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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURENBERGER (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. WELLSTONE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 shall be known as the “Dairy Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EQUALIZATION OF MINIMUM PRICE ADJUSTMENT**
2 **FOR CLASS I MILK FOR ALL MARKETING**
3 **AREAS.**

4 (a) USE OF SAME PRICE.—Section 8c(5) of the Agri-
5 cultural Adjustment Act, reenacted with amendments by
6 the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7
7 U.S.C. 608c(5)), is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (A)—

9 (A) in the third sentence—

10 (i) by striking “Throughout” and all
11 that follows through “order involved), the”
12 and inserting “The”; and

13 (ii) by striking “on the date” and all
14 that follows through the end of the table in
15 that sentence and inserting “shall be the
16 same for each marketing area subject to
17 an order and shall be \$1.80 per hundred-
18 weight of milk having 3.5 percent milkfat,
19 with a transportation surcharge deter-
20 mined by the Secretary to compensate han-
21 dlers for the actual cost of moving milk
22 within and between orders.”; and

23 (B) by striking the fourth sentence;

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall take effect on the first day of the first

1 month beginning more than 120 days after the date of
2 enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF SOLIDS CONTENT OF BEVERAGE MILK.**

4 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that current standards
5 for milk solids not fat contained in class I milk for fluid
6 use produced in geographic areas covered by milk market-
7 ing orders issued pursuant to section 8c of the Agricul-
8 tural Adjustment Act, reenacted with amendments by the
9 Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C.
10 608c), are below the average levels of milk solids not fat
11 contained in unprocessed fluid milk that is produced on
12 farms of producers.

13 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
14 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

15 (1) study the desirability and effects of fortify-
16 ing class I fluid milk described in subsection (a)
17 with additional nonfat solids, including consumer ac-
18 ceptance of fortifying the milk; and

19 (2) report the results of the study to the Com-
20 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-
21 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
22 and Forestry of the Senate.

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