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S. 1548

To amend the National Wool Act of 1954 to reduce the subsidies that wool and mohair producers receive for the 1994 and 1995 marketing years and to eliminate the wool and mohair programs for the 1996 and subsequent marketing years, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 14 (legislative day, OCTOBER 13), 1993

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

OCTOBER 15 (legislative day, OCTOBER 13), 1993

Committee discharged

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. SUPPORT PRICE FOR WOOL AND MOHAIR.**

4 Section 703 of the National Wool Act of 1954 (7
5 U.S.C. 1782) is amended—

1 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
2 following new subsection:

3 “(a) Subject to subsection (b)(3), the Secretary of
4 Agriculture shall, through the Commodity Credit Corpora-
5 tion, make loans and payments to producers of wool and
6 mohair through December 31, 1995.”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “1997”
9 and inserting “1995”; and

10 (B) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
11 ing the following new paragraph:

12 “(3) No loans, purchases, or payments shall be made
13 for the 1996 and subsequent marketing years, except that
14 loans and payments for the 1995 marketing year shall be
15 paid in 1996.”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(4)(A) Through December 31, 1995, the Secretary
19 shall offer to wool and mohair producers recourse loans
20 under terms and conditions that are prescribed by the Sec-
21 retary, except that the loans shall be administered at no
22 net cost to the Federal Government.

23 “(B) A producer who fails to repay a loan made
24 under subparagraph (A) by the end of the following mar-
25 keting year shall be ineligible for a loan under this Act

1 for that marketing year and subsequent marketing
2 years.”.

3 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN PAYMENTS.**

4 Section 704(a) of the National Wool Act of 1954 (7
5 U.S.C. 1783(a)) is amended by inserting after the first
6 sentence the following new sentence: “In the case of each
7 of the 1994 and 1995 marketing years, the payments shall
8 be 75 and 50 percent, respectively, of the amount other-
9 wise determined under the preceding sentence.”.

10 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF WOOL AND MOHAIR PROGRAMS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective December 31, 1995, the
12 National Wool Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1781 et seq.) is re-
13 pealed.

14 (b) APPLICATION.—The repeal made by subsection
15 (a) shall apply to both the wool and mohair programs.

16 (c) PROHIBITION.—Effective beginning December
17 31, 1995, the Secretary of Agriculture may not provide
18 loans or payments for wool or mohair by using the funds
19 of the Commodity Credit Corporation or under the author-
20 ity of any law.

21 **SEC. 4. REMOVAL OF PRICE SUPPORT REFERENCES.**

22 (a) Section 702 of the National Wool Act of 1954
23 (7 U.S.C. 1781) is repealed.

24 (b) Section 703 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1782) is
25 amended—

1 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-
2 ing the following new section heading:

3 “SUPPORT PRICE FOR WOOL AND MOHAIR”;

4 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(i), by striking “such
5 price support” and inserting “the support price”;
6 and

7 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “price sup-
8 port” and inserting “support under this section”.

9 (c) Section 704 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1783) is
10 amended—

11 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-
12 ing the following new section heading:

13 **“SEC. 704. PAYMENTS.”;**

14 and

15 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “If payments
16 are utilized as a means of price support, the” and
17 inserting “The”.

18 (d) The first sentence of section 706 of such Act (7
19 U.S.C. 1785) is amended by striking “price support oper-
20 ations” and inserting “operations under this Act”.

21 **SEC. 5. LIABILITY OF PRODUCERS.**

22 A provision of this Act may not affect the liability
23 of any person under any provision of law as in effect be-
24 fore the effective date of the provision.

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