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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to use certain unexpended disaster assistance funds, to the extent necessary, to provide emergency crop loss assistance for certain losses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. COVERDELL) 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. EMERGENCY CROP LOSS ASSISTANCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall use unex-
6 pended disaster assistance funds, to the extent necessary
7 to carry out this section, to provide emergency crop loss
8 assistance to producers for losses to a crop as a result

1 of damaging weather or related condition that occurred
2 during the period beginning January 1, 1993, and ending
3 March 31, 1993, under the same terms and conditions as
4 assistance provided under chapter 3 of subtitle B of title
5 XXII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade
6 Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note) and the provisions of
7 law referred to in subsection (d).

8 (b) EMERGENCY LOANS.—Notwithstanding any
9 other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
10 make emergency loans under subtitle C of the Consoli-
11 dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1961
12 et seq.) with respect to damage to an annual crop as a
13 result of damaging weather or related condition described
14 in subsection (a) without regard to the purchase of crop
15 insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
16 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) by the producer who requests such
17 a loan.

18 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
20 shall issue regulations and take such other actions
21 as are necessary to permit producers to apply for as-
22 sistance under this section not later than 45 days
23 after the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for assist-
25 ance under this section, a producer must apply to

1 the Secretary for the assistance not later than 45
2 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (d) DEFINITION OF UNEXPENDED DISASTER ASSIST-
4 ANCE FUNDS.—For purposes of this section, the term
5 “unexpended disaster assistance funds” means funds
6 made available under the following provisions of law that
7 have not been expended on or before the date of enactment
8 of this Act:

9 (1) The matter under the heading “COMMODITY
10 CREDIT CORPORATION” under the heading “DE-
11 PARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE” of chapter III
12 of title I of Public Law 102–229 (105 Stat. 1712;
13 7 U.S.C. 1421 note).

14 (2) The matter under the heading “CROP
15 LOSSES”, and the matter under the heading “TREE
16 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM”, under the heading “COM-
17 MODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND” under the
18 heading “COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION”
19 under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-
20 CULTURE” of chapter I of title XI of Public Law
21 102–368 (106 Stat. 1134).

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