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H. R. 3449

To provide emergency livestock feed assistance in 1996 to livestock producers whose operations are located in areas that were approved for such assistance in 1994 and 1995 as a result of drought and in which drought conditions continue in 1996.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 1996

Mr. SKEEN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Temporary Emergency
5 Livestock Drought Relief Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY REINSTATEMENT OF LIVESTOCK FEED**
2 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 171(b) of the Agricultural Market Transition
4 Act (title I of Public Law 104–127; 7 U.S.C. 7301(b))
5 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(L), by striking “Title”
7 and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (4),
8 title”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(4) EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK FEED ASSIST-
11 ANCE FOR 1996.—Title VI of the Agricultural Act of
12 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1471–1471j) shall apply with re-
13 spect to livestock emergencies in 1996 in a State,
14 county, or other area that was approved for emer-
15 gency livestock feed assistance under the title in
16 1994 and 1995 as a result of drought and in which
17 the Secretary of Agriculture determines drought con-
18 ditions continue in 1996.”.

19 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK.**

20 Section 602 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C.
21 1471) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting
22 the following:

23 “(2) LIVESTOCK.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘livestock’
25 means cattle, sheep, and goats that have been

1 owned or leased by a livestock producer for at
2 least 180 days.

3 “(B) EXCEPTION TO MINIMUM OWNERSHIP
4 OR LEASING REQUIREMENT.—The minimum pe-
5 riod of ownership or leasing required under sub-
6 paragraph (A) shall not apply to livestock if the
7 Secretary determines that—

8 “(i) the livestock are—

9 “(I) offspring of eligible livestock;

10 “(II) inherited, purchased, or
11 leased as part of a complete livestock
12 operation;

13 “(III) purchased or leased as re-
14 placement breeding stock; or

15 “(IV) purchased or leased as part
16 of a change in the type of livestock
17 operation; or

18 “(ii) the feeding of livestock owned or
19 leased for less than the minimum period is
20 a normal practice of the livestock producer
21 and the livestock are not purchased or
22 leased to obtain additional assistance
23 under this title.”.

1 **SEC. 4. CARRYING CAPACITY.**

2 Section 605(a) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7
3 U.S.C. 1471c(a)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “Each” and
5 inserting “Subject to paragraph (4), each”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(4) CARRYING CAPACITY.—The amount of as-
8 sistance provided to a producer for grazing under
9 this title may not exceed a quantity sufficient to
10 maintain livestock based on the normal carrying ca-
11 pacity of the land of the producer, as determined by
12 the Secretary.”.

13 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

14 Section 608 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C.
15 1471f) is amended to read as follows:

16 **“SEC. 608. FUNDING.**

17 “To provide assistance under this title for livestock
18 feed emergencies in 1996, the Secretary shall use not more
19 than \$18,000,000 from funds that otherwise would have
20 been made available to carry out the cottonseed oil and
21 sunflowerseed oil export assistance programs established
22 under section 301(b) of the Disaster Assistance Act of
23 1988 (Public Law 100–387; 7 U.S.C. 1464 note).”.

1 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON USE OF DISASTER RESERVE FOR LIVE-**
2 **STOCK ASSISTANCE.**

3 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit a
5 report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of
6 Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
7 tion, and Forestry of the Senate on the feasibility and de-
8 sirability of using commodities in the reserve established
9 under section 813 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7
10 U.S.C. 1427a) to provide livestock assistance to producers
11 who are eligible for assistance under title VI of the Agri-
12 cultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.).

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