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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 17, 1997

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. KOHL) 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 (a) Not later than 30 days after the enactment of
4 this Act, the Secretary shall collect and disseminate, on

1 a weekly basis, statistically reliable information, obtained
2 from cheese manufacturing areas in the United States on
3 prices received and terms of trade involving bulk cheese,
4 including information on the national average price for
5 bulk cheese sold through spot and forward contract trans-
6 actions. To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall re-
7 port the prices and terms of trade for spot and forward
8 contract transactions separately.

9 (b) The Secretary may require dairy product manu-
10 facturing plants in the United States to report to the Sec-
11 retary on a weekly basis the price they receive for cheese,
12 butter and nonfat dry milk sold through spot sales ar-
13 rangements, forward contracts or other sales arrange-
14 ments.

15 (c) All information provided to, or acquired by, the
16 Secretary under subsections (1) and (2) shall be kept con-
17 fidential by each officer and employee of the Department
18 of Agriculture except that general weekly statements may
19 be issued that are based on the information and that do
20 not identify the information provided by any person.

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