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Amendments to H.R. 2997— The FY2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

H.R. 2997, the FY 2010 Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (sponsored by *Rep. DeLauro, D-CT*), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 under a restrictive *structured rule* ([H.Res. 609](#)) that provides one hour of general debate, and waives all points of order against the bill's consideration, except for clauses 9 (the earmark rule) and 10 (PAYGO) of Rule XXI. The rule also waives points of order against the bill itself for failures to comply with various rules for appropriations bills (such as prohibitions on appropriating funds to unauthorized programs).

The rule prohibits re-votes on amendments and allows the Chair to reduce to two minutes the time for electronic voting. Only the Appropriations Committee Chairman or his designee could offer a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise (i.e. stop considering amendments). The Minority would get one motion to recommit the bill, with or without instructions.

The structured rule divides the amendments made in order as follows:

- PART A: One manager's amendment
- PART B: Seven perfecting amendments
- PART C: One of four Campbell amendments on earmarks
- PART D: Three of twelve Flake amendments on earmarks
- PART E: One of six Hensarling amendments on earmarks

Each of the respective sponsors of earmark amendments could decide which amendments he wants to offer within the amount allowed.

Each amendment in each part is debatable for ten minutes equally divided.

Total amendments submitted to the Rules Committee: **90**

Total allowed under this restrictive rule: **13**

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PART A MANAGER'S AMENDMENT

1. Delauro (D-CT). Manager's Amendment. The amendment *increases* funding (compared to the base bill) for the following programs as follows:

- Office of the Inspector General (Department of Agriculture), \$500,000.
- Agriculture Research Service, \$2 million.
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture, \$3.5 million.
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (competitive grants), \$3 million.
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (scholarships), \$519,000.
- Food and Drug Administration, \$235,000 (to be derived from tobacco product user fees).
- Methamphetamine Inhibitor Grant Program, \$2 million.

The amendment *decreases* funding (compared to the base bill) for the following programs as follows:

- Chief Information Officer (Department of Agriculture), \$1 million.
- Agriculture Building and Facilities, \$500,000.
- Departmental Administration (Department of Agriculture), \$4 million.
- Farm Service Agency (Salaries and Expenses), \$519,000.
- Rural Development Salaries and Expenses, \$2 million.

The amendment also prohibits first-class travel by employees of the agencies funded by the legislation.

PART B PERFECTING AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. Blackburn (R-TN). Reduces all appropriations in the bill by 5% across-the-board.

2. Brady (R-TX). *Reduces* by \$50,000 funding for the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Economist; *increases* by \$50,000 funding for the Economic Research Service. The intent of the amendment is for economists at USDA study the potential benefits pending trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea could hold for American farmers and ranchers. In addition, the study would focus on the negative impact of not moving forward on these agreements as the EU and Canada conclude their agreements.

3. Broun (R-GA). Provides a funding level for the Food and Drug Administration equivalent to FY 2009, *saving taxpayers \$373 million*. The underlying bill provides a 14% increase for the FDA, which is on top of a 7% increase in FY 2007, a 15% increase in FY 2008, and an 18% increase in FY 2009.

4. Capito (R-WV). *Reduces* by \$10,038,000 funding for the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Information Officer; *increases* by \$10,038,000 funding for the Rural Utilities Service, Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program.

5. Fortenberry (R-NE). *Reduces* by \$2 million funding for the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Information Officer; *increases* by \$2 million funding for the Rural Energy for America program.

6. Garrett (R-NJ). *Reduces* by \$5 million funding for the Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses; *increases* by \$5 million funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Conservation Operation Account.

7. Kingston (R-GA). Prohibits funds in the bill from being used, prior to September 15, 2010, to administer broadband loans or loan guarantees, using spending authority made available by this legislation. The amendment is intended to have, and would have, the effect of requiring the Department of Agriculture to spend the \$2.5 billion for the broadband loan program provided by the “stimulus” *before* using the additional \$400 million provided by the underlying bill.

PART C
FLAKE AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE
ONLY 1 IN ORDER

1. Campbell (R-CA). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “special grant for the Center for One Medicine in Illinois,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$235,000.

2. Campbell (R-CA). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being use for “the special grant for Crops in Indiana,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$235,000.

3. Campbell (R-CA). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “special grants for Air Quality in Kansas and Texas,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$1,090,000.

4. Campbell (R-CA). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “the special grant for the Biodesign and Processing Research Center in Virginia,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$868,000.

PART D
CAMPBELL AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE
ONLY 3 IN ORDER

- 1. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “the special grant for Dairy Farm Profitability in Pennsylvania,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$349,000.
- 2. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for Wood Utilization in AK, ID, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, OR, TN, and WV, and reduces the relevant funding account by \$4,545,000.
- 3. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture project of the Iowa Soybean Association in Iowa,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$288,000.
- 4. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “the special grant for the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$1,000,000.
- 5. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Dairy Education project in Iowa,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$159,000.
- 6. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “special grant for Asparagus Production Technologies in Washington,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$173,000.
- 7. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Wild Rice project in St. Paul Minnesota,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$303,000.
- 8. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “special grant for Hydroponic Production in Ohio,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$124,000.
- 9. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, Maryland,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$638,000.
- 10. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Center for North American Studies in Texas,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$693,000.
- 11. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Urban Horticulture and Marketing project in Illinois,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$104,000.

12. Flake (R-AZ). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “special grants for Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$1,037,000.

PART E
HENSARLING AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE
ONLY 1 IN ORDER

1. Hensarling (R-TX). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “an income enhancement demonstration in Ohio,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$864,000.

2. Hensarling (R-TX). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “greenhouse nurseries research in Ohio,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$1,380,000.

3. Hensarling (R-TX). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “a study of best practices in agriculture waste management in California,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$300,000.

4. Hensarling (R-TX). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “a special grant for agricultural diversification research in Hawaii,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$153,000.

5. Hensarling (R-TX). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “a special grant for Cranberry/Blueberry disease and breeding research in New Jersey,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$451,000.

6. Hensarling (R-TX). Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for “the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kisi Basin, Pennsylvania” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$200,000.

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