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Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay employees of the Food Safety and Inspection Service working in establishments subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act for overtime and holiday work performed by the employees.

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 “Federal Meat and  
5 Poultry Employees Pay Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY PAY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
3 may—

4 (1) pay employees of the Department of Agri-  
5 culture employed in an establishment subject to the  
6 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)  
7 or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.  
8 451 et seq.) for all overtime and holiday work per-  
9 formed at the establishment at rates determined by  
10 the Secretary, subject to applicable law relating to  
11 minimum wages and maximum hours; and

12 (2) accept from the establishment reimburse-  
13 ment for any sums paid by the Secretary for the  
14 overtime and holiday work, at rates determined  
15 under paragraph (1).

16 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Sums received by the Secretary  
17 under this section shall remain available until expended  
18 without further appropriation and without fiscal year limi-  
19 tation, to carry out this section.

20 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

21 (a) Section 25 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act  
22 (21 U.S.C. 468) is amended by striking “except that the  
23 cost” and all that follows and inserting “except the cost  
24 of overtime and holiday pay paid pursuant to the Federal  
25 Meat and Poultry Employees Pay Act of 1998.”.

1           (b) The Act of June 5, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 695), is  
2 amended by striking “overtime” and all that follows and  
3 inserting “overtime and holiday pay paid pursuant to the  
4 Federal Meat and Poultry Employees Pay Act of 1998.”.

5           (c) The matter under the heading “BUREAU OF ANI-  
6 MAL INDUSTRY” of the Act of July 24, 1919, is amended  
7 by striking the next to the last paragraph (7 U.S.C. 394).

8           (d) Section 5549 of title 5, United States Code is  
9 amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-  
10 lowing:

11                   “(1) the Federal Meat and Poultry Employees  
12 Pay Act of 1998;”.

Passed the Senate September 25, 1998.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*