, 2003.

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USDA: Proposed land purchase in Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina, required by section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94–588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, June 3, 2004.

Charter: Renewal of the Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, June 7, 2004.

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USDA: Proposed land purchase in Monongahela National Forest, West Virginia, required by section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94–588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, June 14, 2004.

Charter: Renewal of the EPA-USDA Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by EPA, June 17, 2004.

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USDA: Status of OIG Investigation into the Cramer Fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest, required by P.L. 107–203. Submitted by USDA, June 30, 2004.

USDA: Vegetables and Melons, Situation Outlook and Yearbook. Submitted by USDA, July, 2004.

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Charter: Establishment of the Crook County Resource Advisory Committee, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by USDA, July 6, 2004.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Intention to release a list of raisin growers covered by a Federal marketing order, as required under section 1663 of the Food Security Act of 1985, amending the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, and pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 608d(2). Submitted by USDA, July 8, 2004.

USDC: Quarterly Report to Congress on Agricultural Commodities to Cuba: April-June, 2004, pursuant to the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000. Submitted by the USDC, July 12, 2004.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Intention to release a list of prune growers covered by a Federal marketing order, as required under section 1663 of the Food Security Act of 1985, amending the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, and pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 608d(2). Submitted by USDA, July 15, 2004.

Department of the Army: Report to Congress regarding activities carried out under title I of the Estuaries and Clean Waters Act of 2000, pursuant to the Estuaries and Clean Waters Act of 2000. Submitted by the Department of the Army, July 26, 2004.

USDA: Proposed land purchase in San Bernardino Forest, California, required by section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, July 27, 2004.

USDA: Proposed land purchase in Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, required by section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, July 28, 2004.

USDA: Proposed land purchase in Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, and Green Mountain National Forest, Vermont, required by section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, July 29, 2004.

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Charter: Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by USDA, August 11, 2004.

Charter: Renewal of the National Organic Standards Board, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by the USDA, August 26, 2004.

Charter: Renewal of the National Advisory Committee for Tobacco Inspection Services, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by the USDA, August 26, 2004.

USDA: Proposed land purchase in Cherokee National Forest, Tennessee, required by section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, August 30, 2004.

USDA: The Role of Economics in Eating Choices and Weight Outcomes. Submitted by USDA, September, 2004.

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GAO: Embassy Management, pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, September 7, 2004.

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USDA: Proposed Criteria for Selecting the WIC Food Packages. Submitted by USDA, September 14, 2004.

GAO: Food Stamp Program. Submitted by GAO, September 16, 2004.

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Charter: Renewal of the Gulf of Mexico Program Policy Review Board, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by the USDA, September 24, 2004.

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USDA: Household Food Security in the United States, 2003. Submitted by the USDA, October, 2004.

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GAO: Food Safety, pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, October 6, 2004.

FCA: Proposed amendments to title 12, Chapter VI of the Code of Federal Regulations. Submitted by FCA, October 15, 2004.

GAO: Report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, entitled, "Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling of Fish and Shellfish," pursuant to section 801(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code. Submitted by GAO, October 15, 2004.

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USDA: Proposed land purchase in Mark Twain National Forest, Oregon, and Shawnee National Forest, Illinois, required by section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94–588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, November 12, 2004.

USDC: Department of Commerce Report on Actions Taken by the Bureau of Industry and Security, pursuant to section 906(a)(1) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000. Submitted by USDC, November 17, 2004.

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USDA: Report on Specialty Crop Insurance, required by section 10006 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Submitted by USDA, December, 2004.

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E. MEMORIALS

45—May 13, 2003; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 49 memorializing the United

States Congress and the Department of Agriculture to provide assistance, including financial assistance, in the effort to deal with the infestation of the emerald ash borer.

61—June 2, 2003; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 208 memorializing the United States Congress that the Bush administration and the United States Congress are requested to appropriate financial impact assistance for health, education, and other social services for Hawaii's Freely Associated States Citizens.

62—June 2, 2003; Memorial of the legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Resolution No. 176 memorializing the United States Congress to take specific actions to help the airlines serving the State in the event of a war.

63—June 4, 2003; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Washington, relative to Senate Joint Memorial No. 8015 memorializing the United States Congress to pray that new Federal procedures be established to assure that future sales of wheat stocks from federally held grain reserves be conducted in a manner that such sales will not unduly disrupt the market while also fulfilling the original intent.

64—June 4, 2003; Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 58 memorializing the United States Congress to continue providing assistance to Michigan to help eradicate bovine tuberculosis.

70—June 4, 2003; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Washington, relative to Senate Joint Memorial No. 8002 memorializing the United States Congress to provide adequate funding levels for the United States Forest Service and continually assess the progress towards a healthy forest environment.

81—June 11, 2003; Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 36 memorializing the United States Congress to establish a quarantine for the emerald ash borer and provide assistance to help Michigan combat the infestation.

82—June 11, 2003; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18 memorializing the United States Congress to take immediate and focused efforts to improve the enforcement of food import restrictions of seafood imports that contain the use of banned antibiotics, especially in foreign imported shrimp.

83—June 11, 2003; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 90 memorializing the United States Congress to urge the Secretary of Agriculture to expeditiously implement and expand cost of production insurance for cotton that is based on a producer's actual production cost history and to implement a cost of production insurance pilot program.

94—June 11, 2003; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 12 memorializing the United States Congress that the Idaho Legislature supports the Healthy Forests Initiative and its individual proposals and that we respectfully request the entire Congress to fully support the Healthy Forests Initiative and its individual proposals.

96—June 11, 2003; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 10 memorializing the

United States Congress to preserve access to backcountry airstrips by introducing into the current 108th Congress Senate Bill No. 681, the Backcountry Landing Strip Access Act from the 107th Congress and its companion legislation House Resolution No. 1363.

134—June 26, 2003; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Resolution No. 36 memorializing the United States Congress to appropriate adequate financial impact assistance for health, education, and other social services for Hawaii's Freely Associated States citizens.

135—July 7, 2003; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Resolution No. 57 memorializing the Congress of the United States that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana desires to clarify Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18 of the 2003 Regular Session, enrolled on May 8, 2003, that the Louisiana Legislature only supports the testing of imported seafood by the Federal Food and Drug Administration within the boundaries of the United States.

145—July 16, 2003; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 87 memorializing the United States Congress to continue providing assistance to Michigan to help eradicate bovine tuberculosis.

149—July 22, 2003; Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation that will address the issue of the improper labeling and classification of dairy products.

202—September 9, 2003; Memorial of General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 207 memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to adopt a more effective approach to handling domestic security and terrorism preparedness issues through better national coordination, resource support, and political leadership, and to take into consideration certain recommendations based upon the report issued by the Independent Task Force.

224—November 19, 2003; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Florida, relative to House Memorial No. 1669 memorializing the Congress of the United States to provide for the conveyance of the National Forest System lands underlying the George Kilpatrick Dam on the Oklawaha River near Palatka, Florida, and the National Forest System lands lying below the 21 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) underlying the Rodman Reservoir formed by such dam and National Forest Service Tract #C-615 to the State of Florida.

240—January 20, 2004; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Texas, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 103 memorializing the United States Congress to improve the enforcement of food import restrictions on seafood imports.

268—April 1, 2004; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, relative to a Joint Resolution memorializing the United States Government to work with the State of Wyoming to eliminate brucellosis from wildlife in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

297—Apr. 22, 2004; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Washington, relative to Engrossed Senate Joint Memorial No. 8050 memorializing the U.S. Congress and the Dept. of Agriculture by fully aware of the current expertise that exists as the Washington

Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory & College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University and the head start this institution has to fulfill needs on projects related to TSEs including an ability to develop a BSE test for live cattle; conduct an itemized list of enhanced TSE research projects; or administer a quick surveillance BSE testing program for the state or the region.

315—April 22, 2004; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to Senate Joint Memorial No. 110 memorializing the congressional delegation representing the state of Idaho to work toward enactment of the Clearwater Basin Project Act.

316—April 22, 2004; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to Senate Joint Memorial No. 107 memorializing the United States Congress to preserve access to, and the historic use of, backcountry airstrips by introducing into Congress legislation which will preserve backcountry landing strips on currently-owned Federal lands and any future Federal acquisition of lands.

381—June 25, 2004/ Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 memorializing the United States Congress to study and consider revising the income guidelines for senior citizens and reduce them by ten percent so that they may participate in or receive more assistance through the Federal food stamp program.

392—July 19, 2004; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75 memorializing the Congress of the United States to authorize and fund the establishment of the Coastal Forest Reserve Program, and to memorialize the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Louisiana State University School of Renewable Natural Resources, with the assistance from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and other Louisiana universities, to provide an inventory and assessment of coastal forests.

406—July 19, 2004; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 171 memorializing the Congress of the United States and the Federal Government to work with Michigan officials to align the ownership of mineral rights and surface rights on state and Federal lands in Michigan.

426—September. 24, 2004; Memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to House Resolution No. 770 memorializing the United States Department of Agriculture to reconsider its recent policy change relating to Pennsylvania's Nutrition Education Program (PA NEP).

459—November 18, 2004/

Memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 279 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the Specialty Crop Competitiveness Act.

468—November 19, 2004; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 69 memorializing the Congress of the United States to support the passage of H.R. 3242, the Speciality Crop Competitiveness Act of 2003.

F. PETITIONS

58—March 1, 2004; Petition of the Common Council of the city of Buffalo, NY, relative to Resolution No. 218, supporting the filibuster and defeat of the Energy Policy Act of 2003.

104—September 9, 2004; Petition of the Kentucky Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, relative to a resolution petitioning the President and Congress of the United States to support and enact legislation establishing a tobacco buyout program.

115—September 29, 2004; Petition of the Tobacco Task Force and the Committee on Agriculture and Small Business of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to a resolution expressing full support for the implementation of a fair and equitable tobacco buyout program to compensate tobacco growers and quota owners for their loss; petitioning for the provision of an economic stimulus for the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and petitioning the President and Congress of the United States to support and enact legislation to establish such a buyout program for the tobacco industry.

