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To amend the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act to reinstate the right of soybean producers to demand and receive refunds of assessments imposed on producers under the Act, to require a referendum on termination of the soybean research and promotion order issued under the Act, and to require additional referendums at the request of a simple majority of soybean producers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 2, 1995

Mr. EWING (for himself and Mr. LAHOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REINSTATEMENT OF REFUNDS.**

2 (a) REFUNDS.—Section 1969(l)(2)(F) of the Soy-
3 bean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information
4 Act (7 U.S.C. 6304(l)(2)(F)) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new clause:

6 “(viii) REINSTATEMENT OF RE-
7 FUNDS.—Notwithstanding clause (ii) or
8 the results of the poll conducted under
9 clause (iii), effective October 1, 1995, the
10 qualified State soybean board and, where
11 no qualified State soybean board exists,
12 the Board shall make refunds available to
13 soybean producers at the end of each fiscal
14 year from eserowed funds, as provided for
15 in clause (vii).”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Clause (vii) of
17 such section is amended—

18 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “clause (ii)”
19 and inserting “clauses (ii) and (viii);

20 (2) in subclause (II), by striking “and (vi)” and
21 inserting “(vi), and (viii)”;

22 (3) in subclause (III), by striking “or (vi)” and
23 inserting “(vi), or (viii)”;

24 (4) in subclause (IV), by striking “clause (ii)”
25 and inserting “clause (ii) or (viii); and

1 (5) in subclause (V), by striking “and (vi)” and
2 inserting “(vi), and (viii)”.

3 **SEC. 2. REFERENDUM ON TERMINATION OF ORDER AND**
4 **RELIANCE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY OF SOY-**
5 **BEAN PRODUCERS IN REQUESTS FOR REF-**
6 **ERENDUMS.**

7 (a) REFERENDUM ON TERMINATION OF ORDER.—
8 Subsection (b) of section 1970 of the Soybean Promotion,
9 Research, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6305)
10 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
11 graph:

12 “(4) TERMINATION REFERENDUM.—Not later
13 than September 30, 1999, the Secretary of Agri-
14 culture shall conduct a referendum among producers
15 who, during a representative period as determined
16 by the Secretary, have been engaged in the produc-
17 tion of soybeans for the purpose of determining
18 whether the order then in effect, if any, shall be con-
19 tinued. The Secretary shall conduct the referendum
20 in the manner provided in subsection (a).”.

21 (b) REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL REFERENDA.—
22 Such subsection is further amended in paragraph (1)(B)
23 by striking “, of which group of requesting producers not

- 1 in excess of one-fifth may be producers in any one State,
- 2 as determined by the Secretary”.

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