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To amend the Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 to cover seedless and not seeded limes, to increase the exemption level, to delay the initial referendum date, and to alter the composition of the Lime Board, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 2), 1993

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MACK) introduced the following bill; which was considered, read the third time, and passed

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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 “Lime Research, Pro-
5 motion, and Consumer Information Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Lime Research, Promotion, and
2 Consumer Information Act of 1990 was enacted on
3 November 28, 1990, for the purpose of establishing
4 an orderly procedure for the development and fi-
5 nancing of an effective and coordinated program of
6 research, promotion, and consumer information to
7 strengthen the domestic and foreign markets for
8 limes.

9 (2) The lime research, promotion, and
10 consumer information order required by such Act be-
11 came effective on January 27, 1992.

12 (3) Although the intent of such Act was to
13 cover seedless limes, the definition of the term
14 “lime” in section 1953(6) of such Act applies to
15 seeded limes. Therefore, the Act and the order need
16 to be revised before a research, promotion, and
17 consumer information program on seedless limes can
18 go into effect.

19 (4) Since the enactment of the Lime Research,
20 Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990,
21 the United States production of fresh market limes
22 has plummeted and the volume of imports has risen
23 dramatically. The drop in United States production
24 is primarily due to damage to lime orchards in the
25 State of Florida by Hurricane Andrew in August

1 1992. United States production is not expected to
2 reach pre-Hurricane Andrew levels for possibly two
3 to three years because a majority of the United
4 States production of limes is in Florida.

5 (b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of this Act is—

6 (1) to revise the definition of the term “lime”
7 in order to cover seedless and not seeded limes;

8 (2) to increase the exemption level;

9 (3) to delay the initial referendum date; and

10 (4) to alter the composition of the Lime Board.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF LIME.**

12 Section 1953(6) of the Lime Research, Promotion,
13 and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
14 6202(6)) is amended by striking “citrus aurantifolia” and
15 inserting “citrus latifolia”.

16 **SEC. 4. REQUIRED TERMS IN ORDERS.**

17 (a) COMPOSITION OF LIME BOARD.—Subsection (b)
18 of section 1955 of the Lime Research, Promotion, and
19 Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6204) is
20 amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “7” and
22 inserting “3”;

23 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “7” and
24 inserting “3”;

1 (3) in paragraph (2)(F), by adding at the end
2 the following new sentence: “The Secretary shall ter-
3minate the initial Board established under this sub-
4section as soon as practicable after the date of the
5enactment of the Lime Research, Promotion, and
6Consumer Information Improvement Act.”; and

7 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2)(F) the fol-
8lowing new paragraph:

9 “(G) BOARD ALLOCATION.—The producer
10 and importer representation on the Board shall
11 be allocated on the basis of 2 producer mem-
12 bers and 1 importer member from the district
13 east of the Mississippi River and 1 producer
14 member and 2 importer members from the dis-
15 trict west of the Mississippi River.”.

16 (b) TERMS OF MEMBERS.—Subsection (b)(4) of such
17 section is amended—

18 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and all that
19 follows through “shall—” and inserting “The initial
20 members of the Board appointed under the amended
21 order shall serve a term of 30 months. Subsequent
22 appointments to the Board shall be for a term of 3
23 years, except that—”;

24 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “3” and
25 inserting “2”;

1 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “4” and
2 inserting “2”; and

3 (4) in subparagraph (C), by striking “4” and
4 inserting “3”.

5 (c) DE MINIMIS EXCEPTION.—Subsection (d)(5) of
6 such section is amended by striking “35,000” each place
7 it appears and inserting “200,000”.

8 **SEC. 5. INITIAL REFERENDUM.**

9 Section 1960(a) of the Lime Research, Promotion,
10 and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
11 6209(a)) is amended by striking “Not later than 2 years
12 after the date on which the Secretary first issues an order
13 under section 1954(a),” and inserting “Not later than 30
14 months after the date on which the collection of assess-
15 ments begins under the order pursuant to section
16 1955(d),”.

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