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FY26 – Agriculture

Amendment #1

Manager's Amendment

In the bill

On page 7, line 10, strike "19,800,000" and insert "19,300,000".

On page 17, line 9, strike "5,500,000" and insert "10,000,000".

On page 19, line 16, strike "8,000,000" and insert "10,000,000".

On page 92, line 12, strike Section 721 and insert "Sec. 721. (a) Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed obligation plan delineated by program, project, and activity, as defined in the report accompanying this Act, for all amounts made available by this Act and prior appropriations Acts that remain available for obligation, including appropriated user fees and loan authorizations.

(b) Such obligation plan shall serve as the baseline for reprogramming notifications for the purposes of section 716 of this Act.

(c) Such plan shall include breakdowns of estimated obligations for each such program, project, or activity by—

(1) fiscal quarter;

(2) source appropriation; and

(3) the number of full-time equivalent positions supported.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available by this Act or previous appropriations Acts to the agencies funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure shall be available for transfer or reprogramming except pursuant to section 716 of this Act."

On page 99, line 12-13, strike the words ""Guidance for Industry on its Enforcement Priorities"" and replace with ""Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization"".

On page 100, line 24-25, strike the words “illegal nicotine products” and replace with “illegal ENDS products”.

On page 123, line 13, strike Section 770 and insert “Sec. 770. There is hereby appropriated $500,000, to remain available until expended, for grants under section 12502 of Public Law 115–334.”

On page 131, line 5, after the period, insert “and”.

On page 131, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following paragraphs:

(iii) appears with the largest or most prominent use of the term ‘‘natural’’ on each panel of the label on which the term appears, in the same style and color print and at least one-half the size of the term ‘‘natural’’.

(2) PREEMPTION.—No State or a political subdivision of a State may directly or indirectly establish, maintain, implement, or enforce any authority or requirement relating to the labels, labeling, or advertising of animal food that is different from, or more stringent than paragraph (1).

On page 133, line 4, after “Regulation” insert “1”.

On page 133, line 5, after “Regulation” insert “10”.

In the report

On page 3, before the paragraph entitled "Critical Inputs", insert the following new paragraph:

Credit Subsidy Rates.—The Committee notes that the release of the OMB Budget coincided with the Committee's work to draft this Act. In preparation for the appropriations process for fiscal year 2027, the Committee directs USDA to transmit to the Committee the estimated credit subsidy rates for fiscal year 2027 for each program for which amounts are provided in the Act for gross obligations for the principal amount of direct or guaranteed loans no later than March 1, 2026.

On page 6, before the paragraph entitled "Quarterly Reports", insert the following new paragraph:

Program, Project, or Activity.—For the purposes of sections 716 and 721 of this Act, "program, project, or activity" means the most detailed subdivision of an appropriation and should reflect the more detailed of (a) amounts identified in any tables in this report; (b) amounts, including increases or decreases, specified in any parts of this Act or this report; (c) activities or directives specified in this Act or this report; or (d) tables included in budget justification materials.

Page 6, in the paragraph entitled "Quarterly Reports," strike the second sentence and replace it with the following:

Staffing data should provide detail by agency, including current levels and end-of-year goals, and the source of appropriations, notated by the authority citation, supporting each staffing level. Obligation data should include year-to-date obligations and current balances at the mission area, agency, and program level, broken down by source of appropriation and the number of FTEs supported by each PPA.

On page 20, after the paragraph entitled "Recirculating Aquaculture Systems," insert the following new paragraph:

Remote Sensing Technologies.—The Committee encourages ARS to work cooperatively with the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to use remote sensing data for agriculture monitoring, including crop health, soil moisture, precipitation, temperature, and evapotranspiration. These satellites can help agricultural producers spot crop diseases and pests early, predict yields, and guide decisions on water management, fertilization, and harvesting more efficiently.

On page 20, before the paragraph entitled "Resilient Barley Initiative", insert the following new paragraph:

Research Funding.—Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, ARS is directed to submit a report to the Committee detailing how research funds were allocated in fiscal years

2024 and 2025 for each of ARS's research topics at the level shown in the table under this heading in this report.

On page 32, before the paragraph entitled "Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP)", insert the following new paragraph:

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Reportable Disease.—The Committee recognizes the ongoing efforts to combat CWD. Recent reports suggest there is a substantial species barrier preventing transmission of CWD from cervids to humans. The Committee requests a report from APHIS within 90 days of enactment on the impacts of removing CWD from the USDA National List of Reportable Animal Diseases.

On page 37, before the paragraph entitled "Nitrogen Depopulation Methods", insert the following new paragraph:

New World Screwworm Preparedness.—The Committee recognizes that proactive measures, including continued research and development on control methods, are critical to responding to and preventing a NWS outbreak. The Committee further notes that the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness & Response Plan for the New World Screwworm from APHIS was last updated in 2018 and acknowledges the necessity to update these documents in light of the current NWS infestation in Mexico and Central America. Within 120 days of enactment of this Act, the Committee directs APHIS, alongside the FDA as necessary, and with relevant stakeholders, to update the current state of U.S. preparedness and response capabilities and identify critical research and development needs to enhance NWS prevention, control and eradication such as new diagnostic tools, improved sterile insect techniques, and potential drug treatments, to combat the NWS. APHIS shall make all issued guidance documents in relation to NWS outbreak prevention and eradication publicly available.

On page 67, in the first paragraph, strike the last sentence and insert the following:

The Committee notes that FNS has paused the data transfer pending implementation of "requisite procedural safeguards." The Committee directs FNS safeguard the use of personally identifiable information (PII).

On page 70, strike the two paragraphs preceding the header "McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program Grants".

On page 84, strike the paragraph entitled "Lupus", and replace with the following paragraph:

Lupus.—The Committee is aware of barriers that have long affected the development of therapeutics for lupus, a disease that primarily affects women. The Committee is pleased that FDA has partnered with researchers, industry, patients, and other stakeholders to launch the Lupus Accelerating Breakthroughs Consortium (ABC), a public-private partnership to accelerate development of new therapies. The Committee encourages FDA to continue this engagement and provide updates on its efforts to accelerate development of safer and more effective

treatments for people with lupus.

On page 89, before the paragraph entitled “Pharmacy Compounding Advisory Committee (PCAC)”, insert the following new paragraph:

Pet Food Regulation.—The bill includes a provision that provides for the modernization of the pet food and animal feed regulatory framework. The current system has been in place since the early 1900s and no longer keeps pace with pet food and animal feed marketplace improvements. This provision does not preclude, prohibit, or limit in any way the ability for States to continue to collect licensing, registration, and inspection fees necessary for the administration of State commercial feed laws for which the purposes of such fees range from bolstering general funds, spay and neuter activities, and research.

On page 89, in the paragraph entitled “Pregnancy and Lactation Registries”, strike the word “people” and replace with “women”.

On page 90, at the end of the paragraph entitled “Quantifiable Limits Task Force” insert the following sentence:

In determining the quantifiable amounts, the Committee does not intend for industrial or non-intoxicating hemp-derived cannabinoid products with trace or insignificant amounts of THC to be affected.

On page 91, before the paragraph entitled “Regional Medical Research Institutes”, insert the following new paragraph:

Rare Mitochondrial Diseases.—The Committee is concerned about the potential loss of access to Elamipretide for patients with rare mitochondrial diseases for whom the drug has demonstrated efficacy and life-sustaining benefits through the Expanded Access Program. The Committee is aware of the FDA’s rejection of the New Drug Application for Elamipretide under a standard review timeline and subsequent proposal for an accelerated approval pathway for Elamipretide. The Committee requests FDA provide a report detailing a transparent overview of its review process for Elamipretide no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

On page 106, strike the Community Project Funding table and insert updated version incorporating technical and conforming changes.