

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: _____

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) _____

(title) _____

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the fol-
2 lowing

3 TITLE VIII

4 SEC. 801. For an additional amount for “National
5 Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research and Edu-
6 cation Activities”, \$135,000,000, to remain available until
7 expended.

8 SEC. 802. For an additional amount for “National
9 Institute of Food and Agriculture, Extension Activities”,
10 \$45,000,000, to remain available until expended.

11 SEC. 803. For an additional amount for “Natural Re-
12 sources Conservation Service, Watershed and Flood Pre-

1 vention Operations”, \$150,000,000, to remain available
2 until expended.

3 SEC. 804. For an additional amount for the costs of
4 Rural Development loan and grant programs,
5 \$532,401,000, to remain available until expended; of
6 which \$150,000,000 shall be for Water and Waste Dis-
7 posal direct loans and grants; of which \$266,010,000 shall
8 be for direct broadband loans and grants, of which
9 \$106,885,000 shall be for broadband grants; of which
10 \$38,500,000 shall be for Section 502 direct single family
11 housing loans; and of which \$77,891,000 shall be for rural
12 community facilities grants.

13 SEC. 805. For an additional amount for “Food and
14 Nutrition Service, Commodity Assistance Program”,
15 \$40,599,000, to remain available until expended.

16 SEC. 806. For an additional amount for “Foreign Ag-
17 ricultural Service, Food for Peace Title II Grants”,
18 \$275,000,000, to remain available until expended.

19 SEC. 807. For an additional amount for ““Depart-
20 ment of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Ad-
21 ministration”, \$100,000,000, to remain available until ex-
22 pended..

23 SEC. 808. On page 76 of the bill, line 13, strike “;”
24 and insert a period. Additionally, strike lines 14 through
25 line 5 on page 77.

1 SEC. 809. There is hereby appropriated for the
2 “Emergency Watershed Protection Program”,
3 \$80,000,000, to remain available until expended; for the
4 “Emergency Forestry Restoration Program”,
5 \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended; and for
6 the “Emergency Conservation Program”, \$100,000,000,
7 to remain available until expended.

8 SEC. 810. No part of any appropriation contained in
9 this title shall be made available for obligation or expendi-
10 ture, nor any authority granted herein be effective, until
11 the enactment into law of a subsequent Act entitled “Bi-
12 partisan Budget Act of 2017”.

TITLE VIII

SEC. 801. *Research and Education Activities.*—An additional \$135,000,000 is provided for research and education activities of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Specifically, \$100,000,000 is provided for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative; \$20,000,000 for Hatch Act; \$6,000,000 for McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act; \$8,000,000 for Research at 1890 Institutions; and \$1,000,000 for Payments to the 1994 Institutions.

SEC. 802. *Extension Activities.*—An additional \$45,000,000 is provided for extension activities of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Specifically, \$35,000,000 is provided for Smith-Lever Act, \$5,000,000 for Extension Services at 1890 Institutions; \$3,000,000 for Extension Services at 1994 Institutions; and \$2,000,000 for Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions.

SEC. 803. *Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations.*—An additional \$150,000,000 is provided for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations. This program provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and tribes to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans for watershed protection, flood mitigation, erosion reduction and other purposes.

SEC. 804. *Rural Development Programs.*—An additional \$532,401,000 is provided for selected Rural Development loan and grant programs to provide clean water, high speed broadband, single family housing, and community facilities. Water and Waste Disposal loans and grants are increased by \$150,000,000 to support clean drinking water and sanitary waste disposal systems for remote rural communities. Access to high speed broadband in rural areas is enhanced by providing \$950,000,000 in additional loans and \$106,885,000 in grants. The Single family housing direct loan program is increased by \$1,000,000,000, to enable low and very low

income rural households to become successful homeowners. Grants for essential community facilities are increased by \$77,891,000, which will help rural communities obtain health and safety equipment and supplies, hospitals, health clinics, libraries, child and elder day care facilities, etc.

SEC. 805. *The Emergency Food Assistance Program.*—An additional \$40,599,000 is provided for The Emergency Food Assistance Program to support food banks and other feeding organizations with transportation, storage, and administrative expenses for distributing USDA purchased commodities.

SEC. 806. *Food for Peace Title II Grants.*—An additional \$275,000,000 is provided for Food for Peace Title II Grants. This is the primary program that responds to emergencies and is mainly targeted to vulnerable populations in response to malnutrition, famine, natural disasters, and civil strife. In February, the United Nations declared a famine in South Sudan. Almost 5 million South Sudanese are facing severe food insecurity. This level of famine is threatening 3 more countries including Nigeria, Yemen, and Somalia. In Yemen 2.2 million children are acutely malnourished. Just this year, across 45 countries, some 70 million people will require emergency food assistance. This additional funding will assist in responding to worldwide humanitarian crises not seen in over 70 years.

SEC. 807. *Food and Drug Administration.*—An additional \$100,000,000 is provided for the Food and Drug Administration. These funds would go towards FDA efforts to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act.

SEC. 808. The section would provide an additional \$179,000,000 by eliminating the Environmental Quality Incentives Program CHIMP; an additional \$21,000,000 by eliminating the Biomass

Crop Assistance Program CHIMP; and an additional \$36,000,000 by eliminating the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program CHIMP.

SEC. 809. *Emergency Programs.*—An additional \$80,000,000 is provided for the Emergency Watershed Program; an additional \$20,000,000 is provided for the Emergency Forestry Restoration Program; and an additional \$100,000,000 is provided for the Emergency Conservation Program.

SEC. 810. The “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2017” is an act increasing the defense and non-defense discretionary caps contained in the Budget Control Act of 2011.