

Manager's Amendment – Agriculture

Bill language for Senators Shaheen, Merkley, and Durbin regarding CDS

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Bill language for Senators Mullin and Baldwin regarding the Innovative FEED Act

Bill language for Senator Merkley regarding hemp

Bill language for Senator Heinrich regarding NRCS and RD field offices

Report language for Senator Gillibrand regarding the Plum Island Animal Disease Center

Report language for Senator Ossoff regarding ARS

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Report language for Senator Reed regarding APHIS

Report language for Senator Rounds regarding beef imports

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Report language for Senator Reed regarding the Circuit Rider Program

Report language for Senator Murkowski regarding the Summer Food Service Program

Report language for Senator Schatz regarding SNAP error rates

Report language for Senator Schatz regarding TEFAP

Report language for Senator Reed regarding Golden Sea Bream

Report language for Senator Peters regarding infant formula

Report language for Senator Gillibrand regarding maple syrup

Report language for Senator Rounds regarding Medical Device Review

Bill

On page 44 of the bill, line 3, strike “217,546,000” and insert “217,436,000”

On page 44 of the bill, line 4, strike “199,546,000” and insert “199,436,000”

On page 56 of the bill, line 23, strike “40,500,000” and insert “40,610,000”

On page 56 of the bill, line 24, strike “500,000” and insert “610,000”

On page 97 of the bill, strike Section 729

On page 132 of the bill, line 3, insert the following after (a):

No sooner than one year after the enactment of this Act,

On page 136 of the bill, after line 14, insert the following:

SEC. 783. None of the funds made available for any department or agency in this or any other appropriations Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Natural Resources Conservation Service or Rural Development mission area field offices or to permanently relocate any field-based employees of those agencies that would result in an office with 2 or fewer employees without prior notification and approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

Report

On page 28 of the report, in the paragraph titled “National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility”, add to the end the following:

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this act, USDA and the Department of Homeland Security shall provide a joint briefing to the Committee on the status of the transfer of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center mission to NBAF. The briefing shall identify the root causes that have delayed the mission transition, the remaining barriers to the transition, and the joint plan to overcome those barriers. The briefing shall include a revised timeline and detailed budget requirements to finalize the transition.

On page 29 of the report, after the paragraph titled, “Pecan Genetics”, insert the following:

Pecan Nutrition.--The Committee recognizes the critical knowledge gap related to the nutritional benefits of pecans and encourages ARS to support research into the benefits of pecan consumption to human health, including related to chronic disease prevention and management.

On page 35 of the report, in the paragraph titled, “Vidalia Onion Breeding”, insert the following after the word, “crop”:

noting in particular the threat of center rot caused by the plant pathogen *pantoeia ananatis*

On page 52 of the report, in the paragraph titled “Equine Health Activities” insert the following at the end of the paragraph before the period:

that received funding in fiscal year 2024

On page 56 of the report, insert the following paragraph before “Pathogen Transmission Reduction for Agricultural Producers”:

Paraguayan Beef.—The Committee is concerned with the potential reintroduction of FMD and the devastation that would cause our domestic cattle producers. Within 30 days of enactment of this Act, APHIS shall perform an updated risk analysis to determine the safety of fresh (chilled or frozen) beef imports from Paraguay. As part of this analysis, APHIS shall conduct at least one additional site visit to Paraguay to verify the data collected. In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a working group— (1) to evaluate the threat posed by beef and beef products imported from Paraguay to food safety and animal health in the United States; (2) to report on the most recent disease data and conduct additional research on the threat to food safety and animal health; and (3) to make recommendations to the Secretary with respect to whether the importation of beef and beef products from Paraguay into the United States should be permitted. The Secretary shall ensure that the working group includes— (1) experts on food safety; (2) experts on animal health; and (3) representatives of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and other Federal agencies with responsibilities relating to international trade.

On page 95 of the report, in the header under “Rural Community Facilities Program Account”, strike “217,546,000” and insert “217,436,000”

On page 96 of the report, under “Committee Recommendations” strike “217,546,000” and insert “217,436,000”, and strike “199,546,000” and insert “199,436,000”

On page 96 of the report, in the table titled “Rural Community Facilities Program Account”, under “Committee Recommendation”, strike “199,546” and insert “199,436”, and strike “217,546” and insert “217,436”

On page 104 of the report, in the second paragraph, after “In addition, the Committee makes \$23,900,000 available for the Circuit Rider Program” insert the following:

and directs the Department to ensure that each State has its own staff person dedicated to this program

On page 105 of the report, in the header under “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program”, strike “95,500,000” and insert “95,610,000”

On page 106 of the report, under “Committee Recommendations”, strike “95,500,000” and insert “95,610,000”, and strike “500,000” and insert “610,000”

On page 106 of the report, in the table titled “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program”, under “Committee Recommendation”, strike “500” and insert “610”, and strike “95,500” and insert “95,610”

On page 112 of the report, after the paragraph titled, “Non-Congregate Meals”, insert the following:

Summer Food Service Program.—The Committee supports the FNS’ proposed implementation of summer meal programs as part of its December 2023 interim final rule in response to Congress’s direction in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. The Committee appreciates the interim final rule’s recognition that the nutritional needs of children in the summer cannot be addressed through a one-size-fits-all approach, and States should include the use of non-congregate meal programs where necessary. To ensure States have the resources needed to properly implement the rule, the Committee encourages USDA to set aside funding to provide technical assistance for up to five States interested in implementing non-congregate meal delivery options for children and families in rural areas. The Committee encourages USDA to prioritize this funding for States interested in partnering with a non-profit entity that has experience in implementing meal delivery options in rural areas and to uphold program integrity as required in the interim final rule.

On page 116 of the report, after the paragraph titled, “SNAP Fraud”, insert the following:

SNAP Payment Errors.--The Committee is concerned about continued payment error rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Agriculture to work with governors and administrators to address the root causes of errors and ensure benefits are available to those in need. This approach should prioritize deploying effective incentives for states to reduce their error rates, to include technical assistance and promoting best practices for use of technology and personnel to improve administrative processes.

On page 118 of the report, after the paragraph titled, “TEFAP Local Foods Pilot”, insert the following:

TEFAP Resources.--The Committee notes record demand for the charitable food network, placing great strain on food banks throughout the United States. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Agriculture to use all available authorities, including Section 32 of the Agriculture Act of 1935, to purchase fresh seafood, fruits, vegetables, and other foods from domestic producers to support domestic commodity markets and to distribute to food banks and other emergency feeding organizations across the country. To provide a needs assessment to Congress, the Secretary should include in its next budget justification, an analysis of the food, fuel, storage and other costs associated with distributing USDA food to communities and the increased TEFAP administrative funding needed to address rising food distribution costs. The analysis shall include an evaluation of the additional administrative expenses required to serve rural and remote communities.

On page 139 of the report, after the paragraph titled, “Grain Reconditioning”, insert the following:

Golden Sea Bream.—In order to improve access to *Stenotomus chrysops* outside of New England, the Committee encourages the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to begin the process of adding “Golden Sea Bream” as an acceptable market name for *Stenotomus chrysops* within 180 days of the enactment of this Act.

On page 144 of the report, in the paragraph titled, “Infant Formula”, add to the end the following:

FDA is directed to brief the Committee on what authorities and funding would be necessary for the Agency to take the following actions: 1) require infant formula manufacturers to report to the FDA within one business day of learning that formula that was processed by the manufacturer but that is no longer within the manufacturer’s control may not provide required nutrients or may be otherwise adulterated or misbranded; 2) require that if any testing of finished infant formula reveals the presence of specified microorganisms (e.g., salmonella), the manufacturer must notify the FDA within one business day; 3) require that the manufacturer must also promptly provide the test results to the FDA and consult with the FDA on proper isolation and disposal of the affected product; 4) that FDA to respond to such a notification and begin discussing proper investigative and corrective action with the manufacturer within one business day; 5) Within 90 days of a report of adulterated, misbranded, or contaminated infant formula, determine whether the manufacturer that reported the problem has performed, or is performing, appropriate investigative and corrective action; 6) annually report on the infant formula supply chain and efforts to improve the safety and supply of infant formula, in consultation with other federal agencies and infant formula stakeholders on these issues.

On page 146 of the report, after the paragraph titled, “Lupus”, insert the following:

Maple Syrup Definition.—The Committee is concerned that the FDA has not responded to the citizen petition by updating standard of identity of pure maple syrup, which was received

in December 2018. The Committee encourages the FDA to finalize the changes outlined in the citizen petition within one year of the enactment of this act.

On page 146 of the report, insert the following paragraph before the paragraph titled “Medical Foods”:

Medical Device Review Transparency.—Within 120 days of enactment, FDA is directed to brief the Committee on additional steps it could take to improve transparency on medical device reviews (beyond quarterly and annual MDUFA performance reporting, public-facing databases, and independent external audits). This briefing shall include information on how the Agency can publicly share performance metrics, the number of device approvals by device risk classification (e.g., Class I, II, III) on an annual basis, and considerations for initiation of a pilot effort to publish additional anonymized summaries of marketing applications, to the extent allowed by law. The briefing shall include information on potential hurdles, such as authorities and cost.

On page 173 of the report, in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items”, strike the project titled “Teledentistry Initiative”, and on page 176 of the same table, strike the projects titled “Children’s Center Building Acquisition” and “Groton Salt and Sand Shed”

On page 170 of the report, in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items”, insert the following in the appropriate place:

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program	Teledentistry Initiative	Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center	110,000	Durbin
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On page 177 of the report, in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items”, insert the following in the appropriate place:

Rural Community Facilities Program	Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Community Center	Wheeler County	648,000	Merkley, Wyden
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