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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
*Washington, DC, January 2, 1999.*

Mr. JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: Pursuant to Rule XI, clause 1(d), of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I herewith submit to the House a report of the activities of the Committee on Agriculture during the 105th Congress.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

ROBERT F. (BOB) SMITH,  
*Chairman.*



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submitted the following

### REPORT

#### I. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION, JURISDICTION, AND OVERSIGHT PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

##### A. ORGANIZATION

With the passage of H. Res. 12 and H. Res. 13 on January 7, 1997, and H. Res. 36 on February 5, 1997, the House of Representatives established the total authorized membership of the Committee on Agriculture for the 105th Congress at 50, with a party division of 27 Republicans and 23 Democrats. Among the Committee members were 16 Representatives who were serving their first terms (Emerson, Moran of KS, Blunt, Pickering, Bob Schaffer of CO, Thune, Jenkins, Cooksey, Berry, Goode, McIntyre, Stabenow, Etheridge, John, Johnson, and Boswell).

The Committee was organized on January 8, 1997, into 5 subcommittees, 3 of which were assigned jurisdiction over major agricultural commodities and 2 of which dealt with various related agricultural operations. The 5 subcommittees were constituted as follows:

## SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

(Ratio includes ex officio Members. Robert F. (Bob) Smith, Chairman, and Charles W. Stenholm, were ex officio members of all Subcommittees)

## COMMODITY SUBCOMMITTEES

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## B. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Under Rules adopted by the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress, the Committee on Agriculture's (hereinafter also referred to as Committee) jurisdiction (See Rule X, clause 1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives) extended to—

- (1) Adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves.
- (2) Agriculture generally.
- (3) Agricultural and industrial chemistry.
- (4) Agricultural colleges and experiment stations.
- (5) Agricultural economics and research.
- (6) Agricultural education extension services.
- (7) Agricultural production and marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural products, and commodities (not including distribution outside of the United States).
- (8) Animal industry and diseases of animals.
- (9) Commodities exchanges.
- (10) Crop insurance and soil conservation.
- (11) Dairy industry.
- (12) Entomology and plant quarantine.
- (13) Extension of farm credit and farm security.
- (14) Inspection of livestock, and poultry, and meat products, and seafood and seafood products.
- (15) Forestry in general, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain.
- (16) Human nutrition and home economics.
- (17) Plant industry, soils, and agricultural engineering.
- (18) Rural electrification.
- (19) Rural development.
- (20) Water conservation related to activities of the Department of Agriculture.



The revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress (House Document No. 104–272) provides the following concerning the Committee on Agriculture:<sup>1</sup>

This Committee was established in 1820 (IV, 4149). In 1880 the subject of forestry was added to its jurisdiction, and the Committee was conferred authority to receive estimates of and to report appropriations (IV, 4149). However, on July 1, 1920, authority to report appropriations for the U.S. Department of Agriculture was transferred to the Committee on Appropriations (VII, 1860).

The basic form of the present jurisdictional statement was made effective January 2, 1947, as a part of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 812). Subparagraph (7) was altered by the 93d Congress, effective January 3, 1975, to include jurisdiction over agricultural commodities (including the Commodity Credit Corporation) while transferring jurisdiction over foreign distribution and nondomestic production of commodities to the Committee on International Relations (H. Res. 988, 93d Cong., Oct. 8, 1974, p. 34470). Nevertheless, the Committee has retained a limited jurisdiction over measures to release CCC stocks for such foreign distribution (Sept. 14, 1989, p. 20428). Previously unstated jurisdictions over commodities exchanges and rural development were codified effective January 3, 1975.

The 104th Congress consolidated the Committee's jurisdiction over inspection of livestock, poultry, and poultry and meat products to include inspection of seafood and seafood products, and added subparagraph (20) relating to water conservation (sec. 202(a), H. Res. 6, Jan. 4, 1995, p. \_\_\_\_\_).

The Committee has had jurisdiction of bills for establishing and regulating the Department of Agriculture (IV, 4150), for inspection of livestock and meat products, regulation of animal industry, diseases of animals (IV, 4154; VII, 1862), adulteration of seeds, insect pests, protection of birds and animals in forest reserves (IV, 4157; VII, 1870), the improvement of the breed of horses, even with the cavalry service in view (IV, 4158; VII, 1865).

The Committee, having charge of the general subject of forestry, has reported bills relating to timber, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain (IV, 4160). It has also exercised jurisdiction of bills relating to agricultural colleges and experiment stations (IV, 4152), incorporation of agricultural societies (IV, 4159), and establishment of a highway commission (IV, 4153), to discourage fictitious and gambling transactions in farm products (IV, 4161; VII, 1861), and to regulate the transportation, sale and handling of dogs and cats intended for use in research and the licensing of animal research facili-

<sup>1</sup>References are to the volume and section of Hinds' (volumes I–V, e.g., IV, 500) and Cannon's (volumes VI–VIII, e.g., VI, 400) Precedents of the House of Representatives, and to the Congressional Record by date and page (e.g., January 3, 1953, p. 500).

ties (July 29, 1965, p. 18691); and to designate an agricultural research center (May 14, 1995, p. \_\_\_\_\_). The Committee shares with the Committee on the Judiciary original jurisdiction over a bill comprehensively amending the Immigration and Nationality Act and including food stamp eligibility requirements for aliens (Sept. 19, 1995, p. \_\_\_\_\_).

The House referred the President's message dealing with the refinancing of farm-mortgage indebtedness to the Committee, thus conferring jurisdiction (April 4, 1933, p. 1209).

The Committee has jurisdiction over a bill relating solely to executive level position in the Department of Agriculture (Mar. 2, 1976, p. 4958) and has jurisdiction over bills to develop land and water conservation programs on private and non-Federal lands (June 7, 1976, p. 16768).

Some of the specific areas in which the Committee on Agriculture exercises its jurisdiction or that have been created for the Committee by historical reference include:

(1) Public Law 480, Eighty-third Congress, the restoration, expansion, and development of foreign markets for United States agricultural products; and the effect of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (and the North American Free Trade Agreement), bilateral free trade agreements, the European Community, and other regional economic agreements and commodity marketing and pricing systems on United States agriculture.

(2) All matters relating to the establishment and development of an effective Foreign Agricultural Service.

(3) Matters relating to rural development, including rural telephone companies, farm credit banks, farm rural housing loans, rural water supply, rural flood control and water pollution control programs, and loans for rural firehouses, community facilities, and businesses.

(4) Production and use of energy from agricultural and forestry resources.

(5) Matters relating to the development, use, and administration of the National Forests, including, but not limited to, development of a sound program for general public use of the National Forests consistent with watershed protection and sustained-yield timber management, study of the forest fire prevention and control policies and activities of the Forest Service and their relation to coordinated activities of other Federal, State, and private agencies; Forest Service land exchanges; and wilderness and similar use designations applied to National Forest land.

(6) Price spreads of agricultural commodities between producers and consumers.

(7) The formulation and development of improved programs for agricultural commodities; matters relating to the inspection, grading, and marketing of such commodities, including seafood; and food safety generally.

(8) Matters relating to trading in futures contracts for all commodities and similar instruments, including commodity options and commodity leverage contracts.

(9) The administration and operation of agricultural programs through State and county committees and the administrative policies and procedures relating to the selection, election, and operation of such committees.

(10) The administration and development of small watershed programs under Public Law 566, Eighty-third Congress, as amended, and the development of resource conservation and development programs for rural areas.

(11) Programs of food assistance or distribution supported in whole or in part by funds of the Department of Agriculture, including but not limited to the food stamp program and the commodity distribution program.

(12) Aquaculture programs of the Department of Agriculture.

(13) Sugar legislation, including import control programs that stabilize domestic prices.

(14) All matters relating to pesticides, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Amendments of 1988, and the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, including, but not limited to, the registration, marketing, and safe use of pesticides, groundwater contamination, and the coordination of the pesticide program under FIFRA with food safety programs.

(15) Agricultural research programs, including, but not limited to, the authorization of specific research projects and agricultural biotechnology development efforts.

(16) All matters relating to the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

(17) Legislation relating to the control of the entry into the United States of temporary, nonresident aliens for employment in agricultural production.

(18) Legislation relating to the general operations and the Organic Act of the Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Credit Corporation, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, Farm Credit System, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, and Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

(19) Producer-funded research, promotion, and consumer and industry information programs for agricultural commodities.

(20) Legislation regarding reclamation water projects where the pricing of water delivered by such projects is affected by whether the water will be used in the production of a crop for which an acreage reduction programs is in effect.

(21) Legislation regarding reclamation water projects for which the Secretary of Agriculture is required to make a determination regarding commodity availability prior to the determination of the price to be charged for the delivery of such project water.

(22) Legislation establishing the level of fees charged by the Federal Government for the grazing of livestock on Federal lands.

(23) Legislation governing the Federal regulation of transactions involving swaps contracts, hybrid financial instruments, and derivative securities and financial products.

(24) Legislation regarding the Federal Reserve Board with respect to its authority to regulate the establishment of appropriate levels of margin on stock index futures contracts.

The Committee also reviews and studies, on a continuing basis, the current and prospective application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and the organization and operation of the Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities in or for the administration and execution thereof. In addition, the Committee, along with other standing Committees of the House, has the function of reviewing and studying on a continuing basis the effect or probable effect of tax and other fiscal and monetary policies affecting subjects within their jurisdiction.

#### C. OVERSIGHT PLAN

The Committee on Agriculture met on February 6, 1997, to fulfill the General Oversight Responsibility reporting requirements of Rule X 2(d)(1) of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

The following outline was prepared in consultation with the Ranking Member and approved by the Full Committee which was forwarded to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on February 11, 1997:

#### OVERSIGHT PLAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

##### FOREST ECOSYSTEM HEALTH AND PUBLIC LAND LAW REFORM

The Committee will conduct a series of hearings to review the impact of the National Forest Management Act (NFMA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and other applicable laws on the Forest Service's multiple use management of national forests.

The Committee will also focus on the management of the National Forest System, the structure of the Forest Service, and the Forest Service's changing role in administering national forest system lands for multiple-use public benefit.

##### AGRICULTURAL TRADE

The Committee will conduct oversight hearings on United States agricultural trade and the role of the Federal government in promoting exports and securing a more favorable export environment through the reduction of trade barriers. Areas and issues that will be examined include:

- Oversight of: Administration's Agricultural Export Promotion Strategy; USDA's export programs (including Export Enhancement, Market Assistance, Export Credit Guarantees, and Foreign Market Development); and food assistance programs (including the Food Security Commodity Reserve and U.S. commitments under international agreements). Monitoring USDA's implementation of trade agreements and related issues to ensure compliance of other countries' trade obligations:

- the implementation of Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), including European Union (EU) issues such as the EU meat hormone ban; veterinary equivalency; rice and tariff-free quotas; EU crop subsidies; genetically modified organisms; and state trading enterprises.
- issues relating to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), including: Canada's use of high tariffs for dairy, poultry, eggs, barley, and margarine products; tomato and avocado imports from Mexico; and Canadian exports of wheat, barley, and other agricultural commodities into the U.S.
- harmonization of sanitary and phytosanitary standards ("SPS"), including those provided by international organizations setting such standards; the Administration's position regarding the use of international standards versus U.S. standards; and incorporation of new technologies and products into SPS standards.
- Implementation of the trade title of the 1996 Farm Bill.
- Implementation of the 1996 Farm Bill changes to P.L. 480, including: the authorization of entering into agreements with private entities; maximum administrative funding levels; the Farmer-to-Farmer Program; and expanded authority for sales on credit.
- Extension of "fast track" authority.
- Effects of expanding NAFTA for Chile and the accession of China and other countries to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

#### AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION

The 1996 Farm Bill authorized federal programs in agricultural research, education, and extension through FY 1997. The Committee will review existing research authorities and take testimony from interested witnesses to determine the need for modifications of the authorities.

#### IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

*1996 Farm Bill:* Title I (the Agricultural Market Transition Act—"AMTA") of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the "1996 Farm Bill"), made substantial changes to the Federal agricultural commodity programs (wheat, feed grains, cotton, rice, oilseeds, peanuts, and sugar). The Committee (and Subcommittees) will be conducting oversight into the operation of AMTA on a commodity-by-commodity basis, including the planting flexibility provisions.

*Welfare Reform:* The Committee will hold hearings on the implementation of the provisions of welfare reform (the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act), which included significant changes to the food stamp program. USDA's Food and Consumer Service is responsible for overseeing implementation of these provisions by the states. The Committee will review the action of USDA and the states to evaluate the following issues:

- Harmonization of welfare and food stamp programs by States.
- Implementation of work requirement for able-bodied individuals.
- States' use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) systems to improve the distribution of food benefits.
- Effectiveness of provisions designed to curb trafficking and fraud.
- Adequacy of USDA data collection to support comprehensive evaluation of the impact of food stamp reforms.
- Consolidation of food distribution programs to improve distribution and delivery of food.

*Pesticide Regulatory Reform:* In the 104th Congress the Committee, exercising its jurisdiction over the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), worked closely with the Commerce Committee to enact the "Food Quality Protection Act ("FQPA"). This was the first comprehensive pesticide reform legislation in nearly a decade. In addition to key policy reforms, FQPA requires all of the appropriate federal agencies to coordinate their activities to ensure consumer confidence in the U.S. food supply through efficient, science-based regulatory decisions. To that end, the Committee is closely monitoring implementation of FQPA and will be conducting the necessary oversight to ensure it is administered as Congress intended. The Committee anticipates that implementation of the FQPA will reveal additional pesticide regulatory issues that will be reviewed and evaluated as necessary.

#### CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

The 1996 Farm Bill made substantial changes to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and other conservation provisions as well as authorizing a new \$200 million/year Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The Committee will be conducting oversight of USDA's administration of these programs to ensure that Congressional intent is followed.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

*Commodity Exchange Act:* In April of 1995, Congress extended authorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through fiscal year 2000. Congress moved to expeditiously reauthorize CFTC with the understanding that additional oversight activities would be conducted during the reauthorization period. The Committee will conduct a series of hearings in the spring to review reform of the Commodity Exchange Act, which governs commodity futures trading.

*1996 Farm Bill Risk Management Provisions:* The Committee will be conducting oversight activities of the risk management provisions of the 1994 Crop Insurance Reform Bill and the 1996 Farm Bill, including multi-peril crop insurance, crop revenue coverage, the noninsured assistance program, the options pilot program, and risk management education.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES AND RELATED ISSUES

The Committee will be conducting oversight into the effects on the agricultural sector of the following:

- Coastal Zone Management Act.
- Endangered Species Act.
- Implementation of the recently-enacted Safe Drinking Water Act relative to regulation of agricultural and rural enterprise activities.
- Effect of Clean Water Act regulations on agricultural activities and rural enterprises.
- Clean Air Act, including EPA regulation of methyl bromide.
- Involvement by USDA's Natural Resources and Conservation Service in the implementation of such laws.
- Effect of environmental laws and regulations on private property rights.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES

The Committee will be conducting necessary oversight activities in the following regulatory and administrative areas:

- Agricultural Promotion Programs.
- Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco.
- Impact of the Occupational Safety and Health Act regulations on the agricultural sector and consumer prices, and the effectiveness of the H2A guestworker program with respect to agricultural labor.
- Meat, poultry, and seafood safety inspection.
- USDA Reorganization.
- Implementation of Food Stamp Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system.
- Prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse by USDA's Food and Consumer Service.
- Reform of milk marketing orders.
- In-depth oversight of all USDA agency operations, reorganization efforts, and management improvements (including impacts on client service), and implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act.

## FARM CREDIT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RURAL ECONOMY

The Committee will be conducting oversight in the following areas:

- Effectiveness of the regulatory relief provided by the Farm Credit System Reform Act of 1996 to both the Farm Credit System and the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (FarmerMac).
- Effectiveness of the Farm Credit Administration as a regulator of the Farm Credit System to ensure safety and soundness of the system, including the future role of the Farm Credit System and its relation to the role of the commercial banking community.
- Effectiveness of the reforms made to the loan and guaranteed loan programs in the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 and the 1996 Farm Bill, including oversight to ensure that these programs are being implemented as intended

and what their effect is on the availability of, and equal access to, credit to agricultural producers.

- Potential impacts of electrical industry deregulation on the Rural Utilities Service ability to serve rural electric cooperatives in providing electric service to rural communities and their ability to repay federal debt.
- Oversight of USDA's administration of the Fund for Rural America (created by the 1996 Farm Bill) to ensure it is being implemented as intended.

In addition, the Committee will review and investigate general legislative, administrative, and regulatory issues affecting the jurisdiction of the Committee.

## II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING THE 105TH CONGRESS

### A. MAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Agriculture reported or otherwise considered a variety of bills in the 105th Congress covering many of the diverse areas within its jurisdictional interest. A considerable portion of the Committee's work in the first session of the 105th Congress was devoted to developing the Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997 (H.R. 2515).

The Committee also met its budget responsibilities in the reconciliation process through provisions it reported in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33).

The Committee also spent a considerable amount of time during the first and second sessions of the 105th Congress gathering information that was important to reforming, repealing, and amending authorities for agricultural research, extension, and education programs. This led to the enactment of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-185).

Major activities of the Committee during the 105th Congress included the following:

#### *Forestry*

The Committee held 6 oversight hearings covering forest health conditions in every region of the country and introduced H.R. 2515, the Forestry Recovery and Protection Act of 1997, much of which is included in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, including: authorization to use the Road and Trails Fund for forest health projects; additional funding to treat the 40 million acres at risk of catastrophic wildfire; and report to Congress on use of additional funding.

The Committee also held 3 hearings on Forest Service Financial Accountability and introduced H.R. 4149, the Forest Service Cost Reduction and Fiscal Accountability Act, most of which is also included in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which included: a uniform definition of overhead to be applied agency-wide; 20% cap on overhead charged to the six off-budget funds administered by the USFS; a 10% reduction in the overhead charged for road construction; mandatory disclosure of anticipated overhead for all programs in each budget request; and mandatory reports to Congress on how the agency will account for overhead in its general ledger.



### *Trade*

U.S. farmers and ranchers, since the passage of the Freedom to Farm Act, look to the marketplace to sell their products. The Committee saw enacted the following:

(1) Legislation to lift agricultural trade sanctions on India and Pakistan. Pakistan responded immediately by purchasing 300,000 tons of U.S. wheat under the USDA credit guarantee program;

(2) The Omnibus Appropriations Bill included \$18 billion to fulfill our obligation to the International Monetary Fund. The importance of agricultural trade in the Asia/Pacific region is best seen by looking at U.S. exports to Japan. In 1997, Japan imported \$15 billion worth of U.S. agricultural products. That is approximately 26% of all U.S. agricultural exports for 1997. The entire Asia/Pacific region accounted for \$27 billion worth of U.S. agricultural products, fully 47% of all U.S. agricultural exports. This explains the reason why the Asia/Pacific region is so important to U.S. farmers and ranchers; and

(3) On July 22, 1998, approved normal trade relations with China. U.S. agriculture exports to China were \$2 billion last year, a significant increase over 1993 exports of less than \$500 million. China represents an agriculture market that is vital to the success of U.S. farmers and ranchers.

### *Research*

The Committee reported and Congress enacted into law the "Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998" (P.L. 105-185), which reformed and reauthorized existing agricultural research programs. Among the major provisions of the Act are improved mechanisms for user input, accountability reforms, leveraging of Federal funds, and a new program providing an additional \$600 million in competitive agricultural research and extension grants. This Act will help ensure the scientific base of support necessary for a successful future for farmers and the funding supports research into food safety, new and alternative commodity uses, precision agriculture, farm profitability and agricultural biotechnology.

### *Crop insurance*

The Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-185) made available \$500 million to stabilize and preserve the crop insurance program for the future. Crop insurance is the primary tool available to farmers to address disaster and weather-related losses. Without this action, the crop insurance program would have ceased to exist.

### *Farm financial relief*

The Committee saw enacted into law the Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act (P.L. 105-228) which allowed farmers to receive, at their option, all of the \$5.5 billion in 1999 Freedom to Farm payments at any time during fiscal year 1999.

This will help farmers marshal all of their financial assets to deal with the severe cash shortages that many are facing.

*Food Stamp Program*

The Committee saw enacted into law Public Law 105–33, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, legislation requiring States to use systems established with the Social Security Administration to make sure that persons in prison are not receiving food stamp benefits. This action was taken based on an investigation by the General Accounting Office that found large numbers of persons in prison were receiving food stamps as if they were a part of a family receiving benefits.

Also enacted into law was Public Law 105–379, legislation to require the States and Federal government to cooperate in order to ensure that deceased individuals are purged from Food Stamp rolls. The CBO estimates that Act will save American taxpayers \$17 million and allow states to administer their programs more efficiently. Eliminating waste, fraud and abuse in welfare programs ensures protection of the taxpayer and targets resources to truly needy people.

In addition, Public Law 105–185, the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 allocated \$2 billion in savings from food stamp administration accounts, food stamp employment and training accounts, and other items. Food stamp benefits for certain legal immigrants are restored through P.L. 105–185.

*Agriculture credit*

The Committee refined certain provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill to assure continued access for truly creditworthy farmers and ranchers seeking USDA loans. The Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research reported out a bill, H.R. 4246, which contained many credit reform provisions. Several of these provisions were included in the Public Law 105–277, the Omnibus Appropriations legislation.

## B. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

*(1) Statistics on bills referred to the Committee on Agriculture*

## Number of bills referred:

House bills .....	200
Senate bills .....	8
House joint resolutions .....	0
House concurrent resolutions .....	3
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	1
House resolutions .....	3
	215
Total .....	215

*Disposition of bills containing items under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture*

Bills enacted into law .....	15
Bills acted on by the Committee included in other bills that became law .....	2
Bills vetoed .....	2
Bills acted on by both Houses, but not enacted .....	0
Bills passed by the House but not considered by the Senate .....	7
Concurrent resolutions passed .....	0
Bills reported to the House but not considered .....	2
Bills defeated in the House .....	2

*(2) Statistics on hearings and markups*

	Open busi- ness meeting	Washington hearings	Field hearings	Total
Full Committee .....	10	21	3	34
Subcommittees:				
General Farm Commodities .....	0	8	0	8
Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry .....	1	9	1	11
Risk Management and Specialty Crops .....	0	13	4	17
Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture .....	1	13	0	14
Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research .....	3	13	1	17
Total .....	15	77	9	101

C. DIGEST OF BILLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHICH SOME ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN <sup>2</sup>

1. Bills enacted into law

*Public Law 105-10 (H.R. 785)*

To designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center (approved April 24, 1997).

This Act designated the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, Georgia, as the “J. Phil Campbell, Senior, National Resource Conservation Center” in order to memorialize the Franklin D. Roosevelt appointee who was instrumental in locating the Center in Watkinsville, Georgia, and maintaining funding of the Center and for his profound contribution to American agriculture.

*Public Law 105-33 (H.R. 2015)*

To provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 (approved August 5, 1997).

Title I of this Act increases spending by a total of \$1.5 billion between FY 1998 and FY 2002 for the food stamp employment and training program for certain people, including able bodied 18 to 50 year old persons subject to the food stamp work requirement. The Act permits states to exempt up to 15% of their able-bodied food stamp recipients from the welfare reform law’s food stamp work requirement. Under welfare reform (P.L. 104-193), able-bodied individuals, between the ages of 18 and 50 and without dependents, could receive food stamps for three months in any three-year period. After exhausting their three-month benefits, those recipients must either work 20 hours per week or enter a job training program to continue food stamp benefits.

In addition, this Act adds \$1 billion over five years to existing mandatory unmatched federal grants to states for the employment and training program for food stamp recipients. The measure requires states to spend at least 80% of those federal unmatched funds on employment and training for able bodied persons between 18 and 50 years who are potentially subject to the three-month food stamp benefit time limit. However, in order to receive this ad-

<sup>2</sup>NOTE.—Similar or identical bills, and bills having reference to each other, are indicated by the number in parenthesis.

ditional funding, states are required to maintain state funding for food stamp employment and training at 1996 levels.

The Act also included provisions that require states to establish a system or to use the Social Security Administration system to verify that persons in any federal, state or local prison are not counted as being part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for Food Stamp benefits.

(*Note.*—Pursuant to the instructions contained in the H. Con. Res. 84, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget—FY 1998, the Committee on Agriculture submitted its recommendations to the Committee on the Budget on June 16, 1997. These recommendations provided direct spending under the provisions of the Food Stamp Act of 1977.)

*Public Law 105-49 (H.R. 111)*

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school (approved October 6, 1997).

This Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to sell 22 acres of land in Dos Palos, California, which was held by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in its inventory of land acquired through its farmer lending program. The Dos Palos Ag Boosters, a nonprofit group, agreed to purchase the land at its fair market value, which will be established by FSA, to use as a school to teach middle school and high school students how to farm.

*Public Law 105-59 (H.R. 394)*

To provide for the release of a reversionary interest held by the United States in 1.92 acres in real property in Iosco County, Michigan, in exchange for adequate consideration (approved October 10, 1997).

This Act intended to clear title on 1.92 acres in real property in order to facilitate a land exchange under the Small Tracts Act of 1983. The 1.92 acres in real property was provided to Iosco County for an airport, but a reversionary interest was retained by the United States in the event the property was ever used for another purpose. Because of a survey error, the property has been in private use. However, the private party agreed to provide real property of equal value to Iosco County in exchange for the 1.92 acres. A release of the reversionary interest held by the United States was necessary to carry out this exchange.

*Public Law 105-113 (H.R. 2366)*

To transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture, and for other purposes (approved November 21, 1997).

Transferring the Census of Agriculture from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Agriculture was a positive move to make government work better by consolidating the activities of these two agricultural statistics programs. The Census of Agriculture is conducted every 5 years and provides important data on the number of farms, land use, production expenses, value of production, farm size, land values, crops, and livestock production, as

well as key demographic information on farm operators not available from any other source. This data is especially important to the agricultural community to measure changes at the local level. The census is also intended to assist Congress in considering legislation, and in overseeing farm programs.

*Public Law 105-171 (H.R. 3226)*

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands and improvements in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes (approved April 24, 1998).

This Act simply allows the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or parts of certain administrative sites (approximately 368 acres) in the George Washington National Forest and the Jefferson National Forest, and to use the value derived therefrom to acquire a replacement site and to construct on the site suitable improvements for national forest administrative purposes.

*Public Law 105-185 (S. 1150, H.R. 2534)*

To ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, and for other purposes (approved June 23, 1998).

This Act funds agricultural research programs, crop insurance, rural development programs, and restores food stamp benefits for some legal immigrants. The savings from food stamp administration accounts, food stamp employment and training accounts, and other items, total \$2 billion. The Act also allocated \$500 million to partially fund crop insurance delivery expenses, \$600 million to create a new competitive agriculture research and extension grants program, \$100 million for the Fund for Rural America along with an amendment to allocate funds within the FFRA over 5 years rather than 3, and \$800 million to provide food stamp benefits for some non-citizens, all on a 5-year basis.

*Public Law 105-199 (H.R. 3035)*

To establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies (approved July 16, 1998).

This Act establishes a Commission (National Drought Policy Commission) to report to the President and Congress on ways to coordinate and improve drought management policies. The Commission, to be composed of Federal, State, local and private sector representatives is to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designated to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies. However, the Commission terminates 90 days after submitting its report and recommendations to the President and Congress.

*Public Law 105-210 (H.R. 1779)*

To make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements (approved July 29, 1998).

This Act provides relief to a private party who made improvements to two acres in real property relying upon an incorrect survey. The improvements include a garage, water well, mailbox, driveway, and other improvements. It is estimated that relevant property boundaries have been incorrectly described in surveys for the last 100 years. However, by excluding the two acres from the Devils Backbone Wilderness, the Act permitted the invocation of the Small Tracts Act of 1983, P.L. 97-465 (16 U.S.C. § 521c et seq.) which in turn would allow for a land exchange or other appropriate remedy for the Forest Service.

*Public Law 105-228 (S. 2344, H.R. 4265)*

To amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to provide for the advance payment, in full, of the fiscal year 1999 payments otherwise required under production flexibility contracts (approved August 12, 1998).

The Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act gives farmers the option of receiving all of the Agriculture Market Transition Act (AMTA) contract payments for FY 1999 immediately after the beginning of the fiscal year. Annual payments are made twice a year, in December or January and again in September. The Act made \$5.5 billion available as much as one year early to help farmers with the cash shortage they are experiencing due to low prices. However, because all the 1999 AMTA payments occur within the same fiscal year, there is no CBO-scored cost. It simply allowed Congress to address the current farm cash shortage immediately without incurring any additional budget cost while giving farmers the flexibility to adjust to their individual circumstances.

*Public Law 105-267 (H.R. 3381)*

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co. (approved October 19, 1998).

This Act facilitates an exchange of assets between the Federal government and several private parties involving land and timber in the State of Montana. Specifically, the bill authorizes the exchange of land and other assets, including certain timber harvest rights, by the Agriculture and Interior Secretaries with the Big Sky Lumber Company for inclusion in the Gallatin National Forest and Deerlodge National Forest, in accordance with an agreement entered into by both parties on July 29, 1998.

This exchange will complete the 1993 Gallatin Consolidation Act (P.L. 103-91), which involves trading federal lands, federal timber, timber sales receipts, and cash for approximately 54,000 acres of Big Sky Lumber lands.

(*Note.*—H.R. 3381 was introduced on March 5, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. However, on September 15, 1998, the Committee on Agriculture waived further consideration of H.R. 3381 in the interest of expediting the passage of legislation. See also the discussion of H.R. 4570 under “8. Bills Defeated in the House.”)

*Public Law 105-336 (H.R. 3874, S. 2286)*

To amend the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to extend certain authorities contained in those Acts through fiscal year 2003 and for other purposes (approved October 31, 1998).

This Act extends expiring program authorizations for the Women, Infants, and Children program, Summer Food Service program, assistance for state administrative expenses, and commodity assistance through FY 2003. The Act also allows states to spend in FY1999 any unspent nutrition services and administrative funds in an amount no more than 1 percent of the state's total grant; modifies the Summer Food Service program to encourage greater participation by private, and nonprofit organizations; authorizes federal reimbursement for snacks in after-school programs in schools and communities that have an educational or enrichment purpose; requires state agencies to perform a site visit to private institutions before approving them for participation in child and adult care food programs; requires schools to undergo an annual food safety inspection by a state or local government agency, if not already required; allows the Health and Human Services Secretary to accept commodities by other federal agencies and to donate them to states for distribution through a domestic food administration.

(*Note.*—H.R. 3854 was introduced on May 14, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce. However, on October 1, 1998, the Committee on Agriculture was appointed as conferees for the consideration of sections, 2, 101, 104(b), 106, 202(c) and 202(o) of the House bill and sections 101, 111, 114, 203(c), 203(r) and titles III and IV of the Senate amendment.)

*Public Law 105-359 (H.R. 4501)*

To require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to improve the access for persons with disabilities to outdoor recreational opportunities made available to the public (approved November 10, 1998).

This Act directs the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to study ways to improve access for the disabled to outdoor recreation on Federal land.

(*Note.*—H.R. 4501 was introduced on August 6, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Resources and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. However, on September 10, 1998, the Committee on Agriculture waived further consideration by letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Resources in the interest of expediting the passage of the legislation.)

*Public Law 105-379 (S. 1733)*

To require the Commissioner of Social Security and food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp coupons are not issued for deceased individuals (approved November 12, 1998).

This Act amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to provide for the sharing of death and other information between State food stamp agencies and the Social Security Administration for the purpose of

ensuring that food stamp benefits are not issued for deceased individuals. The measure also requires each State food stamp agency to establish a cooperative arrangement with the Social Security Administration to obtain information on deceased individuals and use that information to make sure that food stamp benefits are not issued on behalf of deceased individuals.

Additionally, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to study options for design of a system to track participation in federal means-tested programs to ensure that people do not receive food stamp benefits in more than one state at the same time.

*Public Law 105-385 (H.R. 4283)*

To support sustainable and broad-based agricultural and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes (approved November 13, 1998).

This Act establishes a policy to promote agricultural and rural development for individuals in sub-Saharan African countries. The Act also calls for U.S. support of governments in the region as well as U.S. or African non-governmental organizations, universities, businesses, or other international agencies dedicated to providing basic nutrition and economic opportunities for individuals residing in sub-Saharan Africa.

Major provisions of the Act:

(1) directs the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) to promote programs to improve food security and improve agricultural production, economies, and marketing in rural Africa;

(2) sets general guidelines for the AID Administrator regarding non-emergency assistant programs under Title II of the 1954 Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act;

(3) authorizes funds for the 1954 Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act Commodity Credit Corporations programs for the purpose of acquiring emergency humanitarian food needs from producers or the market to maintain a trust and it authorizes release of such commodities if the release levels maintain the long-term value of the trust;

(4) requires the AID Administrator to report to Congress on the implementation plans for the Africa Food Security Initiative as well as provide an estimate of anticipated spending costs and total expenditures; and

(5) renames provisions within the 1996 Food Security Commodity Reserve Act as well as the 1980 Food Security Wheat Reserve Act as the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust Act.

(*Note.*—H.R. 4283 was introduced on July 21, 1998 and referred to the Committee on International Relations and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. However, on September 10, 1998, the Committee on Agriculture waived further consideration in the interest of expediting the passage of the legislation.)

*Other laws*

Several bills acted on by other authorizing committees, but not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture, were enacted with provisions relating to matters within the Committee's jurisdiction. Fol-



lowing are abbreviated summaries of these bills, including some of the relevant provisions:

*Legislative matters*

*Public Law 105-34 (H.R. 2014)*

To provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 (approved August 5, 1997).

The Taxpayer Relief Act contained tax benefits affecting farmers and ranchers. The highlights are as follows:

(1) Death Tax Relief—provides immediate increase in the death tax exemption to \$1,300,000 for family farms and small businesses, phased-in income in the death tax exemption to \$1 million generally, 20-year low/no interest installment payment of death tax on closely-held businesses such as farms, clarification of rules relating to special use valuation of farm and business property, special estate tax relief for farm land subject to conservation easements;

(2) Income Averaging for Farmers—provides for income averaging over a three year period effective until January 1, 2001;

(3) Alternative Minimum Tax Relief—reverses IRS position on AMT treatment of certain installment sales by farmers, exemption from AMT for small corporations (including family farms operating in corporate form);

(4) Health Insurance—increases deductibility for the self-employed to 100% (phased-in);

(5) Broad-based Capital Gains Reduction—10% capital gains rate would apply to individuals in the 15% tax rate bracket (i.e., married couples with taxable incomes of up to \$41,200 and single individuals with taxable incomes of up to \$24,650), 20% capital gains rate would apply to individuals in the 28% and higher tax brackets, lower capital gains would not be subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax. After 2000, a special 10% rate (8% rate for those taxpayers in the 15% bracket) would apply to assets held five years or more;

(6) Deferral of gain on the sale of stock in farm product refining firms to farm co-ops which supply the firm with raw farm products for refining (thereby permitting the co-op to integrate vertically more easily with correspondingly higher profits for farmers); and

(7) Favorable tax treatment of livestock sold on account of certain weather-related conditions.

*Public Law 105-178 (H.R. 2400, S. 1173)*

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (approved June 9, 1998).

This Act postpones implementation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency in July 1997 until adequate compliance monitoring has taken place. Specifically, the Act requires the EPA to use appropriated funds to establish a PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring network necessary to implement national ambient air quality standards under the Clean Air Act not later than December 31, 1999. Following three years

of air quality monitoring, Governors shall, within one year of completing data collection, submit to the EPA designations referred to in Sec. 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act. One year after such designation, Governors are required to submit State implementation plans for bringing non-attainment areas into compliance. The Act requires the Administrator of the EPA to promulgate such designations on the earlier of 1 year after initial designations or December 31, 2005.

*Public Law 105-194 (S. 2282, H.R. 4195)*

To amend the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes (approved July 14, 1998).

This Act exempts, through September 30, 1999, Department of Agriculture assistance for the purchase of food or other agricultural commodities from the prohibition against extensions of U.S. Government credit, credit guarantees, or other financial assistance to countries involved in the transfer or use of nuclear explosive devices.

This Act was passed with some sense of urgency because in May of 1998, the President placed sanctions against Pakistan and India. Such action represented the potential loss of significant market opportunities for U.S. farmers.

*Public Law 105-214 (H.R. 2870)*

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests (approved July 29, 1998).

H.R. 2870 was introduced on November 7, 1997 and referred to the Committee on International Relations. The Committee ordered H.R. 2870, as amended, to be reported on March 13, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-443). The House passed H.R. 2870, as amended, on March 19, 1998 by a vote of 356 yeas to 61 nays (Roll No. 63). The Senate received H.R. 2870, and on July 14, 1998, the Senate struck all language after the enacting clause and inserting the text of S. 1758 and passed H.R. 2870, as amended, by unanimous consent. On July 15, 1998, the House agreed to the Senate amendment.

H.R. 2870 amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to establish a Tropical Forest Facility in the Department of the Treasury to provide for the administration of debt reduction in accordance with this Act. H.R. 2870 affects agriculture because the bill authorizes the President to reduce debt owed to the United States by eligible countries as a result of concessional loans made under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 or predecessor foreign economic assistance legislation or credits extended under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954.

*Public Law 105-289 (H.R. 1197)*

To amend title 35, United States Code, to protect owners against the unauthorized sale of plant parts taken from plants illegally reproduced, and for other purposes (approved October 27, 1998).

H.R. 1197 was introduced on March 20, 1997 and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. On October 9, 1998, H.R. 1197 was passed by voice vote under suspension of the rules. The Senate passed H.R. 1197, as amended, by unanimous consent on October

15, 1998. On October 16, 1998, the House suspended the rules and agreed to the Senate amendment by a voice vote.

H.R. 1197 amends the Federal patent law with respect to the right in the grant of a plant patent to exclude others from asexually reproducing such plant and adds the right to exclude others from using, offering for sale, selling, or importing asexually reproduced plants and plant parts.

*Public Law 105-292 (H.R. 2431)*

To establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes (approved October 27, 1998).

This Act targets all countries where religious persecution takes place and establishes three entities to ensure that combating religious persecution is a top priority of U.S. foreign policy. Specifically, the Act appoints an ambassador at-large for Religious Liberty, who will head the office on International Religious Freedom at the State Department, appoints a Special Advisor on Religious Persecution, who will serve on the White House National Security Council, and appoints a Commission on International Liberty. The Act also authorizes \$3 million for a 10-member bipartisan commission with appointments from Congress and the President to provide an outside voice when investigating religious persecution incidents.

Under this Act there is no prohibition on assistance involving the provisions of food, including USDA program such as P.L. 480, credit guaranties or other commodities related assistance.

Major provisions of the Act:

- (1) establishes a structure for the U.S. government to actively investigate oppression of religious belief and take real action against religious persecution;
- (2) strengthens the State Department country reports and ensures that each country desk at the State Department provides accurate, accessible information to congressional and executive branch and executive branch officials concerning religious prisoners;
- (3) creates a special annual report on religious persecution to compile a country by country review of the status of religious freedom of the world;
- (4) requires the president to take action against all countries that engage in violations of religious freedom by giving the president a list of options to choose in response, ranging from diplomatic protest to terminating diplomatic exchanges to a variety of economic sanctions.

*Appropriations*

*Public Law 105-18 (H.R. 1871)*

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (approved June 12, 1997).

H.R. 1871 was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and in addition to the Committee on the Budget on June 12, 1997. It

was discharged from both Committees by unanimous consent and called up by unanimous consent in the House and passed by a vote of 348 yeas to 74 nays. On June 12, 1997 the Senate passed the bill without amendment by a vote of 78 yeas to 21 nays, clearing the measure for the President.

This Act appropriated funds for several programs of interest to the Committee on Agriculture including: \$23,000,000 for the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program account; \$70,000,000 for Emergency Conservation Program expenses; \$9,000,000 for a Tree Assistance Program for small orchardists; \$50,000,000 for the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program; \$166,000,000 for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations; and \$4,000,000 for the Rural Utilities Assistance Program.

In addition, the Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and disseminate information on prices received for bulk cheese and to report to the Congressional Agriculture and Appropriations Committees on the rate of reporting compliance within 150 days of enactment.

*Public Law 105-174 (H.R. 3579)*

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 and for other purposes (approved May 1, 1998).

H.R. 3579 was reported (H. Rept. 105-469) an original measure by the Committee on Appropriations on March 27, 1998. The House passed H.R. 1469, as amended on March 31, 1998 by a vote of 212 yeas to 208 nays (Roll No. 88). On March 31, 1998, the Senate struck all after the enacting clause and substituted the language of S. 1768 with an amendment and passed the bill by unanimous consent. The Conference Report (H. Rept. 105-504) was filed in the House on April 30, 1998. The House passed the Conference Report by a vote of 242 yeas 163 nays (Roll No. 121). The Senate passed the Conference Report by a vote of 88 yeas to 11 nays (Roll No. 118).

The Act appropriated funds for several programs of interest to the Committee on Agriculture including: \$87,400,000 for the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program account; \$30,000,000 for Emergency Conservation Program expenses; \$14,000,000 for a Tree Assistance Program; \$80,000,000 for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations; and \$4,000,000 for the Livestock Disaster Assistance Program.

In addition, the Act authorizes the Secretary to spend \$6,800,000 to implement a dairy production indemnity program to compensate producers at a payment rate of \$4.00 per hundredweight for losses of milk that had been produced but not marketed or for diminished production (including diminished future production due to mastitis) due to natural disasters designated pursuant to a Presidential or Secretarial declaration requested during such period.

*Public Law 105-277 (H.R. 4328)*

To make appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes (approved October 21, 1998).

Major provisions of the Conference Report (H. Rept. 105–825) affecting agriculture were divided into three parts, Disaster Relief and Market Loan Assistance, together totaling \$5.975 billion and Tax Relief to improve the economic safety net for farmers and ranchers.

*Disaster relief*

This Act includes \$2.575 billion in total funding to address crop disaster losses, which is divided into three parts. The Secretary is granted broad authority to create and implement a disaster program. This approach is necessary for a number of reasons. First, since the growing season is not complete, there is an inability to fully define the extent and nature of the disaster at this time. Also, as a result of the intensity of the weather-related and economic distress, this will expedite the delivery of assistance to producers. Finally, giving the Secretary maximum flexibility will cut through red tape and allow assistance in a manner most beneficial to individual producers—

I. *Single Year Disaster*. \$1.5 billion will be available to assist producers who have been hit by crop losses in 1998;

II. *Multi-Year Disaster*. A further \$875 million will be available to provide assistance to those producers who have suffered a multiple-year crop loss, especially those farmers in the Upper Midwest battling wheat scab disease and multiyear flooding; and

III. *Livestock Feed Assistance*. A \$200 million program of livestock feed assistance will provide cost share assistance to livestock producers who lost their 1998 supplies of feed to disaster.

Payments shall be available to *all* producers of *all* crops who have had crop losses and payments are allowed for quantity, quality (including, but not limited to alfatoxin) and severe economic losses due to damaging weather or related condition.

The Secretary is given authority to determine eligible crop losses, loss thresholds, eligible persons, payment limitations and payment rates.

The Secretary is also authorized to provide incentives to those who purchased crop insurance in 1998, while recipients of 1998 disaster assistance, who did not purchase crop insurance, are required to purchase crop insurance for next two years.

*Market loss assistance*

Congress will provide \$3.057 billion in payments to producers eligible for Freedom to Farm contracts and dairy producers. The purpose of this payment is to partially compensate producers for loss of markets in 1998 due to circumstances beyond their control. These circumstances include economic dislocation, unilateral trade sanctions and a failure of the government to pursue trade opportunities aggressively.

The Act provides that this assistance will come in the form of a one-time payment similar to the Agriculture Market Transition (AMTA) payments under the Farm Bill. The payment represents approximately 50% of the AMTA payment received by the producer in fiscal year 1998. From the amount allocated for market loss as-

sistance, dairy producers will receive payments totaling \$200 million through a method to be determined by the Secretary.

#### *Biodiesel*

The Act also provides assistance to soybean producers, who are not eligible for AMTA payments, and through biodiesel legislation. This language amends the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to provide fuel use credits to operators of vehicle fleets who use fuel containing at least 20 percent biodiesel by volume. It is estimated this will create sufficient demand to increase prices by up to 14 cents per bushel.

#### *Tax provisions*

**Health Insurance Deductibility**—Expands deduction of health care insurance premiums for self-employed individuals. This provision, which increases the deduction by one-third immediately, will help producers lower costs and thus remain competitive. Currently, self-employed individuals may deduct 45% of health insurance premiums, this would move to 60% in 1999, 70% in 2002 and 100% in 2003.

**Income Averaging**—Making income averaging a permanent part of the tax code gives farmers and ranchers another tool to smooth out income spikes that are a part of each farm family's life. Assume a farm couple with highly variable income over three years of \$120,000. The couple would save \$3,744 on their tax bill using the following years of income: first year—\$35,000, second year—\$15,000, and third year—\$70,000. With income averaging, a tax liability of \$21,744 is reduced to \$18,000.

**Five-year net operating loss carryback**—Here the tool works in reverse to income averaging: farm operators may carryback a net loss in its operations to prior years—up to five years back—when the operation paid federal income taxes. Taxpayers may receive a tax refund using the net operating loss carryback.

**Income deferral**—The Act prevents the “doctrine of constructive receipts” from being applied to AMTA payments. Under this provision, tax liability will occur only when farmers actually receive a payment. Under current law, producers may have incurred this liability when they were simply eligible to receive them. This allows producers to more effectively manage their finances.

Other provisions included:

**Minority Farmers**—In order to assist minority farmers in their appeal of discrimination complaints at the USDA, the Act authorizes farmers who have alleged discrimination but have been barred by a statute of limitations either to take their complaints to federal court or resolve the complaint within the dispute resolution procedures at USDA.

**Forestry**—The Act authorizes the use of the Roads and Trails Fund to carry out and administer projects to improve forest health conditions, particularly in the wildland-community interface where there is an abnormally high risk of fire. (*Note.*—This was a key provision in H.R. 2515. See the discussion of H.R. 2515 under “8. Bills Defeated in the House”.)

The administrative provisions under the Interior portion of the Act require the Forest Service to propose definitions for indirect ex-

penditures which shall be implemented on a nationwide basis, identify in the FY 2000 budget justification planned indirect expenditures from each expanded budget line item, limit total indirect expenditures for six mandatory and trust funds to 20% in Fiscal Year 2000, and report to Congress on how the agency will fully integrate all indirect expenditure information into the agency's general ledger system. (*Note.*—These provisions, in modified form, are similar to provisions in H.R. 4149. See the discussion of H.R. 4149 under “9. Other Bills Acted on by the Committee”.)

Other key forestry provisions in the Act include the following (all found in Title III of the Interior portion):

(1) prohibits the use of funds to be expended or obligated to fund new revisions of national forest land management plans until new final or interim final rules for forest land management planning are published in the Federal Register. Those national forests which are currently in the revision process, have been court-ordered to revise, have forest plans which will reach the 15 year mandated date to revise before or during calendar year 2000, or are within the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem study area are exempt from this requirement;

(2) prohibits the use of Purchaser Road Credit to finance any forest development road. Purchasers of national forest timber shall pay for construction of forest development roads and the cost of such construction shall be reflected in the cost of the bid. Small business concerns may elect that the Secretary of Agriculture construct the road on behalf of the small business concern and pay the Secretary the estimated value of the constructed road. The value of the constructed forest development road shall be considered money received for purposes of determining 25% revenue-sharing payments to counties;

(3) authorizes the Forest Service to enter into no more than 28 stewardship end result contracts with private persons or entities. The land management goals of such contracts may include road and trail maintenance or obliteration, soil productivity, improving fish and wildlife habitat, setting prescribed fires, noncommercial cutting or removal of trees, watershed restoration and maintenance, and control of noxious weeds. The Forest Service may apply the value of timber or other forest products removed as an offset against the cost of services received. The Forest Service may retain receipts from a contract for expenditure without further appropriation at the demonstration project site from which the moneys are collected. If the offset value of forest products exceeds the value of the resource improvement treatments covered under the contract, the Secretary collect any residual receipts and apply such excess to other authorized stewardship demonstration projects; and

(4) comprises the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act. (*Note.*—See the discussion of H.R. 858 under “5. Bills Acted on by the House But Not the Senate”.)

#### *Credit*

The Act also—

(1) restores eligibility for guaranteed and emergency loans for borrowers with past debt relief;

(2) increase the limits for guaranteed farm ownership and guaranteed operating loans to a combined limit of \$700,000 to allow expanded financing for today's high costs in agriculture;

(3) codified the current regulations concerning the collateral requirements for emergency loans which allow for ability to repay to be considered as a criteria;

(4) eliminates a provisions which disallows a producer who accepts a CAT or NAP payment from eligibility for emergency loans;

(5) requires USDA to give borrowers at least one year notice before the provision which establishes term limits for direct and guaranteed loans limits will affect them;

(6) eliminates the borrower training requirement for guaranteed loans; and

(7) requires USDA to give borrowers at least one year notice before a shared appreciation agreement comes due.

(*Note.*—See also the discussion of H.R. 4101 under “3. Vetoes Bills”.)

## 2. Bills acted on by the committee included in other laws enacted

### *H.R. 1000 included into Public Law 105–33*

See the discussion under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 105–33 (H.R. 2015)” and “5. Bills Acted On By The House But Not The Senate”.

### *H.R. 2515, provisions included into Public Law 105–185 and Public Law 105–277*

See the discussion of “1. Bills enacted Into Law. Public Law 105–185 (S. 1150) and Public Law 105–277 (H.R. 4328)”.

## 3. Vetoes bills

There were two bills vetoed by the President during the 105th Congress that contained provisions within the Committee on Agriculture's jurisdiction, however, the bills was not referred to the Committee. Following is an abbreviated summary of the bills, including the relevant provisions:

### *H.R. 1469, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for recovery from natural disasters and for overseas peace-keeping efforts, including those in Bosnia*

H.R. 1469 was reported (H. Rept. 105–83) as an original measure by the Committee on Appropriations on April 29, 1997. The House passed H.R. 1469, as amended on May 15, 1997 by a vote of 244 yeas to 178 nays. On May 16, 1997, the Senate struck all after the enacting clause and substituted the language of S. 672 with an amendment and passed the bill by unanimous consent. The Conference Report (H. Rept. 105–119) was filed in the House on June 4, 1997. The House passed the Conference Report by a vote of 220 yeas to 201 nays (Roll No. 169). The Senate passed the Conference Report by a vote of 67–31 (Roll No. 95). The President vetoed H.R. 1469 on June 9, 1997.



This Act appropriated funds for several programs of interest to the Committee on Agriculture including: \$23,000,000 for the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program account; \$70,000,000 for Emergency Conservation Program expenses; \$9,000,000 for a Tree Assistance Program for small orchardists; \$50,000,000 for the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program; \$166,000,000 for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations; and \$4,000,000 for the Rural Utilities Assistance Program.

In addition, the Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to Collect and disseminate information on prices received for bulk cheese and to report to the Congressional Agriculture and Appropriations Committees on the rate of reporting compliance within 150 days of enactment.

(*Note.*—For further action see the discussion of Public Law 105–18 under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*H.R. 4101, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations, 1999*

H.R. 4101 was referred to the Committee on Appropriations on February 3, 1998. On June 19, 1998, the Committee on Appropriations reported the bill (H. Rept. 105–588). The House passed H.R. 4101, as amended, on June 24, 1998 by a vote of 373 yeas to 48 nays (Roll No. 264). On July 16, 1998, the Senate struck all language after the enacting clause and substituted the language of S. 2159, as amended, and passed the bill by a vote of 97 yeas to 2 nays (Record Vote No. 209). The Conference Report (H. Rept. 105–763) was filed in the House on October 2, 1998. The House passed the Conference Report by a vote of 333 yeas to 53 nays (Roll No. 479). The Senate passed the Conference Report by a vote of 55 yeas to 43 nays (Record Vote: 298). The President vetoed H.R. 4101 on October 7, 1998.

H.R. 4101 appropriated \$59.9 billion in new FY 1999 budget authority for agriculture programs. The Conference Report appropriates \$13.7 billion in discretionary budget authority for agricultural programs in FY 1999, \$55 million more than the House-passed bill and \$100 million less than last year. The Report allocated \$29 million for executive operations in FY 1999, \$839,000 less than the House level and \$1.5 million more than last year. The conference provided \$838.4 million for the ARS in FY 1999. Services included in the ARS are the payments for its buildings and facilities, the Economic Research Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service. CSREES received \$915.3 million, \$67.4 million more than the House level. Conferees provided \$433.5 million for the inspection service for FY 1999 and \$716.9 million for the FSA for FY 1999 which was \$10 million less than the House-request. The \$10 million cut comes from salaries and expenses of the agency. The Conference Report agreed to \$309.6 million for AFIC for FY 1999.

The Conference report provided \$793.1 million for the NRCS. This amount included \$10.4 million for watershed surveys and planning, \$99.4 million for watershed and flood prevention operations, and \$6.3 million for forestry incentive programs.

The Conference Report appropriated \$2.2 billion for rural economic and community development programs. The Conference agreement appropriated \$1.1 billion for the rural housing insurance fund and \$61 million for salaries and expenses of the Rural Housing Service. The conference agreement appropriated \$20.1 million for the Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account and \$3.5 million for the Alternative Agriculture Research and Commercialization Revolving Fund for FY 1999. The bill provides \$12.7 million to provide facilities and equipment to link rural education and medical facilities with urban facilities.

The Conference Report provided \$36.1 billion for domestic food programs (which includes child nutrition programs, WIC, food stamps, commodity assistance, and others), \$58 million less than the House-passed bill and \$1.5 billion less than FY 1998. The Conference Report appropriated \$554,000 for the Under Secretary's office. The Conferees allocated \$9.2 billion for children's nutrition programs, \$22.6 billion for the food stamp program, and \$131 million for the commodity assistance program.

The Conference Report provided \$1.2 billion for foreign assistance and related programs, \$228.1 million less than the House-passed bill. The Report appropriated \$1.1 billion for the three main programs under P.L. 480, which serve as the primary means for the U.S. provision of food assistance overseas. The Conferees allocated \$176.6 million in loan subsidies and \$16.2 million for ocean freight differential costs for Title I of the P.L. 480 program which provides food commercially to other countries under long-term, low-interest loan terms. The Conference Report appropriated \$3.8 million for the account for FY 1999.

The Conference agreement provided \$61 million to the CFTC, \$1.1 million less than the House-passed bill and \$2.9 million more than FY 1998. Conferees provided \$71.4 million in emergency appropriations to the Farm Service Agency, of which \$40 million is for salaries and expenses and the remainder for the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account for farm operating loans.

Conferees provided \$4.2 billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation. Of this appropriation, \$1.5 billion would go to assist crop producers who were badly hurt by crop losses in 1998 from natural disasters, \$675 million would go to support producers who suffered multi-year losses, especially in the Upper Midwest, \$175 million was for livestock feed assistance, \$1.65 billion would aid farmers eligible for Freedom to Farm contracts due to a loss of markets to sell their goods, and \$200 million was provided for other emergency related assistance.

The Conference Report allowed an exemption for the production, importation, and consumption of methyl bromide as well as permitted the EPA to exempt the production, importation, and consumption of methyl bromide for critical uses. The Report also placed a moratorium on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's ability to issue regulations concerning the over-the-counter derivatives market.

(*Note.*—See also the discussion of Public Law 105–277 under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

4. *Bills Acted on by both Houses but not enacted*

None.

5. *Bills Acted on by the House but not the Senate*

*H.R. 858, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act*

H.R. 858 was introduced and referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture on February 27, 1997. On June 18, 1997, the Committee on Resources reported H.R. 858, as amended. (See H. Rept. 105–136, part I.)

In the report filed by the Committee on Resources is a copy of an exchange of letters between the respective Chairmen of the Committees (Resources and Agriculture) explaining the reasons for expediting this legislation. Therefore, on June 18, 1997, the Committee on Agriculture was discharged from further consideration. The bill, H.R. 858 was then passed by the House of Representatives on July 9, 1997 by a vote of 429 yeas to 1 nay.

The bill established a five-year project on federal lands within the Plumas National Forest, Lassen National Forest, and the Sierraville Ranger District of Tahoe National Forest in the State of California to maintain community stability and forest health.

The pilot project is based on the Quincy Library Group Proposal of 1993, which was developed by a coalition of representatives from environmental organizations, the timber industry, citizens, and local communities in California.

The 1993 proposal places a management emphasis on five main areas of concern: (1) single tree and small group selective harvest; (2) watershed restoration; (3) fuel reduction to reduce fire risk; (4) protection of spotted owl habitat; and (5) comprehensive monitoring of results. H.R. 858 authorized and directed the Forest Service to implement the fuel reduction, group selection and monitoring components of the proposal in order to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire and improve watersheds, and it deferred certain lands from vegetative management activities for the duration of the pilot project.

H.R. 858 included safeguards to ensure that the project produced the desired results by (1) not allowing any funding for the pilot project to come from any other national forest; (2) not allowing the Forest Service to limit other multiple use activities to carry out the terms of the pilot project; (3) require the Forest Service to use the most cost effective means available to carry out the pilot project; and (4) require the Forest Service to report annually to Congress on the effectiveness of the pilot project.

(*Note.*—H.R. 858 was reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and National Resources on November 4, 1997. See Senate Report 105–138. For further action, see also the discussion of Public Law 105–277 under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*H.R. 1000, State verification to ensure prisoner disqualification from Food Stamp Program*

H.R. 1000 was introduced and referred to the Committee on Agriculture on March 10, 1997. The Committee on Agriculture reported H.R. 1000, without amendment, on April 8, 1997 (H. Rept.

105-43). H.R. 1000 was then considered and passed by the House under suspension of the rules, by a vote of 409 yeas to 0 nays on April 8, 1997.

This bill would have required states to establish a system to verify that individuals detained in Federal, state, or county penal facilities, not be counted as household members for purposes of determining eligibility or the level of benefits in the food stamp program.

It also provided that the Secretary could waive the verification system requirement where the Secretary determines that extraordinary circumstances have made it impracticable for the state to obtain the information necessary to establish such a system.

(*Note.*—For further action on this provision, see the discussion of Public Law 105-33 under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law” and “2. Bills Acted on by the Committee Included in Other Laws Enacted”.)

*H.R. 1342, to provide for a one-year enrollment in the conservation reserve of land covered by expiring conservation reserve program contracts*

H.R. 1342 was introduced and referred to the Committee on Agriculture on April 16, 1997. The Committee on Agriculture reported H.R. 1342, amended, on April 29, 1997 (H. Rept. 105-80) and passed by the House of Representatives under suspension of the rules by a vote of 325 yeas to 92 nays and 1 present.

H.R. 1342 allowed farmers who planted fall-seeded crops and had Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts that were expiring in 1997 to enroll the land subject to the expiring contract in a one-year CRP contract, and allowed farmers with expiring contracts, who would not be entering into new CRP contracts, to begin cultivating the acreage in preparation for all-seeding that is subject to the expiring CRP contract after June 30, 1997, without penalty.

To be eligible for this one-year CRP contract, the farm on which the CRP acreage is located must have had wheat, oats, or barley crop acreage base attributed to it when it was enrolled in the long-term CRP contract and be located in an area that regularly grows fall-seeded crops, and the owner or operator must have submitted a bid to enroll the acres in the expiring long-term CRP contract into a new long-term CRP contract. Additionally, farmers who were awarded a new long-term CRP contract before the one-year CRP contract became effective were not eligible for one-year contract, and the one-year contract could not extend the duration of any such long-term CRP contract entered into by a farmer in subsequent CRP signups or enrollments. The bill also provided that if the Secretary completed enrollment for the bids submitted during the enrollment period that ended March 28, 1997 (the 15th signup), before this bill was enacted, then the one-year contract authority became ineffective.

The rental rate for the one-year contract would be the rate bid by the farmer in USDA’s 15th CRP enrollment period, which cannot be higher than the maximum county rental rate established by the Secretary of Agriculture.

*H.R. 1789, to reauthorize the dairy indemnity program*

H.R. 1789 was introduced on June 4, 1997 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. The Committee on Agriculture reported H.R. 1789, without amendments (H. Rept. 105-294) on October 2, 1997 and H.R. 1789 passed the House of Representatives under suspension of the rules by a voice vote on October 21, 1997.

H.R. 1789 reauthorized the dairy indemnity program for the period fiscal year 1998 through fiscal year 2002, and allowed for the use of funds appropriated for fiscal year 1998 to be used to pay valid claims arising during fiscal year 1997.

(*Note.*—For further action see the discussion of Public Law 105-277 under “Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997*

H.R. 2493 was introduced on September 18, 1997 and referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 22, 1997, both the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Agriculture reported H.R. 2493, as amended, to the House of Representatives. See House Reports 105-346, part I and II.

On October 30, 1997, H.R. 2493 passed the House of Representatives, as amended, by a vote of 242 yeas to 182 nays.

Major provisions of the bill:

(1) States that the Act does not apply to lands administered as part of the National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuge System, or the Indian trust lands. Clarifies that the Act will not limit or restrict the use of any affected Federal lands for purposes of hunting, fishing, recreation, or any other multiple use currently permitted under Federal and State law. Nor will the Act affect any valid existing rights, reservations, authorizations, or agreement under Federal and State law;

(2) Promotes uniform direction in administration of Federal lands and their forage resource, requires that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture provide for consistent and coordinated administration of livestock grazing and applicable Federal land management activities;

(3) States that provisions of the Act apply to National Forest System lands administered by the Secretary of Agriculture under eight primary statutes, and to lands administered by the Secretary of the Interior under four significant statutes. It also applies to lands managed by either Secretary for grazing purposes on behalf of the head of any other agency;

(4) Establishes and defines key terms used;

(5) States that the monitoring of resource conditions and trends shall be performed by qualified persons from Federal, State, and local governments; grazing permittees and lessees, and/or professional consultants retained by the U.S., or a permittee or lessee. This monitoring is to be conducted according to regional or state criteria and protocols. The criteria must be site specific, scientifically valid, and subject to peer review. Data collected in the monitoring phase shall be used to evaluate the effects of ecological changes and management actions, the effectiveness of actions in meeting management objections

contained in applicable land use plans, and the appropriateness of resource management objectives;

(6) Specifies that a person issued a grazing permit or lease may not enter into an agreement with another person to allow grazing on the Federal lands covered by the grazing permit by livestock that are neither owned nor controlled by the person issued the grazing permit;

(7) Specifies that allotment management plans authorized under existing law may include a written agreement with a qualified grazing permittee, that provides for outcome-based standards for managing grazing activities;

(8) Directs that the grazing fee formula shall be calculated as a fee per Animal Unit Month which shall be equal to the 12 year average of the total gross annual value of production of beef cattle multiplied by the 12 year average of 6 month Treasury bills divided by 12. Establishes a separate fee for foreign-owned or controlled grazing permits that is either the average grazing fee charged by the State during the previous grazing year or the average grazing fee charged for grazing on private lands in the particular State, whichever is higher; and

(9) States that this Act shall take effect on the first day of the first grazing season beginning after the date of the enactment and that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are to coordinate in the promulgating new regulations and that the new regulations be published simultaneously.

(*Note.*—On September 21, 1998, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, filed a report, without amendment. See S. Rept. 105-338. However, no further action was taken on this measure.)

*H.R. 4148, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the act to apples*

H.R. 4148 was introduced on June 25, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 5, 1998, H.R. 4148 passed the House, without amendment, under suspension of the rules by a voice vote.

H.R. 4148 amended the Export Apple and Pear Act to exclude pears from such act. The Export Apple and Pear Act, enacted on June 10, 1933, required that apples and pears meet certain standards prior to export in order to ensure only high quality U.S. fruit moves to foreign commerce. Farmers producing pears for export today advise the Committee that mandatory Federal quality standards are no longer needed to assure the high quality of exported pears. Therefore, by eliminating pears from the act, farmers would be given greater flexibility in the changing international marketplace and the opportunity to increase exports.

*H.R. 4647, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity, and for other purposes*

H.R. 4647 was introduced on September 26, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 5, 1998, H.R. 4647 passed the House, without amendment, under the suspension of the rules by a voice vote.

H.R. 4647 amends the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require that if the President acts to implement an embargo of any agricultural commodity to any country, the President must submit a report to Congress, within 5 days of imposing the embargo, that describes the reasons for the embargo and the period of time the embargo will be in effect. This requirement would be applicable when there is an embargo of agriculture commodities to a country and that embargo does not include all exports to that country.

The bill also provides that if within 100 days of receiving the President's report, a joint resolution is enacted that approves the embargo, the embargo will end on the date determined by the President or 1 year after the date of enactment of the joint resolution, whichever is earlier. If a joint resolution disapproving the embargo is enacted during that 100-day period, the embargo will terminate at the end of that 100-day period.

The bill includes an exception providing that an embargo may take effect during any period in which there is a state of war declared by Congress or a national emergency declared by the President.

The bill also clarifies that "plant nutrient materials" are to be included in the category of agricultural commodities in the section of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 regarding contract sanctity. Therefore the protection afforded agricultural commodities in regard to suspension of trade and contract sanctity will be applied to plant nutrient materials.

Plant nutrient materials under export sales contracts will be protected from suspension of trade, as long as the contract is entered into before the suspension of trade is announced and the contract terms require delivery within 270 days after suspension of trade is imposed.

(*Note.*—H.R. 4647 is similar to H.R. 3654, which was sequentially referred to the Committee on International Relations. By an exchange of letters between the respective Committees, on September 28, 1998, the Committee on International Relations agreed to early consideration of the bill as introduced. A copy of the letters are printed in the Congressional Record after consideration of the bill on October 5, 1998.)

#### *Other bills*

Several bills acted on by other authorizing committees of the House that passed the House of Representatives, but were not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture, contained provisions relating to matters within the Committee's jurisdiction. Following are abbreviated summaries of these bills:

*H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes*

H.R. 10, the Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997 was introduced on January 7, 1997 and referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce. Although H.R. 10 was never referred to the Committee on Agriculture, there are provisions that affect agriculture. On July 3, 1997, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services reported H.R. 10, as amended (H. Rept. 105-164, Part I). On November 3, 1997, the Committee on Commerce reported H.R. 10, as amended (H. Rept. 105-164, Part III). The House passed H.R. 10, as amended, by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 213 nays (Roll No. 151) on May 13, 1998.

H.R. 10 amended the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide that the classification of a particular product as a banking product or a derivative instrument shall not be construed as finding or implying that such a product is or is not an account, agreement, contract, or transaction for any purpose under the CEA.

H.R. 10 amended the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to allow FDIC-insured institutions with under \$500 million in assets to use advances for the purpose of funding small business, agriculture, rural development, and low-income community development; and use secured loans for small business, agriculture, rural development, and low-income community development as collateral for Federal Home Loan Bank advances.

*H.R. 4300, to support enhanced drug interdiction efforts in the major transit countries and support a comprehensive supply eradication and crop substitution program in source countries*

H.R. 4300, the Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act, was introduced on July 22, 1998. H.R. 4300 was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, National Security, and Transportation and Infrastructure. On September 16, 1998, the House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House. Although the amendments made to H.R. 4300 fell within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Agriculture waived its jurisdiction. H.R. 4300, as amended, passed the House by a recorded vote of 384 yeas to 39 nays (Roll No. 442).

H.R. 4300 supported an enhanced drug interdiction effort in the major transit countries and supported a comprehensive supply eradication and crop substitution program in source countries. As it related to agriculture, H.R. 4300 authorized appropriations for FY 1999 through 2001 to the Secretary of Agriculture to support the counter narcotics research efforts of the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service as well as for the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) for certain alternative crop development programs in Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia. H.R. 4300 also required the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop and report to Congress on a ten-year master



plan for the use of mycoherbicides to control narcotic crops (including coca, poppy, and cannabis) in the United States and internationally.

*H.R. 4579, to provide tax relief for individuals, families, and farming and for other small businesses, to provide tax incentives for education, to extend certain expiring provisions and for other purposes*

H.R. 4579, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998 was introduced on September 16, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The Committee on Ways and Means ordered H.R. 4579, as amended, to be reported (H. Rept. 105-739) to the House on September 23, 1998. On September 26, 1998, the House passed H.R. 4579, as amended, by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 195 nays (Roll No. 469).

Although not referred to the Committee on Agriculture, H.R. 4579 affects agriculture. H.R. 4579 amended the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 to permanently extend income averaging for farmers and amended the Internal Revenue Code to provide a five-year carry-back period for farming losses. H.R. 4579 also amended the Agricultural Market Transition Act to disregard the payment option provided by the Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act. H.R. 4579 expedited death tax relief and expanded health insurance deduction to make 100% deductibility effective immediately for U.S. farmers and ranchers. H.R. 4579 provided an immediate \$25,000 deduction for each small business expense.

*H. Con. Res. 213, expressing the sense of the Congress that European Union is unfairly restricting the importation of United States agricultural products and the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union*

H. Con. Res. 213 was introduced on February 11, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The Committee ordered H. Con. Res. 213, as amended, to be reported on August 3, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-672). Under suspension of the rules, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 213, as amended, by a vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays (Roll No. 380). (*Note.*—The Senate passed S. Con. 73, a related measure on May 21, 1998.)

H. Con. Res. 213 expresses the sense of the Congress that: (1) many nations, including the European Union, unfairly restrict the importation of U.S. agricultural products; (2) the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority of any current or future trade negotiation; (3) the President should develop a trade agenda which addresses agricultural trade barriers in multilateral and bilateral trade negotiations and pursues full compliance with dispute settlement decisions of the World Trade Organization (WTO); (4) in such negotiations, the United States should seek to obtain competitive opportunities for U.S. exports of agricultural products in foreign markets equivalent to those afforded to foreign exports in U.S. markets; (5) the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) should not engage in any trade negotiation with the European Union that undermines U.S. ability to achieve a successful result in the WTO negotiations on agriculture set to begin in December 1999; and (6) the

President should consult with the Congress with respect to trade negotiations in agriculture.

6. *Concurrent resolutions approved*

None.

7. *Bills reported to the House but not considered*

*H.R. 3654, the Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act of 1998*

H.R. 3654 as reported by the Committee on Agriculture required the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities and specified the period during which the embargo would be in effect. Additionally, the bill clarified that U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) credit, credit guarantees or other financial assistance for the purchase or provision of food or other agricultural commodities were not included in the sanctions provided for in section 102 of the Arms Export Control Act.

The bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Agriculture on April 1, 1998. On June 18, 1998, the Committee on Agriculture met and ordered reported H.R. 3654, as amended. On July 16, 1998, the Committee on Agriculture reported H.R. 3654 (see H. Rept. 105-631, part I) and the bill was then sequentially referred to the Committee on International Relations for a period ending not later than August 7, 1998 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment that fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(i), rule X.

On August 6, 1998, the referral of H.R. 3654 to the Committee on International Relations was extended until September 11, 1998. However, on September 11, 1998, the Committee on International Relations was discharged from further consideration.

(*Note.*—See also the discussion of Public Law 105-194 under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*H.R. 3297, to suspend the continued development of a roadless area policy on public domain units and other units of the National Forest System pending adequate public participation and determination that a roadless area policy will not adversely affect forest health*

H.R. 3297 was introduced on February 26, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committee on Resources. On October 12, 1998, the Committee on Resources reported H.R. 3297, amended. See H. Rept. 105-816, part I.

The bill would have suspended the U.S. Forest Service’s Roadless Area Moratorium initiative until public hearings are held in each unit of the National Forest System to allow for adequate public input. The Forest Service announced the Roadless Area Moratorium initiative on January 22, 1998. Under the initiative, the Forest Service plans to place a moratorium on the building or reconstruction of roads in roadless areas and other “special areas” in the national forests for 18 months. It will also revise the regulations concerning the management of the National Forest System transportation system to address changes in how the road system is developed, used, maintained and funded.

### 8. *Bills defeated in the House*

#### *H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997*

H.R. 2515 was introduced on September 23, 1997 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources. The Committee on Agriculture reported H.R. 2515, as amended, on March 12, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-440, Part I). The Committee on Resources waived its jurisdiction by an exchange of letters on March 6, 1998. H.R. 2515, as amended, failed to pass the House of Representatives on March 27, 1998 by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 201 nays (Roll No. 80).

H.R. 2515 establishes a national program for the recovery of damaged or degraded resources and restoring of resilient forest conditions on national forest lands. In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall publish scientifically-based standards and criteria to be used in the selection of recovery areas. A Scientific Advisory Panel shall recommend standards and criteria to the Secretary.

The Secretary shall identify annually the total acres to be treated in recovery areas using amounts allocated from the Forest Recovery and Protection Fund which is established in H.R. 2515. The Secretary is also required to report to Congress annually on the recovery projects selected, including for each project the estimated project cost, duration, management objectives (including the expected environmental benefits) and economic benefits to local communities. Local line officers are required to ensure that the recovery projects selected in each recovery area will treat at least the total acreage in that recovery area identified by the Secretary as requiring treatment. For each completed project, the Secretary is required to compare estimated and actual project costs, duration, management objectives, and economic benefits to local communities. This Act provides interested parties an opportunity to petition the Secretary to have specific National Forest System lands identified as recovery areas.

H.R. 2515 establishes a Scientific Advisory Panel to provide recommendations to the Secretary on the standards and criteria required by the national program, and a monitoring plan for the national program.

H.R. 2515 requires that the Secretary allocate funds and conduct advance recovery projects prior to the implementation of the national program. This Act authorizes advance recovery projects to allow restoration projects to commence without delay in those areas where the need for recovery is well documented or the immediate risk of serious resource damage or harm to human life and property is imminent. For an 18-month to 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment, the Secretary is required to allocate amounts from the Forest Recovery and Protection Fund for the purpose of conducting a limited number of advance recovery projects on Federal forest lands. Advance recovery projects will be selected by regional foresters (or their designees) in consultation with the State forester of the State in which the projects will be conducted. Priority is given to projects on Federal forest lands where the regional forester (or his designee) has identified significant risk of loss to human life and property or serious resource deg-

radation or destruction due to wildfire, disease epidemic, severe insect infestation, wind, flood, or other causes; or on Federal forest lands for which thorough forest resource assessments have been completed.

H.R. 2515 authorizes such funds as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act for deposit into the Forest Recovery and Protection Fund for the fiscal year in which this Act is enacted and for each ensuing fiscal year through the fifth full fiscal year after the implementation date.

At the request of any chairman of a committee of relevant jurisdiction, the Comptroller General is authorized to undertake two specific activities: (1) to verify the accuracy of the annual reports submitted to Congress by the Secretary, and (2) to conduct a comprehensive audit of the implementation of this Act at the conclusion of the fourth full fiscal year after the implementation date.

H.R. 2515 requires the Secretary to inventory and analyze public and private forests and their resources at least every five years as compared to the current eight to ten years. The Secretary shall also prepare a State forest inventory for each State.

(*Note*:—Several provisions of H.R. 2515 were included in other bills which became law. See the discussion under “1 Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 105–185 (S. 1150) and Public Law 105–277 (H.R. 4328)”.)

#### *H.R. 3989, the User Fee Act of 1998*

H.R. 3989 was introduced on June 3, 1998. H.R. 3989 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, Agriculture, Resources, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Banking and Financial Services, and International Relations. On June 5, 1998, the House failed passage of H.R. 3989, as amended, by a recorded vote of 0 yeas to 421 yeas and 1 present (Roll No. 207).

H.R. 3989 provided for the enactment of user fees proposed by the President in his budget submission for fiscal year 1999. As it related to agriculture, H.R. 3989 amended the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees sufficient to cover all or some portion of the costs (including administrative costs) of providing services under specified agricultural laws. Such fees could have been administered by the Animal and Plant Inspection Service; the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; the Food Safety and Inspection Service; the Natural Resource Conservation Service; and the Farm Service Agency.

#### *Other bills*

Several bills acted on by other authorizing committees of the House that were defeated in the House of Representatives, but were not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture, contained provisions relating to matters within the Committee’s jurisdiction. Following are abbreviated summaries of these bills:

*H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act of 1997*

H.R. 2621 was introduced on October 7, 1997. Although this bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and additionally to the Committee on Rules, there are significant implications for agriculture. The Committee on Ways and Means reported H.R. 2621, as amended, to the House on October 23, 1997 (H. Rept. 105-341, Part I); the Committee on Rules was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2621 on November 4, 1997. H.R. 2621 failed passage in the House of Representatives on September 25, 1998 by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 243 nays and 3 present (Roll No. 466).

As it relates to agriculture, H.R. 2621 required for the first time that the U.S. Trade Representative consult with the Committee on Agriculture during the negotiation process and immediately prior to the initiating of the trade agreement to review each and every trade agreement affecting agriculture that might be negotiated.

*H.R. 4570, the Omnibus National Parks and Public Lands Act of 1998*

H.R. 4570 was introduced on September 15, 1998. Although H.R. 4570 was referred to the House Committee on Resources, the bill contained H.R. 2458, the Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1997, which was referred primarily to the Committee on Agriculture, H.R. 3381, the Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998, which was additionally referred to the Committee on Agriculture H.R. 4501, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to improve the access for persons with disabilities to outdoor recreational opportunities made available to the public, which was additionally referred to the Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 4570, as amended, failed passage in the House by a vote of 123 yeas to 302 nays (Roll No. 489) on October 7, 1998.

H.R. 4570 provides for certain boundary adjustments and conveyances involving public lands, to establish and improve the management of certain heritage areas, historic areas, National Parks, wild and scenic rivers, and national trails, to protect communities by reducing hazardous fuels levels on public lands, and for other purposes.

As it relates to agriculture, H.R. 4570 authorizes the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to issue timber sale contracts in the urban/wildland interface to help prevent catastrophic wildfires and remove excessive buildup of hazardous fuels. H.R. 4570 authorizes the Forest Service and the BLM to use revenue generated from these sales to reduce noncommercial fuels buildup and conduct other forest management projects in the sale area to improve forest health, wildlife and fish habitat, riparian areas, streams and water quality, or achieve other forest objectives. This provision would sunset in five years and requires that all projects and activities comply with all existing environmental laws.

H.R. 4570 authorizes the exchange of land and other assets, including certain timber harvest rights, by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior with Big Sky Lumber Company for inclusion in the Gallatin National Forest and Deerlodge National Forest in

Montana, in accordance with an Option Agreement entered into by both parties on July 29, 1998.

The bill also included a study for access to lands for individuals with disabilities

(*Note.*—For further action, see the discussion under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 105–267 (H.R. 3381) and Public Law 105–359 (H.R. 4501)”.)

9. *Other bills acted on by the committee*

*Agricultural credit (Chairman’s Mark)*

On June 24, 1998, the Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a business meeting to consider a Chairman’s Mark regarding eligibility for farm loans.

The proposed agricultural credit legislation prohibited loan guarantees under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for borrowers who received debt forgiveness under that Act since the enactment of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act.

On July 16, 1998, H.R. 4246, a bill to improve the provision of agricultural credit to farmers and ranchers under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act was introduced and reserved for full Committee action.

*H.R. 4149, Forest Service Cost Reduction and Fiscal Accountability Act of 1998*

H.R. 4149 was introduced on June 25, 1998 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. The Committee held one hearing on July 29, 1998 (Committee Hearing Serial No. 105–60) and a business meeting on August 6, 1998 in which the bill was marked-up. The Committee, by voice vote, ordered H.R. 4149, as amended, to be reported.

H.R. 4149 requires the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare a schedule for implementation of an improved reporting system to account for costs and revenues associated with Forest Service programs. H.R. 4149 requires the Forest Service to account annually for the direct and indirect costs associated with all of the programs it administers by moving immediately to an “all resources reporting” system.

H.R. 4149 requires immediate limitations on the overhead the Forest Service may charge to mandatory and trust funds and establishes a schedule for eliminating expenditures from such funds for overhead. This will require all overhead for the administration of such funds to come from annual appropriations.

In each year’s budget request, the Secretary must fully disclose the amount of overhead needed to administer each program administered by the Forest Service. The Forest Service, in cooperation with the General Accounting Office and the USDA Office of Inspector General, shall develop a five-year strategic plan to identify and reduce excessive costs, increase the use of private-sector contracting, and establish incentives for line officers and other decision-makers to manage with greater efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

H.R. 4149 establishes third-party audits of the implementation of the strategic plan which requires the Comptroller General to sub-

mit to Congress an annual evaluation assessing the effectiveness of the implementation of the strategic plan. The Act requires that fiscal reforms be structured and implemented so as to improve outputs of goods and services to the taxpaying public.

(*Note.*—For further action see the discussion under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law. Public Law 105–277 (H.R. 4328)”.)

#### D. OVERSIGHT

##### 1. *Oversight hearings*

The Committee on Agriculture and its subcommittees were active in their oversight functions, holding a number of oversight hearings both in the field and in Washington, D.C., during the course of the 105th Congress. The hearings related to the application, administration, and effectiveness of laws that lie within the Committee’s jurisdiction as well as the organization and operation of the Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies having responsibility for the administration of such laws. The hearings often resulted in recommendations for improvements in the administration of the laws, regulations and policies in effect in the Executive Branch as they related to the Committee’s jurisdiction. Information gathered at these hearings was later useful in preparing legislation for consideration in the House of Representatives.

As part of its hearings, the Committee and its subcommittees reviewed the way the particular Federal agency or department (usually the Department of Agriculture) administered existing laws related to the subject matter of the legislation before, or to be considered by, the Committee. In some cases, legislation favorably reported to the House carries a termination date (a “sunset”) to ensure that in the future Congress will again review the effectiveness and the methods with which the Executive Branch of Government has carried out the letter and the spirit of that statute.

In keeping with the objective of the Oversight Plan as submitted to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee and its subcommittees conducted the following chronological oversight hearings during the 105th Congress:

##### *Oversight hearings, 105th Congress—chronological listing*

*January 16, 1997:* To examine the forest ecosystem health and the management of the National Forest System in the Pacific Northwest. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–1.

The full Committee began its work in the 105th Congress with a hearing in Sun River, Oregon to receive testimony about forest ecosystem conditions in the West and on the implementation of various strategies for improving forest health. Fifteen witnesses appeared before the Committee representing scientists, environmentalists, community leaders, federal foresters, representatives of the timber industry, and officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(*Note.*—This was one of several hearings that led to the introduction of H.R. 2515, the Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committee on Resources. For further action on H.R. 2515, see the discussion under “8. Bills Defeated in the House”.)

*February 21, 1997:* To review the availability of agricultural credit. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-2.

The Subcommittee held a hearing in Lubbock, Texas to review the factors which affect the availability of credit to agricultural producers with emphasis placed on the farm credit infrastructure of USDA loan programs, commercial banks, and the Farm Credit System. During the hearing, testimony was heard from officials of the USDA Farm Service Agency, financial lenders, and the Small Business Administration.

(*Note.*—This hearing led to the introduction of H.R. 4246, the Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1998, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.)

*February 26, 1997:* To review the Conservation Reserve Program final regulations. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-3.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine and discuss the Department of Agriculture's final rule implementing the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

The 1996 Farm Bill directed the Department to issue regulations for CRP within 90 days after enactment which ended in July, 1996. However, the Department missed that deadline by a few months and finally issued a proposed rule at the end of September, 1996. By the time of the hearing, the final rule was yet to be issued and CRP signup was scheduled to begin soon. The Subcommittee expressed displeasure with the lateness of the regulation because it left little time for landowners to make decisions about the future use of their land when contracts would expire in October. The Subcommittee also expressed frustration with the complexity of the regulation and discussed its details, such as the Environmental Benefits Index, during the hearing. The Subcommittee heard testimony from several U.S. commodity groups such as the National Association of Wheat Growers, National Cotton Council, American Soybean Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Ducks Unlimited. Representatives of the Department of Agriculture also testified.

(*Note.*—H.R. 1342 was introduced on April 16, 1997 and passed by the House of Representatives on April 29, 1997, for further action on H.R. 1342, see the discussion under "5. Bills Acted by the House But Not the Senate".)

*March 12, 1997:* To review the status of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) for Food Stamp Program implementation. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105-7.

The purpose of the hearing was to review the status of the electronic benefit transfer system (EBT) for the Food Stamp Program. The welfare reform bill, Public Law 104-193, passed last Congress required States to implement EBT systems for delivery of benefits by the year 2002. Testimony was heard from officials of USDA, including the Inspector General, OMB, Transactive Corporation, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, MO Dept. of Social Services, U.S. Secret Service, Oregon Dept. of Human Resources, MD Dept. of Human Resources, and the San Bernardino County Dept. of Public Social Services.



*March 18, 1997:* To Review Agriculture Trade in the 21st Century. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-4.

The purpose of the hearing was to review agricultural trade, the opportunities for expansion of this trade, and the barriers that face exporters. With passage of the Freedom to Farm Bill, Public Law 104-127, it was obvious to the Committee that in 6 years, there would be a declining support system or subsidy system in this country and there would be a greater need for a free and fair world trade market for American farmers and ranchers. Testimony was heard from Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman about the implementation of trade agreements, the monitoring of the implementation of these agreements by other countries, and how to secure fair treatment for American commodities in world trade.

*March 19, 1997:* To review the treatment of minority and limited resource producers by USDA. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105-19.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the treatment of minority and limited resource producers by USDA and to create a record detailing the allegations against the Department in order for the Subcommittee to perform its oversight function. Testimony was heard from representatives of the General Accounting Office, Land Loss Prevention Project, representatives of the National Black Farmers Association, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE), Intertribal Agriculture Council Board of Directors, and the California Highlander Cooperative, Inc.

(*Note.*—This hearing (March 19, 1997) and another hearing (July 17, 1997) resulted in the introduction of two bills: H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, and Ways and Means; and H.R. 2692, Department of Agriculture Civil Rights and Efficiency Act of 1997, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. For further action on both bills see the Committee Hearing Serial No. 105-34.)

*April 9, 1997:* To review the Forest Ecosystem Health in the United States. Full Committee on Agriculture jointly with the Full Committee on Resources. Hearing Serial No. 105-5.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine a study on forest ecosystem health in the United States. The study (the Oliver Report) was prepared by a national, interdisciplinary panel of highly respected scientists and chaired by Professor Chadwick Oliver of the University of Washington. The study provided a comprehensive assessment of current forest conditions in the country and a broad range of management alternatives with their associated trade-offs. Testimony was heard from Congressman Charles Taylor and from all of the scientists who authored the study. Sitting among the Committee Members was Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who complimented the Committee and the panel for acting consistently with his often repeated admonition to Members of Congress that we “listen, learn, help and lead.”

(*Note.*—See also the discussion of H.R. 2515 under “8. Bills Defeated in the House”.)

*April 10, 1997:* To review the Implementation of Section 192, Risk Management Education, of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act of 1996. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-6.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the implementation of the risk management education provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill. The education of producers concerning the availability of various risk management tools has been, and will continue to be, of primary importance to the members of this committee. Appearing before the Committee were representatives of the Risk Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and several representatives representing U.S. commodity organizations.

*April 17, 1997:* To review the status of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. Hearing Serial No. 105-9.

The Subcommittee heard testimony from 10 witnesses representing the Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farm organizations, and U.S. commodity organizations regarding how the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and its rules and regulations have worked over the past few years.

*April 23, 1997:* To review air quality issues relating to the agricultural industry. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-10.

The Subcommittee heard testimony from 6 witnesses representing the Natural Resources Conservation Service of USDA, university researchers, and agribusinesses regarding the magnitude of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal concerning air quality and the possible effect it could have on agricultural production and processing operations.

(*Note.*—For further action on this matter, see the discussion of Public Law 105-178 under "1. Bills Enacted Into Law".)

*April 24, 1997:* To review the effectiveness of agricultural export programs. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities jointly with the Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-11.

The purpose of this hearing was to create a public record on the value of agricultural export programs, and to give examples of how these programs expand our exports. Emphasis was placed on the "tools" of agricultural trade and the fact that U.S. farmers and ranchers can compete with farmers and ranchers from any country; however, it is the governments of those countries against which our farmers cannot compete. The Subcommittees received testimony from 10 witnesses representing the Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farmers' organizations, agribusinesses, and commodity organizations.

*May 8, 1997:* To review the status and prospects for trade in livestock, dairy, and poultry products between the United States and the European Union. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105-13.

The Subcommittee heard testimony from 9 witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farm organizations, commodity organizations and Members of Congress. During the hearing, it was noted that there are currently a number of trade dis-

putes between the United States and the European Union, many of which involve livestock, dairy and poultry matters. However, with a stable American population and only a modest growth projected in the domestic demand for these items, the export market remains the only real path to increasing American farm income and making programs such as the Dairy Export Incentive Program, the Export Enhancement Program and the Market Access Program the tools for American farmers to take advantage of trading opportunities.

*May 14, 1997:* To review the information technology procurement practices at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105–15.

The Subcommittee heard testimony from 2 witnesses, the Acting Chief Information Officer of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Director, Information Resources Management of the Accounting and Information Management Division of the General Accounting Office, regarding management and use of information technology (IT) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

*May 15, 1997:* To review the implementation of dairy reforms as outlined under the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. The Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105–12.

The Subcommittee heard testimony from 13 witnesses representing the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farm, dairy and commodity organizations, and agribusiness regarding the ongoing reform of America's dairy industry as outlined and mandated under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

*May 20, 1997:* To review the financing of roads in the National Forests. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105–14.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine how both construction and reconstruction of roads are financed on the National Forests with particular interest in the "Purchaser Road Credit Program". The Purchaser Road Credit Program is one method of financing National Forest roads, and the Subcommittee studied whether the program contained a subsidy to companies that purchase Forest Service timber. The Subcommittee heard testimony from 3 witnesses; 2 representing the Federal Budget Consulting Group; and 1 representing the Price Waterhouse LLP.

*June 5, 1997:* To receive further scientific comment on the Oliver Forest Health Report. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–17.

The Committee heard testimony from 6 witnesses, all of whom were university researchers from across the country, regarding the management of the nation's forests. This hearing was the third in a series of hearings for the Committee to gather information in preparation to lay the foundation for science-based forest policy that provides a full range of environmental social benefits to the citizens of this country

(*Note.*—See also the discussion of H.R. 2515 under "8. Bills Defeated in the House".)

*June 11, 1997:* To review the 1997 Conservation Reserve Program Contract Announcement. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-16.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the 1997 Conservation Reserve Program Contract Announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the acceptance of 16.2 million acres into the CRP. A panel of four Administration Witnesses from the Department of Agriculture appeared and answered questions regarding land accepted into the program.

(*Note.*—See the discussion of H.R. 1342 under “5. Bills Acted by the House But Not the Senate”.)

*June 12, 1997:* To examine forest ecosystem health in the Pacific Coast and Southern Regions. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-17.

This was the fourth in a series of hearings where the Committee continued to gather testimony regarding forest health and focused on the issues that pertain to specific regions of the country as they related to the findings in the Oliver Report. Testimony was heard from state foresters, scientists, land owners, organizations, and associations.

(*Note.*—See also the discussion of H.R. 2515 under “8. Bills Defeated in the House”.)

*June 17, 1997:* To review the role of federal, state and private research. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-20.

This was the first of a series of hearings to review agricultural research, education and extension programs. This hearing gave insight into the profile of ongoing research efforts by engaging in discussions on the three main elements of the agricultural research structure—federal, state and private—and their current and future role. Testimony was heard from witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture; universities; and farmer supported foundations and organizations.

(*Note.*—This and several other hearings resulted in the enactment of H.R. 2534. See the discussion of Public Law 105-185 (H.R. 2534) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*June 18, 1997:* To review public and private partnership efforts in agricultural research. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-20.

This was the second of a series of hearings to review agricultural research, education, and extension programs. This hearing focused on how the federal, state and private sectors form partnerships and coordinate their activities for research and extension. Seven witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, universities, and farmer-supported foundations and organizations testified.

(*Note.*—See the discussion of Public Law 105-185 (H.R. 2534) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*June 19, 1997:* Examination of forest ecosystem health in the Inland West and Northeast. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-17.

This was the fifth in a series of hearings on forest health, and the Committee heard testimony from the U.S. Forest Service Chief, a panel of state foresters, a panel of forest owners/users, and a

panel of wildlife preservationists. All of the witnesses, including the U.S. Forest Chief, agreed that active management is necessary to revive the health of our nation's forests after decades of decline and supported the principles embodied in the Oliver Report.

(*Note.*—See also the discussion of H.R. 2515 under “8. Bills Defeated in the House”.)

*June 25, 1997:* Review of status and prospects for trade between the United States and East Asia. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105–18.

The purpose of this hearing was to inquire as to the current status and future prospects for trade between the United States and East Asia in the area of livestock, dairy, and poultry products. Seven witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farmer organizations, agribusinesses, and commodity organizations.

*July 9, 1997:* Review of agricultural extension and education programs. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105–20.

This was the third in a series of hearings to review agricultural research, education and extension programs. This hearing focused on agricultural extension and education programs. Testimony was received from witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, universities, and farmer-supported foundations and organizations.

(*Note.*—See the discussion of Public Law 105–185 (H.R. 2534) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*July 15, 1997:* To review wildfire management in the United States. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–21.

This was the sixth hearing examining the health and condition of America's forest resource with emphasis on “wildfire”. The U.S. Forest Service, state foresters, academia and non-governmental organizations gave testimony about the critical condition of our nation's forests as well as specific management recommendations to reduce risks, protect precious resources, ensure public and community safety, and minimize costs.

(*Note.*—See also the discussion of H.R. 2515 under “8. Bills Defeated in the House”.)

*July 17, 1997:* Review of U.S. Department of Agriculture Civil Rights Action Team Report. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–19.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Civil Rights Action Team Report and to continue the March 19, 1997, Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee hearing where testimony was received from several producers concerning their allegations of discriminatory treatment by USDA. Witnesses consisted of the Secretary of Agriculture and Members of Congress.

(*Note.*—This hearing (July 17, 1997) and another hearing (March 19, 1997) resulted in the introduction of two bills: H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, and Ways and Means; and H.R. 2692, Department of Agriculture Civil Rights and Efficiency Act of 1997, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. For fur-

ther action on both bills see the Committee Hearing Serial No. 105-34.)

*July 22, 1997:* Review reauthorization proposals for agricultural research legislation. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-20.

This was the last of four hearings to review agricultural research, education and extension programs. This hearing focused on specific proposals for reauthorization legislation with the goal of improving efficiencies, eliminating any duplication of efforts and striving to accomplish more with the same or possibly fewer dollars. Testimony was received from witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture; universities; and farmer-supported foundations and organizations.

(*Note.*—See the discussion of Public Law 105-185 (H.R. 2534) under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*July 23, 1997:* Review of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s policy alternatives relating to agricultural trade options and other agricultural risk-shifting contracts. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-22.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony from the Commission and industry about the risks and benefits of lifting the ban on agricultural trade options. Eight witnesses testified before the Subcommittee representing the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago Board of Trade, National Farmers Union, National Grain and Feed Association, National Introducing Brokers Association, and The Andersons, Inc.

*August 8, 1997:* Strategies for increased competitiveness of the American dairy industry. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105-23.

The Subcommittee held a hearing in Branson, Missouri to exercise its oversight responsibilities with regard to the ongoing reform of the American dairy industry. Testimony was received from ten witnesses representing dairy farmers, farm groups, dairy manufacturers, dairy policy analysts, and State officials.

*September 11, 1997:* Review of the Public-Private Partnership of Food Banks. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105-24.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony and written statements concerning food banks and the participation of the private sector in the delivery of food assistance. Testimony was received from eight witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, food banks, and other interested parties to describe how public-private partnerships have been created for food assistance programs and why they are effective.

*September 16, 1997:* Review of EPA’s National Ambient Air Quality Standards on Ozone and PM 2.5. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-30.

The Committee met to hear testimony from the EPA, Commerce Committee Members, academic experts, and farm interest groups regarding the regulatory implementation process for the new, national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter. Specifically, EPA Administrator Browner was to discuss past statements concerning how these air quality standards would affect

agriculture. Other witnesses testified about the science of these new standards as well as regulation under the current standards.

(*Note.*—For further action on this matter, see the discussion of Public Law 105–178 under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*September 17, 1997:* Review of the proposal concerning enhanced public lands stewardship. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105–25.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony on enhanced public land stewardship, especially concerning the proposed legislation drafted by Chairman Smith. Witnesses included the Chief of the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of the Interior, academics, and interested parties.

*September 23, 1997:* Review of Fast Track Trade Negotiating Authority. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. Hearing Serial No. 105–26.

The Subcommittee held this hearing in regard to the President’s proposed fast track trade negotiating authority and its impact on the agricultural sector in the global market. Testimony was submitted from ten witnesses representing the Office of U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and farm groups.

(*Note.*—See the discussion of H.R. 2621 under “8. Bills Defeated in the House”.)

*October 1, 1997:* Review of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Government Performance and Results Act (GPR) Statement. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105–27.

This hearing was held to exercise oversight authority over the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s implementation of GPR’s strategic plan in setting goals, measuring performance, and reporting on USDA’s accomplishments. Testimony was submitted from two witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture and GAO.

*October 9, 1997:* Review of the Agricultural Economic Outlook. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. Hearing Serial No. 105–28.

The hearing was to review the agricultural markets for the near-term and the implications for the U.S. farm economy generally. The Subcommittee probed grain prices, planting flexibility, ethanol production, the cattle cycle, price volatility, and export activity. Three witnesses testified on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, academia, and agricultural processing groups.

*October 22, 1997:* Review of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s Government Performance and Results Act Report. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105–31.

The purpose of this hearing was to exercise oversight over the CFTC’s strategic plan which was submitted under the Government Performance and Results Act. Two witnesses testified on behalf of the GAO and CFTC in order to explain and answer questions on the strategic plan.

*October 29, 1997:* Review of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s Government Performance Results Act Report. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105–31.

This was the second oversight hearing held concerning the CFTC's strategic plan submitted under the Government Performance and Results Act. Ten witnesses submitted testimony concerning the strategic plan on behalf of the stakeholders.

*October 30, 1997:* Review of waste and abuse in the administration of the Food Stamp Program. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105-32.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony and written statements concerning waste and abuse in the administration of the Food Stamp Program. Specifically, the Subcommittee reviewed whether the USDA is doing all that it can do to ensure that only those people who are eligible receive food stamp benefits. Testimony was received from four witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, GAO, and other groups opposed to government waste and fraud.

*November 5, 1997:* Review of the Federal Crop Insurance Program. The Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-33.

This hearing was the first hearing on crop insurance since March, 1995, and much activity concerning crop insurance had transpired in the last two years. Therefore, this hearing was to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program, to ensure that the Government and private sector work together in the most efficient manner to serve the U.S. agricultural producer, and to design ideas for a better way to handle the program. Testimony was submitted from thirteen witnesses on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, crop insurers, and agricultural commodity groups.

*November 6, 1997:* Review of Agricultural transportation issues with a focus on the current rail grain situation. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. Hearing Serial No. 105-35.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony and written statements concerning the current rail car shortage in the western and southern United States. Nine witnesses, representing the National Surface Transportation Board, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farm commodity groups, railroads, and western interests, testified in order to provide the Subcommittee with answers for the country's producers and elevators as to when hopper grain cars and boxcars can be expected.

*November 13, 1997:* Review of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' proposal to provide fish passage through the Elk Creek Dam in Jackson County, Oregon. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-36.

This was a field hearing held in Medford, Oregon, to receive testimony and written statements from individuals who would be most affected by the Corps of Engineers' proposal to dismantle a dam in which the Federal government has already invested 108 million dollars to allow fish passage. Also at issue was whether or not fish were being injured by the trap-and-haul program presently in effect. Testimony was received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Jackson County Board of Commissioners, Josephine County Board of Commissioners, Medford



Water Commission, Oregon Natural Resources Council, and Rogue River Basin Association.

*January 20, 1998:* Review of the impact of aflatoxin in Southeastern peanuts. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-37.

This was a field hearing held in Dothan, Alabama to review the impact of aflatoxin in Southeastern peanuts. Fifteen witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee representing producers, growers, agribusiness, commodity organizations, and officials of the Department of Agriculture (State and Federal).

*January 22, 1998:* Review of agricultural issues relating to the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-38.

This hearing was held in West Palm Beach, Florida, to receive testimony from Florida's agricultural community in an effort to prepare for the 1999 World Trade Organization Negotiations. Of particular interest to the Subcommittee were existing barriers to trade and the Asian market whether or not the President had fast track authority. Seven witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee representing the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, the Sugarcane Growers Cooperative of Florida, the Florida Citrus Mutual, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Florida Farmers and Suppliers Coalition, Inc, and the Brooks Tropical, Inc.

*February 3, 1998:* Review of the Impact of the Proposed Tobacco Settlement on Producers. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-39.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the impact of the proposed tobacco settlement negotiated in June, 1997 between the States' attorneys general, the trial lawyers, the public health advocates, and the tobacco companies. Testimony was received from nine witnesses representing farmers, growers, producers, and manufacturers of tobacco, and it was noted that a settlement should not pass Congress without provisions to address the concerns of those who run the 124,000 tobacco farms in the United States.

*February 4, 1998:* Review of the Asian financial crisis and its impact on U.S. agriculture. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. Hearing Serial No. 105-41.

Testimony was received from the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA, concerning the Asian financial crisis and its impact on U.S. agriculture.

*February 5, 1998:* Review of the enforcement of anti-fraud provisions in the Food Stamp Act. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105-40.

Reducing waste, fraud, and abuse in the Food Stamp Program was a top priority for the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, and this hearing examined what happened after food stamp waste, fraud, and abuse had been identified and investigated. Testimony was received from four witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, and the Auditor General Office of the State of Florida.

*February 17, 1998:* Review of agricultural issues relating to the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-38.

This hearing was held in Riverside, California, to receive testimony from California's specialty crops community in an effort to prepare for the 1999 World Trade Organization Negotiations, and was the second hearing of a series. With California being the nation's leader in agricultural exports, the stakes were high as the U.S. moved into wider global markets. However, Asian markets hold significant promise for U.S. agriculture, and the Subcommittee once again heard testimony from witnesses regarding the existing trade barriers. Nine witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee representing local growers, universities, state government officials, and farmer organizations.

*February 26, 1998:* Review of the status and prospects for U.S. trade in livestock, dairy, and poultry products with Australia and New Zealand. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105-43.

This hearing was the third of a series of hearings which the Subcommittee conducted to examine trade issues affecting the commodities under its jurisdiction. However, this hearing was for the purpose of reviewing the status and prospects for U.S. trade in livestock, dairy, and poultry products with Australia and New Zealand. Ten witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee representing USDA, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the American Meat Institute, the American Sheep Industry Association, the International Dairy Foods Association, the Union Milk Marketing Cooperative, the National Pork Producers Council, the National Broiler Council, the North American Operation, and the Milk Products Holdings (North American) Inc.

*March 5, 1998:* Review of the implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-45.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), which was authorized in the 1996 Farm Bill, Public Law 104-127, in an effort to make conservation dollars produce the most benefits possible by operating the conservation program in a more efficient manner. With this program being funded through the Commodity Credit Corporation at \$200 million annually and with recent news articles focused on environmental problems which had been associated with agriculture, it is imperative to assure the public that these issues are being dealt with and that federal tax dollars are being spent to prevent real problems. Testimony was received from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

*March 11, 1998:* Review of the status of U.S. Department of Agriculture farm loan programs. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-44.

Testimony was received from the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, on the status of farm loan programs and the effect which the reform

provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill, Public Law 104–127, have had on the availability of agricultural credit.

*March 18, 1998:* Review of the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Negotiations on Agriculture Trade in Europe. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–57.

The purpose of this hearing was to review World Trade Organization's multilateral agricultural trade negotiations and the major issues that may be included in the next round of negotiations. Testimony was received from twelve witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, farmer organizations, and agribusiness. A series of four hearings were held on this issue. Each hearing focused on specific geographical areas of the world and the issues related to U.S. exports and barriers to those exports. These four hearings reviewed U.S. trade opportunities and barriers in Europe, Asia and the Pacific, Africa and the Middle East, and the Western Hemisphere.

*March 25, 1998:* Review of the effect of the electric industry deregulation on rural areas. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105–47.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine and discuss the possible effect that electric industry deregulation could have on the economies of rural areas. Two witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee representing the Rural Utilities Service of USDA and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

*March 26, 1998:* Review of USDA's Proposed Rule for the Reform of Federal Milk Marketing Orders. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105–46.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the ongoing reform of America's dairy industry as outlined and mandated under the Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, Public Law 104–127. Fourteen witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee representing the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture, universities, farmer organizations, agribusiness, producers and farmers.

*April 1, 1998:* Review of agricultural issues relating to the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105–38.

This was the third hearing regarding specialty crop issues as they related to the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Because the Subcommittee's jurisdiction encompassed such a large variety of crops, efforts to hear from as many of those interested as possible about the existing trade barriers, particularly in the Asian markets were conducted. This hearing provided for a forum of three witnesses in which to express the views of the horticulture, nursery, potato, cherry, pear and other important industry segments.

*May 7, 1998:* Review of the President's FY 1999 Budget for USDA Forest Service. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–52.

The full Committee received testimony and written statements from Administration officials, Members of Congress, State Foresters, forest product manufacturers, forest associations, and conservation groups on the President's FY 1999 Budget for the USDA Forest Service. Differences in the policy objectives of the Forest

Service's Natural Resources Agency for the 21st Century and the funding for the objectives in the agency's budget were noted.

(*Note.*—As a result of this hearing (May 7, 1998) and two other hearings (June 4, 1998 and June 11, 1998), H.R. 4149, the Forest Service Cost Reduction and Fiscal Accountability Act of 1998, was introduced and referred to the Committee on Agriculture on June 25, 1998. For further discussion of H.R. 4149, see under "9. Other Bills Acted on By the Committee".)

*May 12, 1998:* Review of the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Negotiation on Agricultural Trade—Asia and the Pacific. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–57.

The purpose of this hearing was to look at U.S. trade with countries in Asia and the Pacific region. The major issues between the U.S. and our trading partners in this region included sanitary and phytosanitary measures that were used as non-tariff trade barriers, state trading enterprises, and improved access to the markets of this region. Testimony and written statements were received from Members of Congress and several representatives representing commodity groups.

*May 13, 1998:* Review of activities of the Environmental Protection Agency related to livestock feeding operations. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research and the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105–50.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony and written statements addressing the Environmental Protection Agency's need for new regulations regarding livestock feeding operations. Six witnesses, who included, Members of Congress, officials of the Environmental Protection Agency (Federal and State), Department of Agriculture, and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission testified before the Subcommittees.

*May 20, 1998:* Review of the implementation of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) inspection system by the United States Department of Agriculture. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing Serial No. 105–62.

Officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture testified before the Subcommittee on the implementation of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and Pathogen Reduction Rule for meat and poultry inspection.

*May 21, 1998:* Review of U.S. Agriculture, the Asian Financial Crisis, and the International Monetary Fund. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–48.

This was the second hearing regarding the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The Committee received testimony on the need to protect U.S. economic interests, particularly the agricultural industry, in the face of Asia's current financial crisis. Testimony was presented by three Administration witnesses, the Honorable Dan Glickman, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board; and the Honorable Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Department of the Treasury.

Public Law 105–277 includes full funding (\$17.9 billion) for the U.S. quota increase for the International Monetary Fund, as well as the IMF's New Arrangements to borrow. Funding is conditional

on, among other items, that borrowing nations liberalize trade restrictions and that the IMF operate with greater transparency.

*June 4, 1998:* Review of off-budget funds administered by the Forest Service. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-53.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine the overhead costs between 1993 and 1997 charged to five off-budget funds administered by the Forest Service. Earlier this year, the Committee on Agriculture requested that the General Accounting Office (GAO) investigate the off-budget funds to better understand how much overhead was being charged to these accounts as well as why overhead was increasing related to the off-budget accounts. The Committee received testimony from four witnesses representing the General Accounting Office, the U.S. Forest Service, the Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, and the California Forestry Association.

(*Note.*—See the discussion of H.R. 4149 under “9. Other Bills Acted on by the Committee”.)

*June 10, 1998:* Review of the phase-out of methyl bromide. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Hearing Serial No. 105-55.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony and written statements addressing any detrimental effects that could result from the implementation of certain provisions of the Clean Air Act that require the phase-out of methyl bromide in the United States by the year 2001. Eleven witnesses, who included Members of Congress, officials of the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, universities, and agricultural producers and manufacturers, appeared before the Subcommittee.

*June 10, 1998:* Review of the regulation of the over-the-counter derivatives market. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Hearing Serial No. 105-54.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine the overall regulation of the over-the-counter derivatives market to determine whether future congressional action would be necessary. The Subcommittee received testimony and written statements from eleven witnesses representing the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Chicago Board of Trade, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the New York Mercantile Exchange, the Futures Industry Association, Bank of America, the Securities Industry Association, End Users of Derivatives Association, and the American Bankers Association and American Bankers Association Securities Association.

*June 11, 1998:* Review of the Forest Service Timber Sale Program. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-53.

This was the third in a series of hearings designed to identify trends in overhead and total costs attributed to programs administered by the Forest Service and to determine their effects on forest management. Testimony and written statements were received from Members of Congress, officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Foresters, forest product manufacturers, and representatives representing recreationalists.

(*Note.*—See the discussion of H.R. 4149 under “9. Other Bills Acted on by the Committee”.)

*June 17, 1998:* Review of 1990 WTO Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade—Africa and Middle East. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–57.

This was the third hearing in a series of four to prepare for the next round of the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Negotiations on agricultural trade. The full Committee heard testimony from five witnesses representing agricultural producers and growers with the major focus on the distinction between developing and developed countries in Africa and the Middle East.

*June 25, 1998:* Review of the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105–61.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony and written statements reviewing the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA). The Food Quality Protection Act repealed the unworkable and unscientific Delaney Clause which mandated zero tolerance for most pesticides and replaced it with a new scientifically based safety standard. Before the Subcommittee appeared twelve witnesses representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, universities and colleges, and agricultural producers and growers.

*June 25, 1998:* Review of the Administration’s use of agricultural export programs. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. Hearing Serial No. 105–58.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the Administration’s use of agricultural export programs. Testimony and written statements were received from Members of Congress and officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

*July 22, 1998:* Review of the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade in the Western Hemisphere. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–57.

This was the fourth and last in a series of hearings on the 1999 World Trade Organization negotiations with a focus on countries in the Western Hemisphere. Specifically, the Committee focused on Canada and Mexico which accounted for 30% of U.S. agricultural exports in 1997. Six witnesses appeared before the Committee and addressed issues such as state trading enterprises; access for U.S. dairy, poultry, and eggs; high duties on U.S. exports; and sanitary and phytosanitary disputes.

*July 30, 1998:* Review of the state of the agricultural economy. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–63.

The purpose of this hearing was intended to help define the nature of the economic, disease, and weather problems being faced in the Upper Midwest, Texas, Oklahoma, and the Southeast as well as the agricultural community nationwide. Testimony and written statements were received from Members of Congress, officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, universities, and farmer-supported foundations and organizations.

(*Note.*—This hearing resulted in the introduction of H.R. 4265, the Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act. However, the companion bill, S. 2344 was enacted into Public Law 105–228. For further dis-

cussion of Public Law 105–228, see under “1. Bills Enacted Into Law”.)

*September 2, 1998:* Review of Region 6 Roadblocks to Responsible Forest Management. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–64.

This field hearing was held in Portland, Oregon, to review the failure of the Summit project by examining the communication between the Regional Office of the Forest Service and local agency professionals, by examining the role of the Regional Forester and the Washington Office in the decision-making process, and by examining the Forest Service appeals process. Nine witnesses appeared before the Committee representing the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, community leaders, and representatives from environmental, labor and forest constituent groups.

*October 8, 1998:* Review of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission FY 2000 budget estimate and annual performance plan. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops.

The purpose of this hearing was to exercise oversight over the CFTC’s budget and annual performance plan for the year 2000, specifically, on whether any of GAO’s recommendations were incorporated into the plan. Two witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee which represented the GAO and CFTC in order to explain and answer questions regarding the plan.

*October 8, 1998:* Review of current U.S. agricultural trade issues with Canada. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities.

The purpose of this hearing was to review issues and policies under current trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and their effect on American farmers and ranchers. Testimony and written statements were received from Members of Congress, and farmer and grower supported organizations.

(*Note.*—This hearing led to the introduction of H.Res. 583, a resolution expressing the sense of the House with respect to barriers between the U.S. and Canada with regard to certain agricultural products, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture.)

*November 12, 1998:* Review of the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops.

This field hearing was held in South Dakota and was the first in a series of hearings regarding the Federal Crop Insurance Program in light of the recent changes that have occurred to this program. The purpose of this hearing was to hear the views and opinions about the program from producers, agents, and companies in the field.

## *2. Legislative oversight*

*April 15, 16, 17, 1997:* Reform of the Commodity Exchange Act and H.R. 467, the Commodity Exchange Act Amendments of 1997. Hearing Serial No. 105–8.

The purpose of these hearings was to review issues related to the reform of the Commodity Exchange Act. Testimony was received from the Department of Treasury, the Chicago Board of Trade, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal

Reserve System, the New York Mercantile Exchange, and other interested groups.

*June 26, 1997:* Review of H.R. 1789, the Reauthorization of the Dairy Indemnity Program. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

The purpose of this hearing was to review H.R. 1789 and the need for the reauthorization of this dairy program. Testimony was heard from the Farm Service Agency and the American Milk Producers.

(*Note.*—See the discussion of H.R. 1789 under “5. Bills Acted on by the House But Not the Senate”.)

*October 7, 1997:* Review of H.R. 2515, The Forest Recovery and Protection Act. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–29.

This hearing summarized the current status of forest deterioration in this country and the necessary steps to improve forest conditions. The purpose of the hearing was to review H.R. 2515, and the Secretary of Agriculture expressed concerns over H.R. 2515. Testimony also was heard from others who supported the legislation and emphasized the need for better forest management. Other witnesses included the National Association of State Foresters, the Wilderness Society, academics, and trade associations.

*October 23, 1997:* Review of Civil Rights Legislation (H.R. 2185 and H.R. 2692) and Other Issues. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105–34.

This hearing began with a summary from the USDA regarding Departmental changes that have occurred since the release of the civil rights report, and the Secretary of Agriculture asked that no further legislative changes be made until the Department reorganization occurs. Others testified regarding the USDA’s discriminatory practices. Additional testimony was received from the National Association of Farmer-Elected Committeemen, the USDA Coalition of Minority Employees, the National Association of Credit Specialists, National Association of FSA Committee Employees, the National Association of Conservation Districts, the Rural Coalition, Black Farmers and Agriculturalist Association, and the National Black Farmers Association.

*March 3, 1998:* Review of H.R. 3280, USDA Year 2000 Compliance Enhancement Act. Hearing Serial No. 105–42.

The purpose of this hearing was to review H.R. 3280, the USDA Year 2000 Compliance Enhancement Act, which clarifies and enhances the authorities of the Chief Information Officer of the USDA to help the USDA get its information technology department in order to satisfactorily deal with the year 2000 problem. Testimony was received from Congressman Tom Latham; the Chief Information Officer of the USDA; and the Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting, and Informational Management of the GAO regarding the need for such legislation.

*May 20, 1998:* Review of H.R. 3766, the Plant Protection Act. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105–49.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony concerning H.R. 3766, the Plant Protection Act, which would streamline, modernize, and enhance the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to plant protection and quarantine, and for other purposes.



The Subcommittee received testimony from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the USDA regarding APHIS's ability to address its mission of agricultural protection consistent with the concepts of regionalization and risk-based decision-making required under GATT. Testimony was also received from the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, the American Nursery and Landscape Association, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the National Plant Board, and the American Seed Trade Association concerning the need for H.R. 3766.

*June 3, 1998:* Consideration of H.R. 3654, the Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act of 1998. Subcommittee on Departmental Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105-51.

The purpose of this hearing was to hear testimony concerning H.R. 3654 which amends the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity, and for other purposes. Testimony was received from the Foreign Agricultural Service of the USDA, the Farmland Industries, Inc., the Illinois Farm Bureau, and the North American Export Grain Association regarding the importance of international trade and the need for H.R. 3654.

*June 18, 1998:* Review of H.R. 3765, the Recreational Cabin Fees. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-56.

The purpose of this hearing was to review H.R. 3765, a bill to gradually increase the fees paid by current holders of Forest Service special use permits that authorize the construction and occupancy of private recreation houses or cabins. The U.S. Forest Service gave testimony opposing H.R. 3765 because the legislation would make the Recreation Residence Program more expensive to administer and less money would be collected by the Treasury. Testimony was heard from the Oregon Forest Homeowners Association, the Mt. Hood Forest Homeowners Association, the June Lake Permittee Association, the Sawtooth Forest Cabin Owners Association, the National Forest Homeowners Association, and the American Land Rights Association concerning the potential for dramatic increases in permit fees.

*July 29, 1998:* Review of H.R. 4149, the Forest Service Cost Reduction and Fiscal Accountability Act of 1998. Full Committee. Hearing Serial No. 105-60.

The purpose of this hearing was to hear testimony regarding H.R. 4149 and explore the Forest Service's fiscal accountability or lack thereof. Testimony was given concerning the Forest Service's failure to restore order to the financial affairs of the USFS and the legislation's impact on reducing indirect expenditures in managing the Forest System. Witnesses included the GAO, the Forest Service, USDA, taxpayer groups, forestry professionals, and national forest constituents.

*August 5, 1998:* Review of H.R. 4366, the Food Stamp Verification Act of 1998. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105-59.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony and written statements on H.R. 4366, which ensures that deceased people do

not receive Food Stamp benefits. This hearing was another step in the continuing fight against the waste, fraud and abuse that impacts the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was received from the GAO and the Food and Nutrition Service of the USDA regarding the fraud and waste within the Food Stamp Program and measures needed to be taken to prevent such abuse.

*September 23, 1998:* Review of H.R. 4571, the Emergency Food Assistance Enhancement Act of 1998. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. Hearing Serial No. 105-65.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive testimony and written statements reviewing H.R. 4571, a bill that would increase the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) mandatory commodity purchase account from \$100 million to \$120 million. Testimony was received from Representative Tony Hall, the USDA, the American Public Human Services Association, Second Harvest Food Bank, the American Commodity Distribution Association, and the California Emergency Foodlink discussing the effects of and need for the increased TEFAP funding.

#### E. PRINTED HEARINGS (BY SUBJECT)

AFLATOXIN IN SOUTHEASTERN PEANUTS, REVIEW THE IMPACT OF. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Field Hearing. January 20, (Dothan, AL), 1998. Serial 105-37.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. October 9, 1997. Serial 105-28.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY, STATE OF THE. Full Committee. July 30, 1998. October 9, 1997. Serial 105-63.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PROGRAMS, REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S USE OF. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. June 25, 1998. Serial 105-58.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PROGRAMS, REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. Joint Hearing. April 24, 1997. Serial 105-11.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. June 17, 18, and July 9, 22, 1997. Serial 105-20.

AGRICULTURAL TRADE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. Full Committee. March 18, 1997. Serial 105-4.

AGRICULTURAL TRADE OPTIONS, REVIEW OF POLICY ALTERNATIVES RELATING TO. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. July 23, 1997. Serial 105-22.

AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES AND THE CURRENT RAIL GRAIN SITUATION. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. November 6, 1997. Serial 105-35.

AIR QUALITY ISSUES RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, OVERSIGHT OF. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. April 23, 1997. Serial 105-10.

ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISES. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. February 4, 1998. Serial 105-41.

AVAILABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL CREDIT, OVERSIGHT OF. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Field Hearing. February 21 (Lubbock, TX), 1997. Serial 105-2.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION AND OTHER ISSUES. Full Committee. H.R. 2185 and H.R. 2692. October 23, 1997. Serial 105-34.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, REVIEW THE REFORM OF, AND PROVISIONS OF THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1997. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. H.R. 467. April 15, 16, 17, 1997. Serial 105-8.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION'S GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT PLAN, REVIEW THE. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. October 22, 29, 1997. Serial 105-31.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT ANNOUNCEMENT, REVIEW OF THE 1997. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. June 11, 1997. Serial 105-16.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM FINAL REGULATIONS. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. February 26, 1997. Serial 105-3.

CURRENT AGRICULTURAL TRADE ISSUES WITH CANADA. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. October 8, 1998. Serial 105-66.

DAIRY INDUSTRY, STRATEGIES FOR INCREASED COMPETITIVENESS IN THE AMERICAN. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Field Hearing. August 8 (Point Lookout, MO), 1997. Serial 105-23.

DAIRY REFORM, OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. May 15, 1997. Serial 105-12.

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY DEREGULATION IN RURAL AREAS. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. March 25, 1998. Serial 105-47.

ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, OVERSIGHT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. March 12, 1997. Serial 105-7.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1998, THE. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. September 23, 1998. Serial 105-65.

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105-3 CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM FINAL REGULATIONS. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. February 26, 1997.

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105-30 THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR OZONE AND PM 2.5. Full Committee. September 16, 1997.

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105-32 WASTE AND ABUSE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. October 30, 1997.

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105-39 REVIEW THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ON PRODUCERS. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. February 3, 1998.

105-40 REVIEW THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ANTI-FRAUD PROVISIONS OF THE FOOD STAMP ACT. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. February 5, 1998.

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105-42 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE ACT. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. March 3, 1998.



105-43 UNITED STATES TRADE IN LIVESTOCK, DAIRY, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. February 26, 1998.

105-44 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARM LOAN PROGRAMS. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. March 11, 1998.

105-45 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. March 5, 1998.

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105-48 U.S. AGRICULTURE, THE ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS, AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. Full Committee. May 21, 1998.

105-49 THE PLANT PROTECTION ACT. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. H.R. 3766. May 20, 1998.

105-50 ACTIVITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATED TO LIVESTOCK FEEDING OPERATIONS. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research and Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Joint Hearing. May 13, 1998.

105-51 SELECTIVE AGRICULTURAL EMBARGOES ACT OF 1998. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. H.R. 3654. June 3, 1998.

105-52 OVERSIGHT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1999 BUDGET FOR THE FOREST SERVICE. May 7, 1998.

105-53 FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE. Full Committee. June 4, 11, 1998.

105-54 REGULATION OF THE OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKET. Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops. June 10, 1998.

105-55 REVIEW OF THE PHASEOUT OF METHYL BROMIDE. Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. June 10, 1998.

105-56 RECREATIONAL CABIN FEES. Full Committee. June 18, 1998.

105-57 REVIEW OF THE 1999 WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE. Full Committee. March 18, May 12, June 17, July 22, 1998.

105-58 REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S USE OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PROGRAMS. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities. June 25, 1998.

105-59 FOOD STAMP VERIFICATION ACT OF 1998. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. H.R. 4366. August 5, 1998.

105-60 FOREST SERVICE COST REDUCTION AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1998. Full Committee. H.R. 4149. July 29, 1998.

105-61 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT. Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture. June 25, 1998.

105-62 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAZARD ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT SYSTEM. Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. May 20, 1998.

105-63 STATE OF THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY. Full Committee. July 30, 1998.

105-64 REMOVING ROADBLOCKS TO RESPONSIBLE FOREST MANAGEMENT. Full Committee. Field Hearing. September 2 (Portland, OR), 1998.

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Full Committee. Open business meeting. Organizational meeting and approval of Committee Oversight Plan. February 6, 1997.

Full Committee. Open business meeting. Ordered reported to House by voice vote: H.R. 111, Land Conveyance, Dos Palos, California; H.R. 394, Release of Reversionary Interest - Iosco, Michigan; H.R. 785, J. Phil Campbell Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center; and H.R. 1000, Prevention of prisoners from consideration as part of household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977. March 12, 1997.

Full Committee. Open business meeting. Ordered reported, amended, to House by voice vote: H.R. 1342, One-year enrollment of land covered by expiring Conservation Reserve contracts. April 17, 1997.

Full Committee. Open business meeting. Ordered reported, as amended, to the Budget Committee, Committee Recommendations for Title I—Agriculture for the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act for Fiscal Year 1998, by voice vote. June 12, 1997.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. Hearing and open business meeting. Ordered reported by voice vote to full Committee, H.R. 1789, Reauthorization of the Dairy Indemnity Program. June 26, 1997.

Full Committee. Open business meeting. Ordered reported to House by voice vote: H.R. 1779, Boundary Adjustment: Devils Backbone Wilderness; H.R. 1789, Extension of Dairy Indemnity Program; H.R. 2366, Census of Agriculture Act of 1997; and H.R. 2493, amended, Forage Improvement Act of 1997. September 24, 1997.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research. Ordered reported, amended, to full Committee by voice vote: H.R. 2534, Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act of 1997. September 25, 1997.

Full Committee: Ordered reported, amended, to House by voice vote H.R. 2534, the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Act of 1977. October 29, 1997.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research: Ordered reported, amended, to full Committee by voice vote H.R. 2515, the Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997. November 5, 1997.

Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture: Ordered reported, amended, to full Committee by voice vote H.R. 3280, the USDA Year 2000 Compliance Enhancement Act. March 3, 1998.

Full Committee: Ordered reported, amended, to House by voice vote H.R. 2515, the Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1998. March 4, 1998.

Full Committee: Ordered reported, amended, to House by voice vote H.R. 3654, the Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act of 1998. June 18, 1998.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research: Ordered reported by voice vote proposed agricultural credit legislation, as amended. June 24, 1998.

Full Committee. Ordered reported, amended, to House by voice vote H.R. 4149, the Forest Service Cost Reduction and Fiscal Accountability Act of 1998. August 6, 1998.

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### III. APPENDIX

#### A. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1—January 7, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land through December 31, 1995, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 3504.

2—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Change in Quality Control Requirements [Docket No. FV96-981-3 FIR] Received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Maine; Termination of Marketing Order No. 950 [Docket No. FV95-950-1 FR] Received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146; Changes in Terms and Conditions of Indemnification [Docket No. FV96-998-3 FR] Received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Iowa Marketing Area; Revision of Pool Supply Plant Shipping Percentage [DA-96-11] Received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Partial Exemption from the Handling Regulation for Single Layer and Two Layer Place Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV96-966-2 IFR] Received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Relaxation of Pack and Marking Requirements [Docket No. FV96-958-3 FIR] Received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-989-3 IFR] Received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Assess-

ment Rates for Specified Marketing Orders [Docket No. FV96-927-2 FIR] Received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Eastern Colorado Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-96-13] Received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Olives Grown in California and Imported Olives; Establishment of Limited-Use Olive Grade and Size Requirements [Docket No. FV96-932-3 FIR] Received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

12—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Reduction of Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV96-920-3 IFR] Received October 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

13—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Issued Under the Export Grape and Plum Act; Exemption from Size Regulations for Black Corinth Grapes [Docket No. FV-96-35-1 IFR] Received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

14—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Inspection, Certification, and Standards) [Docket No. FV-95-306] Received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

15—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Assessment Rate for Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Not Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146 and for Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts [Docket No. FV96-998-2 FIR] Received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

16—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Revision of Pack and Size Requirements [Docket No. FV96-906-3 FIR] Received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

17—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-987-1 FIR] Received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

18—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Walnuts Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-984-1 IFR] Received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

19—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Increase in the Minimum

Size Requirement [Docket No. FV96-911-1 FR] Received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

20—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Change in Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV96-906-2 FR] Received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

21—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; and Import Regulations (Grapefruit); Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Grapefruit [Docket No. FV96-905-4 IFR] Received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

22—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Interest and Late Payment Charges on Past Due Assessments [Docket No. FV96-981-4 FR] Received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

23—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-989-3 FIR] Received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

24—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Reduction of Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV-96-920-3 FIR] Received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

25—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 96-074-1] Received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

26—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Horses from CEM Countries [Docket No. 95-054-2] Received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

27—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Louisiana [Docket No. 96-043-1] Received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

28—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Japanese Beetle; Domestic Quarantine and Regulations [Docket No. 95-087-2] Received November 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

29—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Licenses, Inspections, Records, and Reports [Docket No. 93-072-2] Received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

30—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods; Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 95–049–1] Received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

31—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Exotic Newcastle Disease in Birds and Poultry; Chlamydiosis in Poultry [Docket No. 87–090–3] Received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

32—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—CEM; Remove Interstate Movement Regulations [Docket No. 96–040–1] Received October 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

33—January 7, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; New Mexico [Docket No. 96–045–1] Received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

34—January 7, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Correction of Trading Records (17 CFR Part 1) Received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

35—January 7, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Report for Commission Interpretation (Appendix A to Part 3 of Commission Regulations) Received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

36—January 7, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Child Support Deduction (RIN: 9584–AB58) Received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

37—January 7, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Simplification of Program Rules (RIN: 0584–AB60) (Amendment No. 364) Received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

38—January 7, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Treatment of Educational and Training Assistance (RIN: 0584–AB93) (Amendment No. 374) Received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

39—January 7, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program, Regulatory Review: Alaska, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Demonstration Projects (RIN: 0584–AC14) (Amendment No. 371) Received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

40—January 7, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture,

transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Food Stamp Program: Certification Provisions of the Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act (RIN: 0584-AB76) (Amendment No. 375) Received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

41—January 7, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Monthly Reporting on Reservations Provision of the Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994 (RIN: 0584-AB98) (Amendment No. 365) Received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

42—January 7, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propiconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

43—January 7, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid Pesticide Tolerance; Emergency Exemptions [FRL-5575-1] Received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

44—January 7, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [FRL-5574-9] Received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

45—January 7, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Triadimefon; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [FRL-5574-8] Received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

46—January 7, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Metalochlor Pesticide Tolerance; Emergency Exemption For Use on Spinach [FRL-5574-7] November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

47—January 7, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Book-entry Procedures for Farm Credit Securities (RIN: 3052-AB73) Received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

48—January 7, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Functions; Privacy Act Regulations; Organization; Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; General Provisions; Definitions (RIN: 3052-AB61) Received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

49—January 7, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Accounting and Reporting Requirements (RIN: 3052-AB54) Received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).



50—January 7, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Disaster Reserve Assistance Program—Received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

51—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1996 Marketing Quotas and Price Support Levels for Fire-Cured (type 21), Fire-Cured (types 22–23), Dark Air-Cured (types 35–36), Virginia Sun-Cured (type 37), Cigar-Filler and Binder (types 42–44 and 53–55), and Cigar-Filler (type 46) Tobaccos (RIN: 0560–AE46) Received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

52—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1996-Crop Peanuts Amended National Poundage Quota (RIN: 0560–AE45) Received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

53—January 7, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dairy Indemnity Payment Program [Workplan Number 96–050] (RIN: 0560–AE97) Received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

54—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Agreements for the Development of Foreign Markets for Agricultural Commodities (RIN: 0551–AA24) Received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

55—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Agreements for the Development of Foreign Markets for Agricultural Commodities (RIN: 0551–AA24) Received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

56—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities [7 CFR Part 1499] Received December 3, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

57—January 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Clear Title—Protection for Purchasers of Farms Products (RIN: 0580–AA13) Received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

932—January 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96–955–1 FIR] Received December 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

933—January 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grading and Inspection, General Specifications for Approved Plants and Standards for Grades of Dairy Products: Revision of User Fees [DA–96–10] (RIN: 0581–AB43) Received January 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

934—January 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Middle Atlantic and Certain Other Milk Orders; Termination of Cer-

tain Provisions of the Order [DA-96-15] Received January 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

935—January 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Procedures to Limit the Volume of Small Florida Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV96-905-2 FR] Received January 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

936—January 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Black Hills, South Dakota Marketing Area; Termination of the Order [DA-96-12] Received January 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

937—January 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Pacific Northwest Marketing Area; Order Amending the Order [Docket No. AO-368-A25; DA-95-01] Received January 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

938—January 20, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Fruits and Vegetables [Docket No. 95-098-3] Received January 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

939—January 20, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation [Docket No. 96-092-1] Received January 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

940—January 20, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—The Importation of Ratites and Hatching Eggs of Ratites [Docket No. 95-044-2] Received January 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

941—January 20, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Encephalomyelitis Vaccine, Eastern, Western, and Venezuelan, Killed Virus [Docket No. 93-128-2] Received January 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

942—January 20, 1997; letter from the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Commodity Inspection (Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration) (RIN: 0580-AA48) Received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

943—January 20, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Rural Business Loan Program Streamlining (Rural Business-Cooperative Service) [Workplan 94-009] (RIN: 0570-AA09) Received January 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

944—January 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—RUS Policies on Mergers and Consolidations of Electric Borrowers (RIN:

0572-AB24) Received December 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1205—January 20, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Planning and Performing Construction and Other Developments (Rural Development

Rural Housing Service) [Workplan No. 93-010] (RIN: 0575-AB59) Received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1209—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Issued Under the Export Apple and Pear Act; Relaxation of Grade Requirements for Apples and Pears Shipped to Pacific Ports of Russia [Docket No. FV96-33-1 FIR] Received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1210—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1996-97 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV96-982-2 IFR] Received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1211—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-959-1 IFR] Received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1212—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Change in Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV96-929-2 FR] Received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1213—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Iowa Marketing Area; Temporary Revision of Pool Supply Plant Shipping Percentage [DA-96-16] Received January 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1214—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Olives Grown in California and Imported Olives; Establishment of Minimum Quality Requirements for California and Imported Olives, and Revision of Outgoing Inspection Requirements and Procedures for California Olives [Docket No. FV96-932-2 FR] Received January 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1215—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Spearment Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearment Oil for the 1996-97 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV96-985-3 IFR] Received January 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1216—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Changes in Handling and Dis-

position Requirements [Docket Nos. FV96-997-1FR; FV96-998-4FR; FV96-999-3 FR] Received January 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1217—January 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cotton Research and Promotion Program: Determination of Sign-up Eligibility, and Procedure for the Conduct of a Sign-up Period for Determination of Whether to Conduct a Referendum Regarding the 1990 Amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act [CN-96-008] Received January 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1298—January 21, 1997; letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1997".

1387—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Florida Grapefruit, Florida Oranges and Tangelos, and Florida Tangerines; Grade Standards [Docket No. FV-96-301] Received January 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1388—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Shelled Almonds and Almonds in the Shell; Grade Standards [Docket No. FV-95-305] Received January 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1389—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-925-1 IFR] Received January 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1390—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-932-4 IFR] Received January 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1391—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fluid Milk Promotion Order; Amendments to the Order [DA-96-09] Received January 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1392—February 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cattle Exportations; Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Test Requirements [APHIS Docket No. 96-005-2] Received January 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1393—February 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Official Brucellosis Tests [APHIS Docket No. 96-033-2] Received January 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1394—February 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Great Britain Because of Exotic Newcastle Disease [Docket No. 97-003-1] Received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1395—February 5, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Financial Reporting and Debt-Equity Ratio Requirements for Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers [17 CFR Parts 1, 3, 145, and 147] Received January 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1396—February 5, 1997; letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carboxin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300450; FRL-5584-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received January 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1397—February 5, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Eligibility and Scope of Financing; Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; General Provisions; Definitions; Disclosure to Shareholders; Nondiscrimination in Lending; Capital Adequacy and Customer Eligibility (RIN: 3052-AB10) Received January 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1398—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Implementation of the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Provisions of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (RIN: 0560-AE85) Received January 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1399—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Disaster Reserve Assistance Program (RIN: 0560-AF11) Received January 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1400—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Update of the Parity Price Regulations (RIN: 0560-AF08) Received February 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1401—February 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Revisions in Use and Disclosure Rules Involving the Sharing of Information Provided by Retail and Wholesale Food Concerns with Other Federal and State Agencies (RIN: 0584-AC00) Received January 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1670—February 10, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Fresh Hass Avocado Fruit Grown in Michoacan, Mexico [Docket No. 94-116-5] (RIN: 0579-AA84) Received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1671—February 10, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Ports Designated for the Exportation of Animals; Georgia [Docket No. 96-054-2] Received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1672—February 10, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tobacco-Tobacco Loan Program, Importer Assessments (Commodity Credit

Corporation) (RIN: 0560-AD93) Received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1673—February 10, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Child and Adult Care Food Program Improved Targeting of Day Care Home Reimbursements; Correction and Extension of Comment Period (RIN: 0584-AC42) Received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1732—February 11, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glufosinate Ammonium; Tolerances for Residues (FRL 5585-8) Received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1732—February 11, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glufosinate Ammonium; Tolerances for Residues (FRL 5585-8) Received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1747—February 13, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Walnuts Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-984-1 FIR] Received February 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1748—February 13, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Reports by Large Traders; Cash Position Reports in Grains (Including Soybeans) and Cotton [17 CFR Parts 15, 18, and 19] Received February 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1749—February 13, 1997; letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300452; FRL-5585-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1750—February 13, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—Conservation Reserve Program—Long-Term Policy [7 CFR Part 704] (RIN: 0560-AE95) Received February 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1751—February 13, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pre-Loan Procedures for Electric Loans (RIN: 0572-AB30) Received February 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1832—February 25, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-966-1 FIR] Received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1951—February 27, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; and Import Regulations (Grapefruit); Relaxation of the Minimum Size

Requirements for Red Grapefruit [Docket No. FV 96-905-4 FIR] Received February 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1952—February 27, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-979-1 FIR] Received February 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1953—February 27, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Temporary Relaxation of Size Requirements for Deglet Noor Dates [Docket No. FV96-987-3 FR] Received February 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1954—February 27, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Partial Exemption from the Handling Regulation for Single Layer and Two Layer Place Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV96-966-2 FIR] Received February 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1955—February 27, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of The Netherlands Because of Hog Cholera [Docket No. 97-007-1] Received February 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1956—February 27, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Benoxacor; Time-Limited Tolerances for Residues [OPP-300449; FRL-5583-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1957—February 27, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glufosinate Ammonium; Tolerances for Residues [PP-5F4578

R2277A; FRL-5590-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received January 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1958—February 27, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300454; FRL-5590-8] (RIN: 2070-AC78) Received February 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

1959—February 27, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Temporary Loan Processing Procedures for Insured Electric Loans [Workplan Number 96-014] Received February 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2028—March 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiazopyr; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300455; FRL-5591-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2029—March 4, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Food Assistance in Disaster and Distress Situations [Workplan Number

90-0001] (RIN: 0584-AB55) Received February 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2113—March 6, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Tennessee [Docket No. 97-009-1] Received March 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2114—March 6, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Poultry Inspection: Revision of Finished Product Standards With Respect to Fecal Contamination [Docket No. 94-016F] (RIN: 0583-AC25) Received March 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2135—March 10, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantine Regulations [Docket No. 96-102-1] Received March 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2136—March 10, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sulfentrazone; Establishment of Tolerances [OPP-300459; FRL-5591-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2137—March 10, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clopyralid; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300458; FRL-5593-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2138—March 10, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clofencet; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300457; FRL-5592-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2139—March 10, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300456; FRL-5591-7] (RIN: 2070-AC78) Received March 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2233—March 13, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-925-1 FIR] Received March 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2234—March 13, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-932-4 FIR] Received March 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2235—March 13, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-959-1 FIR] Received March 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).



2295—March 18, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Reapportionment of Membership on the Texas Valley Citrus Committee [Docket No. FV96-906-4 FR] Received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2296—March 18, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Final Rulemaking Concerning Contract Market Rule Review [17 CFR Part 1] Received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2297—March 18, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Financial Reports of Futures Commission Merchants, Introducing Brokers and Leverage Transaction Merchants [17 CFR Parts 1 and 31] Received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2298—March 18, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program for Children and Child and Adult Care Food Program: Meat Alternates Used in the Child Nutrition Programs [Workplan Number 95-21] (RIN: 0584-AC15) Received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2326—March 19, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revised Procedures for Commission Review and Approval of Applications for Contract Market Designation and of Exchange Rules Relating to Contract Terms and Conditions [17 CFR Parts 1 and 5] Received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2326—March 19, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revised Procedures for Commission Review and Approval of Applications for Contract Market Designation and of Exchange Rules Relating to Contract Terms and Conditions [17 CFR Parts 1 and 5] Received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2347—March 20, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300461; FRL-5595-3] (RIN: 2070-AC78) Received March 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2348—March 20, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300460; FRL-5594-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2349—March 20, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Avermectin B1 and Its Delta-8,9-Isomer; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300465; FRL-

5597-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2466—March 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order; Referendum Procedures [FV-96-709 FR] Received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2467—March 21, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Biologics Establishment Licenses and Biological Product Licenses and Permits [Docket No. 96-055-2] Received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2493—April 8, 1997; letter from the General Sales Manager and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, transmitting the annual report on monetization programs for U.S. fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1431(b)(9)(B).

2494—April 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revisions of Part 46, Regulations Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) (FV96-351) Received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2495—April 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches (FV-96-916-3 Interim Final Rule) Received April 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2496—April 8, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Community Facilities Grant Program (Rural Housing Service (RHS)) (RIN: 0575-AC10) Received April 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2497—April 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propamocarb Hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300464; FRL-5597-2] (RIN: 2070-AC78) Received March 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2498—April 8, 1997; letter from the Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Disclosure to Shareholders; Disclosure to Investors in Systemwide and Consolidated Bank Debt Obligations of the Farm Credit System; Quarterly Report (RIN: 3052-AB62) Received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2499—April 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Interim Rule: Special Combinations for Flue-Cured Tobacco Allotments and Quotas (RIN: 0560-AF14) Received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2500—April 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Farm Credit—Title VI of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996

(1996 Act) (RIN: 0560-AE87) Received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2680—April 10, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of The Netherlands Because of BSE [APHIS Docket No. 97-034-1] Received April 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2681—April 10, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Commission Rules Relating to Investigations [17 CFR Part 11] Received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2682—April 10, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300469; FRL-5598-6] Received April 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2683—April 10, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Functions; Privacy Act Regulations; Organization; Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; General Provisions; Definitions (RIN: 3052-AB61) Received April 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2767—April 15, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown In California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for the 1996-97 Crop Year for Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless Raisins [FV97-989-1 IFR] (7 CFR Part 989) Received April 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2768—April 15, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1996-97 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV96-982-2 FIR] (7 CFR Part 982) Received April 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2769—April 15, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Amended Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-946-1 IFR] (7 CFR Part 946) Received April 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2770—April 15, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Sweet Onions Grown in the Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon; Establishment of Container Marking Requirements and Special Purpose Shipment Exemptions [FV96-956-3 FR] (7 CFR Part 956) Received April 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2771—April 15, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Information Order; Referendum Procedures [FV-97-701 FR] (7 CFR Part 1208) Received April 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2772—April 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sethoxydim; Extension of Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300467; FRL-5598-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2773—April 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Norflurazon; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300470; FRL-5598-2] Received April 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2774—April 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300466; FRL-5597-9] (RIN: 2070-AC78) Received April 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2775—April 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propiconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300474; FRL-5600-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2776—April 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Phosphinothricin Acetyltransferase and the Genetic Material Necessary for Its Production in All Plants; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance On All Raw Agricultural Commodities [OPP-300463; FRL-5597-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2777—April 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—*Bacillus Thuringiensis* Subspecies *Kurstaki Cryla(c)* and the Genetic Material Necessary for Its Production in All Plants; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance On All Raw Agricultural Commodities [OPP-300462; FRL-5596-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2778—April 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clopyralid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300473; FRL-5600-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2830—April 16, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Northern Ireland and Norway Because of Exotic Newcastle Disease [Docket No. 97-021-1] Received April 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2878—April 21, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; In Vitro Tests for Serial Release [APHIS Docket No. 94-

051-3] (RIN: 0579-AA66) Received April 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2879—April 21, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Export Certification of Animal Products [APHIS Docket No. 93-168-2] Received April 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2931—April 23, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading Increase in Fees and Charges [Docket No. PY-97-001] Received April 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2957—April 24, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Amendment of Sunday Packing and Loading Prohibitions [Docket No. FV97-959-1 IFR] Received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2983—April 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Regarding Import Assessment Exemptions [CN-96-007] Received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2984—April 28, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Genetically Engineered Organisms and Products; Simplification of Requirements and Procedures for Genetically Engineered Organisms [APHIS Docket No. 95-040-2] (RIN: 0579-AA73) Received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2985—April 28, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Garbage; Disposal by Cruise Ships in Landfills at Alaskan Ports [APHIS Docket No. 93-037-2] Received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2986—April 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Kaolin; Pesticide Tolerance Exemption [OPP-300477; FRL-5712-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2987—April 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oxyfluorfen; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300478; FRL-5713-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2988—April 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenoxycarb; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300476; FRL-5712-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2989—April 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pes-

ticide Tolerance [OPP-300468; FRL-5599-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2990—April 28, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendments to the Regulations for the Nonrecourse Cotton Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment Programs [Workplan Number 97-001] (RIN: 0560-AF12) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2983—April 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Regarding Import Assessment Exemptions [CN-96-007] Received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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2987—April 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oxyfluorfen; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300478; FRL-5713-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2988—April 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenoxycarb; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300476; FRL-5712-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2989—April 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300468; FRL-5599-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

2990—April 28, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendments to the Regulations for the Nonrecourse Cotton Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment Programs [Workplan Number 97-001] (RIN: 0560-AF12) Received April 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3070—May 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Karnal Bunt Regulated Areas [Docket No.

96-016-19] (RIN: 0579-AA83) Received May 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3071—May 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Karnal Bunt; Compensation for the 1995-1996 Crop Season [Docket No. 96-016-17] (RIN: 0579-AA83) Received May 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3072—May 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pink Bollworm Regulated Areas [Docket No. 97-023-1] Received May 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3073—May 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Zoological Park Quarantine of Ruminants and Swine Imported from Countries Where Foot-and-Mouth Disease or Rinderpest Exists [APHIS Docket No. 94-136-2] Received May 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3074—May 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Genetically Engineered Organisms and Products; Simplification of Requirements and Procedures for Genetically Engineered Organisms [APHIS Docket No. 95-040-4] (RIN: 0579-AA73) Received May 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3075—May 5, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Electronic Filing of Disclosure Documents with the Commission [17 CFR Part 4] Received May 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3076—May 5, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Recordkeeping Reports by Futures Commission Merchants, Clearing Members, Foreign Brokers, and Large Traders [17 CFR Parts 1, 15, 16, and 17] Received May 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3077—May 5, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imazapyr; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300471; FRL-5599-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3078—May 5, 1997; letter from the Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the annual report on conditional registration of pesticides during Fiscal Year 1996, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 136w-4.

3129—May 5, 1997; letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's March 1997 "Treasury Bulletin", pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602(a), 26 U.S.C. 9602(a), 26 U.S.C. 9505, 31 U.S.C. 331(b), 42 U.S.C. 10222(e)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1606(a), 42 U.S.C. 2297(g), and 31 U.S.C. 331(b).

3130—May 6, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Rental Housing (RRH) Assistance (Rural Housing Service) [Workplan Numbers 96-009 and 96-010] (RIN:

0575-AC15) Received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3131—May 6, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Processing Requests for Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) Loans (Rural Housing Service) [Workplan Number 95-001] (RIN: 0575-AB93) Received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3132—May 6, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Referral of Known or Suspected Criminal Violations [12 CFR Part 617] (RIN: 3052-AB33) Received April 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3133—May 6, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1997 Marketing Quota and Price Support for Flue-Cured Tobacco [Workplan Number 96-053] (RIN: 0560-AF00) Received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3134—May 6, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendments to the Peanut Poundage Quota Regulations [Workplan Number 96-033] (RIN: 0560-AE82) Received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3153—May 7, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Small Business Innovation Research Grants Program; Administrative Provisions [7 CFR Part 3403] (RIN: 0524-AA08) Received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3154—May 7, 1997; letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize debt buybacks and sales for debt swaps of certain outstanding concessional obligations under Title I, Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110.

3155—May 7, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Paraquat; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300479; FRL-5713-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3156—May 7, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clomazone; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300481; FRL-5713-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3179—May 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Grower's Referendum Results [Docket No. TB-97-01] Received May 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3180—May 8, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Importation of Pork from Sonora, Mexico [APHIS Docket No. 94-106-6] (RIN: 0579-AA71) Received May 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).



3181—May 8, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Accredited Veterinarians; Optional Digital Signature [APHIS Docket No. 96-075-2] Received May 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3182—May 8, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pork and Pork Products from Mexico Transiting the United States [APHIS Docket No. 96-076-2] Received May 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3183—May 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyfluthrin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300484; FRL-5715-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3184—May 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Plant Extract Derived From *Opuntia Lindheimeri* (Prickly Pear Cactus), *Quercus falcata* (Red Oak), *Rhus aromatica* (Sumac), and *Rhizophoria mangle* (Mangrove): Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300472; FRL-5600-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3185—May 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Aminoethoxyvinylglycine; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300480; FRL-5713-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3186—May 8, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on the Youth Conservation Corps program in the Department for Fiscal Year 1996, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1705.

3261—May 12, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revision of User Fees for 1997 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [CN-97-001] Received May 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3262—May 12, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300483; FRL-5715-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3263—May 12, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cymoxanil; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300485; FRL-5716-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3324—May 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emamectin Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300490;

FRL-5718-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3325—May 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carbon Disulfide; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300487; FRL-5716-8] Received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3326—May 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propamocarb Hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300489; FRL-5717-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3327—May 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clopyralid; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300491; FRL-5718-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3328—May 15, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyridaben; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300492; FRL-5718-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3337—May 16, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order—Increase in Importer Assessments [Docket No. LS-97-001] Received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3338—May 16, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation [APHIS Docket No. 96-093-1] Received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3339—May 16, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Fees for Applications for Contract Market Designation, Leverage Commodity Registration and Registered Futures Association and Exchange Rule Enforcement and Financial Reviews [17 CFR Parts 1, 5, and 31] Received May 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3340—May 16, 1997; letter from the General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revised Definition of U.S. Agricultural Commodity for Commercial Export Programs [7 CFR Parts 1493 and 1494] Received May 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3355—May 16, 1997; letter from the Acting Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 1989 and Other Amendments (Food and Consumer Service) [Workplan Number 95-009] (RIN: 0584-AC07) Received April 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3402—May 22, 1997; letter from the Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Small Business Timber Sale Set-Aside Program; Appeal Procedures on Recomputation of Shares [36 CFR Part 223] (RIN: 0596-AB62) Received May 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3418—May 30, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual animal welfare enforcement report for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2155.

3419—May 30, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, and in all Counties in Oregon, Except Malheur County; Define Fiscal Period and Decrease Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-947-1 IFR] Received May 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3420—May 30, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Central Arizona Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provision of the Order [DA-97-01] Received May 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3421—May 30, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Issued Under the Export Grape and Plum Act; Exemption From Size Regulations for Black Corinth Grapes [Docket No. FV-96-35-1 FIR] Received May 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3422—May 30, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Interstate Movement of Livestock; Approved Livestock Facilities, Hog Cholera Provision, and Livestock Identification [Docket No. 96-041-2] Received May 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3423—May 30, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyclanilide; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300496; FRL-5719-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3424—May 30, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pelargonic Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300488

PP-6F04625; FRL-5716-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3425—May 30, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300493; FRL-5718-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3426—May 30, 1997; letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting its annual report for calendar year 1996, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 2277a-13.

3549—May 30, 1997; letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the U.S., transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Forfeiture Act of 1997".

3550—June 3, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas [Docket No. 97-038-1] Received May 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3551—June 3, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1997 Marketing Quota and Price Support for Burley Tobacco [Workplan Number 96-055] Received May 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3609—June 4, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Apples; Grade Standards [Docket Number FV-97-301] Received May 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3641—June 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulation Governing the Fresh Irish Potato Diversion Program, 1996 Crop [FV-97-80-01] Received June 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3642—June 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Change in Regulatory Period [Docket No. FV-97-911-1A IFR] Received June 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3643—June 5, 1997; letter from the Acting Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Quality Control Provisions of the Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act [Workplan Number 93-018] (RIN: 0584-AB75) Received May 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3680—June 6, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imazamox; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300502; FRL-5721-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3681—June 6, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—RUS Standard for Acceptance Tests and Measurements of Telecommunications Plant [7 CFR Part 1755] Received May 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3682—June 6, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Exemptions of RUS Operational Controls under Section 306E of the Rural Electrification Act; Timing of Notification to Borrowers [7 CFR Part 1710] Received May 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3691—June 6, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the Census of Agriculture.

3693—June 10, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-979-1 FIR] Received June 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3694—June 10, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Imported Fire Ant; Approved Treatments [Docket No. 96-063-4] Received June 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3695—June 10, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Revision of Standard Requirements for Clostridium Perfringens Types C and D Toxoids and Bacterin-Toxoids [Docket No. 92-090-2] Received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3696—June 10, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Definition of Biological Products and Guidelines [Docket No. 93-152-2] (RIN: 0579-AA65) Received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3697—June 10, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300495; FRL-5719-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3698—June 10, 1997; letter from the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Environmental Quality Incentives Program [Workplan Number 96-004] (RIN: 0578-AA19) Received June 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3760—June 12, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propiconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300494; FRL-5718-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3800—June 17, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for the 1996-97 Crop Year for Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless Raisins [FV97-989-1 FIR] Received June 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3801—June 17, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentages for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 1996-97 Marketing Year [FV96-985-3 FIR] June 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3802—June 17, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300504; FRL-5722-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3803—June 17, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bromoxynil; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300486B; FRL-5724-9] Received June 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3804—June 17, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300497; FRL-5718-6] (RIN: 2070-AC78) Received June 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3805—June 17, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amending Regulations for Various Commodity Warehouses (RIN: 0560-AF07) Received June 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3806—June 17, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services [Workplan Number 97-001] (RIN: 0580-AA52) Received June 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3879—June 19, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to facilitate the administration and enforcement of voluntary commodity inspection and grading programs, the tobacco inspection program, marketing orders and agreements, and the commodity research and promotion programs.

3880—June 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program (RIN: 0572-AB31) June 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3881—June 20, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Streamlining the Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Program Regulations (RIN: 0572-AB20) Received June 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3932—June 24, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Importation of Beef from Argentina [Docket No. 94-106-5] (RIN: 0579-AA71) Received June 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3933—June 24, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300506; FRL-5725-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3934—June 24, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bentazon; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300496; FRL-5720-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3935—June 24, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Terbacil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300348; FRL-5718-7] (RIN: 2070-AC78) Received June 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

3958—June 26, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Livestock Indemnity Program (Commodity Credit Corporation) (RIN: 0560-AF15) Received June 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4039—July 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington: Amended Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-946-1 FIR] Received July 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4040—July 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Eastern Colorado Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-97-05] Received July 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4041—July 8, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation [Docket No. 97-041-1] Received June 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4042—July 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300500; FRL-5719-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4115—July 9, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Upper Florida Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-97-03] Received July 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4116—July 9, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 1997-98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV-96-985-4 FR] Received July 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4117—July 9, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Papaya, Carambola, and Litchi from Hawaii [Docket No. 95-069-2] Received July 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4118—July 9, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas [Docket No. 97-038-2] Received July 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4119—July 9, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's rule—Sugar Loan Program Crop Year Definition and Loan Availability Period (Commod-

ity Credit Corporation) [Workplan Number 96-046] (RIN: 0560-AE94) Received July 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4120—July 9, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to impose user fees for the inspection of livestock, meat, poultry, and products thereof, and egg products.

4152—July 10, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation; Hawaii [Docket No. 97-063-1] Received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4153—July 10, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenprothrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300515; FRL-5731-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4154—July 10, 1997; letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the annual report on the Youth Conservation Corps program in the Department for Fiscal Year 1996, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1705.

4219—July 16, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Order Amending the Marketing Order [Docket No. A0-214-A7; FV93-981-1] Received July 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4220—July 16, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Revision to Requirements Regarding Inedible Almonds [Docket No. FV97-981-3 IFR] Received July 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4221—July 16, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Soybean Promotion and Research: Amend the Order to Adjust Representation on the United Soybean Board [No. LS-97-005] Received July 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4222—July 16, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Implementation of the Inventory Property Management Provisions of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 [Workplan Number 96-030] (RIN: 0560-AE88) Received July 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4229—July 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Amendment of Sunday Packing and Loading Prohibitions [Docket No. FV97-959-1 FIR] Received July 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4254—July 22, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Limited Ports; Dayton, OH [Docket No. 96-094-2] Received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4321—July 23, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting



the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Iowa [Docket No. 97-036-1] Received July 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4327—July 24, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cymoxanil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300514; FRL-5730-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4328—July 24, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300518; FRL-5731-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4329—July 24, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300513; FRL-5730-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4330—July 24, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—Sodium Salt of Acifluorfen; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300516; FRL-5732-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4367—July 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information [No. LS-97-002] Received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4368—July 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order [FV-96-706 FR] Received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4369—July 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Carolina and Certain Other Marketing Areas; Order Amending the Orders [Docket No. AO-388-A9, et al.; DA-96-08] Received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4370—July 28, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—National Arboretum [7 CFR Part 500] Received July 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4371—July 28, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—User Fees; Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Services [Docket No. 96-038-3] (RIN: 0579-AA81) Received July 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4372—July 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—1890 Institution Capacity Building Grants Program; Administrative Provisions (RIN: 0524-AA03) Received July 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4373—July 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Higher Education Challenge Grants Program; Administrative Provisions (RIN: 0524-AA02) Received July 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4374—July 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300510; FRL-5729-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4375—July 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lambda-cyhalothrin; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300509; FRL-5728-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4376—July 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300511; FRL-5729-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4377—July 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Vinclozolin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300507; FRL-5727-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4378—July 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300508; FRL-5728-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4379—July 28, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fomesafen; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300512; FRL-5729-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4380—July 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Disaster Set-Aside Program—Second Installment Set-Aside [Workplan No. 96-051] (RIN: 0560-AE98) Received July 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4381—July 28, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Interpretation Regarding Use of Electronic Media by Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors for Delivery of Disclosure Documents and Other Materials [17 CFR Part 4] Received July 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4479—July 31, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Information Order

[FV-97-703] Received July 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4480—July 31, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Governing the Fresh Irish Potato Diversion Program, 1996 Crop [Docket No. FV-97-80-02] (RIN:0581-AA93) Received July 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4481—July 31, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Buprofezin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300519; FRL-5732-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4550—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Removal of U.S. Grade Standards and Other Selected Regulations [Docket Number FV-95-303] Received August 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4551—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Winter Pears Grown in Oregon, Washington, and California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-927-1 IFR] Received August 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4552—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-993-1 IFR] Received August 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4553—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Texas Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-97-06] Received August 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4554—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Reduced Assessment Rates for Specified Marketing Orders [Docket No. FV97-922-2 IFR] Received August 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4555—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, and in All Counties in Oregon, Except Malheur County; Define Fiscal Period and Decrease Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-947-1 FIR] Received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4556—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Amendments to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act [Docket Number FV96-351A] (RIN: 0581-AB48) Received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4557—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of Administrative Rules and Regulations Governing Issuance of Additional Allotment Base to New

and Existing Producers [Docket No. FV97-985-1 FR] Received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4558—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Amended Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-981-4 FR] Received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4559—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Peaches Grown in Georgia; Termination of Marketing Order No. 918 [Docket No. FV-97-918-1 FR] Received August 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4560—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Revision of Administrative Rules Pertaining to Delinquent Assessments [Docket No. FV97-920-1 FR] Received August 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4561—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-920-3 IFR] Received August 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4562—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Reduced Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-931-2 IFR] Received August 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4563—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Change in Regulatory Period [Docket No. FV97-911-1A FIR] Received August 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4564—September 3, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—National Arboretum [7 CFR Part 500] Received August 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4565—September 3, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Humane Treatment of Dogs; Tethering [Docket No. 95-078-2] (RIN: 0579-AA74) Received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4566—September 3, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Additions to the Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-056-4] Received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4567—September 3, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of the Dominican Republic Because of Hog Cholera [Docket No. 97-084-1] Received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4568—September 3, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Designation of

Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-073-1] Received September 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4569—September 3, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Italy, Except the Island of Sardinia, Because of African Swine Fever [Docket No. 97-002-2] Received September 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4570—September 3, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Herbicide Safener HOE-107892; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300517; FRL-5731-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4571—September 3, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bacillus Cereus Strain BP01; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300526; FRL-5735-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4572—September 3, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Copper Octanoate; Tolerance Exemption [OPP-300524; FRL-5734-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4573—September 3, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300520; FRL-5732-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4574—September 3, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Coat Protein of Potato Virus Y and the Genetic Material Necessary for its production; Exemption from the requirement of a tolerance [OPP-300531; FRL-5738-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4575—September 3, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Replicase Protein of Potato Leaf Roll Virus and the Genetic Material Necessary for its production; Exemption from the requirement of a tolerance [OPP-300530; FRL-5738-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4576—September 3, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300522 FRL-5732-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4577—September 3, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Agricultural Mortgage Cor-

poration; Receivers and Conservators (RIN: 3052-AB72) Received August 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4578—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1997 Marketing Quotas and Price Support Levels for Fire-Cured (type 21), Fire-Cured (types 22–23), Dark Air-Cured (types 35–36), Virginia Sun-Cured (type 37), and Cigar-Filler and Binder (types 42–44 and 53–55) Tobaccos (Commodity Credit Corporation) [Workplan Number 96–056] (RIN: 0560-AF03) Received August 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4579—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Disaster Reserve Assistance Program (RIN: 0560-AF11) Received August 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4580—September 3, 1997; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Macadamia Tree Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Macadamia Tree Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Part 456 and 457] Received August 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4581—September 3, 1997; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; and Peach Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 403 and 457] Received August 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4582—September 3, 1997; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Macadamia Nut Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Macadamia Nut Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 455 and 457] Received August 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4583—September 3, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Accounting Requirements for RUS Electric Borrowers (RIN: 0572-AB36) Received August 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4584—September 3, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Securities Representing Investment of Customer Funds Held in Segregated Accounts by Futures Commission Merchants [17 CFR Part 1] Received August 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4761—September 4, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Issuance of Grower Diversion Certificates [Docket No. FV97-930-5 IFR] Received September 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4762—September 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300521; FRL-5732-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4763—September 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propiconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300525; FRL-5735-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4764—September 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Avermectin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300528; FRL-5737-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4809—September 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions [Docket No. 96-070-2] Received August 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4810—September 5, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Removal of Regulated Area [Docket No. 97-085-1] Received August 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4811—September 5, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Upland Cotton Marketing Year Transition Procedure for Import Quotas—Received August 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4812—September 5, 1997; letter from the General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—CCC Facility Guarantee Program (FGP) (Commodity Credit Corporation) [Workplan Number 96-001] (RIN: 0551-AA35) Received August 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4871—September 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Potato Research and Promotion Plan; Suspension of Portions of the Plan; Amendments of the Regulations Regarding Importers' Votes; and Clarification of Reporting Requirements [FV-96-703 IFR] Received September 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4872—September 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—1997 Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports [CN-97-003] Received September 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4873—September 8, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Tennessee Valley Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-97-09] Received September 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4874—September 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyridate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300527; FRL-5736-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4875—September 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300533; FRL-5738-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4876—September 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Coat Proteins of Watermelon Mosaic Virus-2 and Zucchini Yellow Mosaic Virus and the Genetic Material necessary for its production; Exemption from the requirement of a tolerance [OPP-300537; FRL-5739-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4877—September 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Chlorfenapyr; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300529; FRL-5737-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4878—September 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Coat Protein of Papaya Ringspot Virus and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production; Exemption from the requirement of a tolerance [OPP-300538; FRL-5739-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4879—September 8, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Coat Protein of Cucumber Mosaic Virus and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300539; FRL-5739-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4941—September 9, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Additions to the Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-056-3] Received July 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4942—September 9, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Triclopyr; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300535; FRL-5738-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4943—September 9, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Gamma Aminobutyric Acid; Pesticide Tolerance Exemption [OPP-300547; FRL-5741-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4944—September 9, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glutamic Acid; Pes-



ticide Tolerance Exemption [OPP-300546; FRL-5741-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4945—September 9, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—2,4-D; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300536; FRL-5738-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4946—September 9, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Agricultural Fair Practices Act to authorize the administrative enforcement of the AFPA by the Secretary of Agriculture.

4947—September 9, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to establish a trust for the benefit of the seller of livestock until the seller receives payment in full for the livestock.

4994—September 11, 1997; letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RIN: 0570-AA20) Received August 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4995—September 11, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Paraquat; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300542; FRL-5739-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4996—September 11, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Desmedipham; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300532; FRL-5738-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

4997—September 11, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyromazine; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300534; FRL-5738-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5027—September 15, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Tennessee Valley Marketing Area; Termination of the Order [DA-97-09] Received September 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5028—September 15, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Services, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Florida Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV97-905-1 IFR] Received September 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5029—September 15, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, trans-

mitting the Service's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Designation of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-073-2] Received September 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5030—September 15, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Additions to Quarantined Areas and Treatments [Docket No. 97-056-5] Received September 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5031—September 15, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to improve the safety net for agricultural producers.

5082—September 15, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to establish the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

5085—September 18, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Amended Assessment Rate for Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Not Subject to Marketing Agreement No. 146, and for Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts [Docket No. FV97-998-3 IFR] Received September 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5086—September 18, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Imported Seed and Screenings [Docket No. 93-126-5] (RIN: 0579-AA64) Received September 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5087—September 18, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Reporting Requirements For Risk

Benefit Information [OPP-60010H; FRL-5739-1] (RIN: 2070-AB50) Received September 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5088—September 18, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cloransulam-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300550; FRL-5744-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5089—September 18, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tree Assistance Program [Workplan No. 97-011] (RIN: 0560-AF17) Received September 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5132—September 18, 1997; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to require that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services develop and implement a scientific, cost-effective strategy to effectively and efficiently address the public health risks related to shell eggs and egg products, including risks during transportation and storage.

5134—September 22, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenarimol; Pes-

ticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300556; FRL-5745-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5135—September 22, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Endothall; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300544; FRL-5740-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5136—September 22, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Triadimefon; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300549; FRL-5743-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5137—September 22, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300543; FRL-5740-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5138—September 22, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Maneb; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300545; FRL-5741-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5139—September 22, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Cumulative Voting (RIN: 3052-AB75) Received September 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5140—September 22, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services (RIN: 0580-AA56) Received September 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5161—September 24, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Relaxation in Pack Requirements [Docket No. FV97-920-2 FR] Received September 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5162—September 24, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Expenses Associated With Transporting and Disposing of Tuberculosis-Exposed Animals [Docket No. 97-061-1] Received September 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5175—September 26, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-993-1 FIR] Received September 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5176—September 26, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Cut Flowers [Docket No. 95-082-2] Received September 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5177—September 26, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Fruits and Vegetables [Docket No. 96-046-3] Received September 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5178—September 26, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Foreign Potatoes [Docket No. 97-010-2] Received September 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5179—September 26, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Loan Policies and Operations; Definitions; Loan Underwriting (RIN: 3052-AB64) Received September 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5180—September 26, 1997; letter from the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (RIN: 0578-AA21) Received September 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5181—September 26, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Settlement of Debt Owed by Electric Borrowers (RIN: 0572-AB26) Received September 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5182—September 26, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rural Telephone Bank and Telecommunications Program Loan Policies, Types of Loans, Loan Requirements (RIN: 0572-AB32) Received September 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5215—September 29, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches [Docket No. FV96-916-3 FIR] Received September 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5216—September 29, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the New Mexico-West Texas Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-97-07] Received September 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5217—September 29, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Change in Handling Regulation for Area No. 2 [Docket No. FV97-948-1 IFR] Received September 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5218—September 29, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Suspension of Provisions Concerning Certain Offers of Reserve Raisins to Han-

dlers for Free Use [Docket No. FV-97-989-2 FR] Received September 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5219—September 29, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Specialty Crops; Import Regulations; Extension of Reporting Period for Peanuts Imported Under 1997 Import Quotas [Docket No. FV97-999-1 IFR] Received September 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5220—September 29, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Revision to Requirements Regarding Inedible Almonds [Docket No. FV97-981-3 FIR] Received September 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5221—September 29, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tree Assistance Program [Workplan No. 97-011] (RIN: 0560-AF17) Received September 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5275—September 30, 1997; letter from the Chair, Water Rights Task Force, transmitting the report of the Federal Water Rights Task Force, pursuant to Public Law 104-127, Section 389(d)(3).

5304—October 2, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carfentrazone-ethyl; Temporary Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300554; FRL-5744-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5305—October 2, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Exception Decisions to Early Entry Prohibition, Worker Protection Standard; Technical Amendment [OPP-250122; FRL-5599-3] (RIN: 2070-AC95) Received October 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5306—October 2, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glyphosate Oxidoreductase and the Genetic Material Necessary for Its Production in All Plants; Exemption From Tolerance Requirement On All Raw Agricultural Commodities [OPP-300552; FRL-5745-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5420—October 9, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Standards for Approval of Cold Storage Warehouses for Peanuts (RIN: 0560-AF04) Received October 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5435—October 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Procedures to Limit the Volume of Small Florida Red Seedless Grapefruit; Correction [Docket No. FV96-905-2] Received October 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5436—October 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Reduced Assessment

Rate [Docket No. FV97-982-1 IFR] Received October 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5437—October 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order; Referendum Procedures [FV-96-708 FR] Received October 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5438—October 21, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 97-032-1] Received October 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5439—October 21, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Designation of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-073-3] Received October 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5440—October 21, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; California [Docket No. 97-082-1] Received October 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5441—October 21, 1997; letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Performance of Certain Functions by National Futures Association with Respect to Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors—Received October 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5442—October 21, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300560; FRL-5746-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5443—October 21, 1997; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Book-entry Procedures for Farm Credit Securities (RIN: 3052-AB73) Received October 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5444—October 21, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (RIN: 0560-AF23) Received October 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5536—October 22, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-102-1] Received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5537—October 22, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal

of Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-056-7] Received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5538—October 22, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyromazine; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300563; FRL-5748-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5539—October 22, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyrethrin Sodium Salt; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300548; FRL-5742-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5540—October 22, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendment to the Production Flexibility Contract Regulations (RIN: 0560-AF25) Received October 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5541—October 22, 1997; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Canning and Processing Tomato Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Processing Tomato Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5577—October 23, 1997; letter from the General Sales Manager and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations Governing the Financing of Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities [7 CFR Part 17] Received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5599—October 28, 1997; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Assessment Rate and Establishment of Late Payment and Interest Charges on Delinquent Assessments [Docket No. FV97-930-1 IFR] Received October 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5600—October 28, 1997; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prune Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Prune Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 450 and 457] Received October 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5601—October 28, 1997; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Canning and Processing Bean Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Processing Bean Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received October 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5675—October 29, 1997; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—APHIS Policy Regarding Importa-

tion of Animals and Animal Products [Docket No. 94-106-8] (RIN: 0579-AA71) Received October 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5719—November 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Avermectin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300567; FRL-5750-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5720—November 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lambda-cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300555; FRL-5745-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5721—November 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ferric Phosphate; Establishment of an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300564; FRL-5749-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5722—November 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—4-(2,2-difluoro-1,3-benzodioxol-4-yl)-H-pyrrole-3-carbonitrile; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300565; FRL-5750-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5723—November 4, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300570; FRL-5752-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5751—November 5, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-984-1 IFR] Received November 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5752—November 5, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Interhandler transfers of Reserve Obligations [Docket No. FV97-981-2 FR] Received November 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5753—November 5, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Florida Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV97-905-1 IFR] Received November 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5806—November 7, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commodity Supplemental Food Program—Caseload Assignment (RIN: 0584-AC60) Received October 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).



5813—November 7, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Food Distribution Programs—Reduction of the Paperwork Burden (RIN: 0584-AB27) Received October 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5818—November 9, 1997; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Corn Gluten; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300505A; FRL-5750-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5878—November 12, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Reduced Assessment Rates for Specified Marketing Orders [Docket No. FV97-922-2 FIR] Received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5879—November 12, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-920-3 FIR] Received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5880—November 12, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tobacco Inspection: Subpart C—Standards [Docket No. TB-97-05] Received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5878—November 12, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Reduced Assessment Rates for Specified Marketing Orders [Docket No. FV97-922-2 FIR] Received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5879—November 12, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-920-3 FIR] Received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5880—November 12, 1997; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tobacco Inspection: Subpart C—Standards [Docket No. TB-97-05] Received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A). January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Reduced Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-931-2 FIR] Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5947—January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Winter Pears Grown in Oregon, Washington, and California; Order Amending the Marketing Order [Docket Nos. AO-99-A7; FV96-927-1] Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5948—January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revision to Part 46, Regulations Under the Perishable Agri-

cultural Commodities Act [Docket No. FV97-355] Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5949—January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Modifications to the Raisin Diversion Program [Docket No. FV97-989-3 IFR] Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5950—January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order; Referendum Procedures [FV-97-705 IFR] Received December 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5951—January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Change in Handling Regulation for Area No. 2 [Docket No. FV97-948-1 FIR] Received December 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5952—January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Winter Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-927-1 FIR] Received December 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5953—January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grading and Inspection, General Specifications for Approved Plants and Standards for Grades of Dairy Product: Revision of User Fees [DA-97-13] (RIN: 0581-AB50) Received December 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5954—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pine Shoot Beetle; Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-100-1] Received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5955—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of an Area From Quarantine [Docket No. 97-056-8] Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5956—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Approved Treatments [Docket No. 96-016-27] (RIN: 0579-AA83) Received December 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5957—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cattle Imported in Bond for Feeding and Return to Mexico [Docket No. 94-076-2] Received December 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5958—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Sliced and Pre-Packaged Dry-Cured Pork Products [Docket No. 96-066-2] Received November 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5959—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Import

Export User Fees; Exemptions [Docket No. 96-089-1] Received November 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5960—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Removal of Mexican Border Regulations [Docket No. 97-037-2] Received December 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5961—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantine Regulations [Docket No. 96-102-2] Received November 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5962—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Addition of Regulated Area [Docket No. 97-113-1] Received November 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5963—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Belgium Because of BSE [Docket No. 97-115-1] Received November 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5964—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Interstate Movement of Imported Plants and Plant Parts [Docket No. 96-061-2] (RIN: 0579-AA85) Received November 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5965—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Luxembourg Because of BSE [Docket No. 97-118-1] Received December 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5966—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Additions to Regulated Areas [Docket No. 96-016-26] (RIN: 0579-AA83) Received December 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5967—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Arkansas [Docket No. 97-108-1] Received December 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5968—January 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Compensation for Wheat Seed and Straw in the 1995-1996 Crop Season [Docket No. 96-016-25] (RIN: 0579-AA83) Received January 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5969—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cypermethrin; Pes-

ticide Tolerance [OPP-300583; FRL-5755-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5970—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zeta-Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300577; FRL-5754-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5971—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300579; FRL-5754-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5972—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lambda-cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300581; FRL-5755-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5973—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Budget, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tefluthrin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300576; FRL-5754-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5974—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Budget, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fipronil; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300587; FRL-5757-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5975—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenarimol; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300559; FRL-5753-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5976—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Methyl Salicylate; Establishment of an Exemption from Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300557; FRL-5746-1] Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5977—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fomesafen; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300571; FRL-5752-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5978—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyromazine; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300588; FRL-5758-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5979—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revocation of Toler-

ances for Commodities No Longer Regulated for Pesticide Residues and Other Actions [OPP-300503A; FRL-5753-1] Received December 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5980—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Maleic Hydrazide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300587; FRL-5754-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5981—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sodium Chlorate; Exemption from Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300574; FRL-5754-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5982—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyrimethanil; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300589; FRL-5758-7] Received December 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5983—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fluorine Compounds; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300586; FRL-5756-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5984—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300569; FRL-5751-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5985—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenpropathrin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300580; FRL-5755-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5986—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dipropylene Glycol Dimethyl Ether; Final Significant New Use Rule; Correction [OPPTS-50621C; FRL-5757-6] (RIN: 2070-AB27) Received November 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5987—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyfluthrin; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300582; FRL-5755-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5988—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenvalerate; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300575; FRL-5754-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5989—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Deltamethrin and Tralomethrin; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300584; FRL-5756-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5990—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300568; FRL-5750-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received November 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5991—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ethalfluralin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300585; FRL-5756-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5992—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Primisulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300573; FRL-5753-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5993—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Chlorothalonil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300590; FRL-5759-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5994—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Tolerance Extension for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300594; FRL-5760-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5995—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Tolerance Extension for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300591; FRL-5760-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5996—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenoxaprop-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300597; FRL-5764-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received January 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5997—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300600; FRL-5764-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received January 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5998—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300593; FRL-5760-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received January 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

5999—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dicloran; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300596; FRL-5762-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6000—January 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300595; FRL-5762-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received December 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6001—January 27, 1998; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Loan Policies and Operations; Loan Sales Relief (RIN: 3052-AB78) Received November 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6002—January 27, 1998; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Loan Policies and Operations; Interest Rates and Charges (RIN: 3052-AB81) Received December 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6003—January 27, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1997-Crop Peanuts; National Poundage Quota; National Average Support Level for Quota and Additional Peanuts; and Minimum Commodity Credit Corporation Export Edible Sales Price for Additional Peanuts (RIN: 0560-AF01) Received November 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6004—January 27, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pea Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Green Pea Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 416 and 457] Received December 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6720—January 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Associate Chief, Forest Service, transmitting annual report covering major accomplishments of the Forest Service for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1674(c).

6724—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Relaxation of Handling Regulations [Docket Nos. FV97-997-1 IFR and FV97-998-1 IFR] Received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6725—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size

Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV98-905-2 IFR] Received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6726—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1997-98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98-982-1 IFR] Received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6727—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida and Imported Tomatoes; Final Rule to Change Minimum Size and Size Designation Requirements [Docket No. FV97-966-1 FR] Received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6728—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Revision to Container Requirements [Docket No. FV98-925-2 IFR] Received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6729—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al; Temporary Suspension of Proviso for Exporting Juice and Juice Concentrate; Establishment of Regulations for Handler Diversion [Docket No. FV97-930-4 IFR] Received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6730—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Florida Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV97-905-1 FIR] Received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6731—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Temporary Suspension of Continuing Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-925-1 IFR] Received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6732—February 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-959-1 IFR] Received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6733—February 3, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Humane Treatment of Dogs and Cats; Wire Flooring [Docket No. 95-100-2] (RIN: 0579-AA78) Received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6734—February 3, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Horses from Mexico; Quarantine Requirements [Docket No. 96-052-3] Received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).



6735—February 3, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Restrictions on the Importation of Ruminants, Meat and Meat Products From Ruminates, and Certain Other Ruminant Products [Docket No. 97–127–1] Received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6736—February 3, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans for Louisiana: Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program; Correction [LA–33–1–7374; FRL–5955–9] Received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6737—February 3, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Consolidation of Certain Food and Feed Additive Tolerance Regulations [OPP–300572; FRL–5755–9] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received January 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6738—February 3, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carboxin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP–300604; FRL–5766–5] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received January 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6739—February 3, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP–300453; FRL–5588–1] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6740—February 3, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sodium Bicarbonate and Potassium Bicarbonate; Tolerance Exemptions [OPP–300440A; FRL–5572–2] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received December 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6741—February 3, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tree Assistance Program (RIN: 0560–AF17) Received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6742—February 3, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hybrid Seed Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Hybrid Seed Corn Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563–AA78) Received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6743—February 3, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Hybrid Sorghum Seed Endorsement and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Hybrid Sorghum Seed Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563–AB03) Received December 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6744—February 3, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Canola and Rapeseed Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Part 457] Received December 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6745—February 3, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Potato Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Northern Potato Crop Insurance Provisions, Central and Southern Potato Crop Insurance Provisions, Northern Potato Quality Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, Northern Processing Potato Quality Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, Certified Seed Potato Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions, and Northern Potato Storage Endorsement Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 422 and 457] Received December 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6746—February 3, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions; and Various Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB03) Received December 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6747—February 3, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pea Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Dry Pea Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Part 457] Received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6748—February 3, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sweet Corn Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Processing Sweet Corn Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 437 and 457] Received January 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

6749—February 3, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Public Information [7 CFR Part 412] Received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7033—February 11, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Not Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146; Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts [Docket No. FV97-998-3 FIR] Received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7034—February 11, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-979-1 IFR] Received February 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7035—February 11, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Modifications to the Raisin Diversion Program [Docket No. FV97-989-

3 FIR] Received February 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7036—February 11, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Imported Fire Ant Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97–101–1] Received January 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7037—February 11, 1998; letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Intermediary Relending Program (RIN: 0570–AA15) Received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7038—February 11, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Terbacil; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP–300611; FRL–5768–1] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received January 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7039—February 11, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oxyfluorfen; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP–300610; FRL–5767–9] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received January 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7040—February 11, 1998; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Loan Policies and Operations; Title IV Conservators, Receivers, and Voluntary Liquidation (RIN: 3052–AB09) Received January 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7041—February 11, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Electric System Operations and Maintenance (RIN: 0572–AA74) Received February 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7237—February 12, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP–300609; FRL–5767–8] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received February 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7268—February 24, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Relaxation of Handling Regulations [Docket Nos. FV97–997–1 IFR and FV97–998–1 IFR] Received February 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7269—February 24, 1998; letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Bureau of Land Management, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Federal Timber Contract Payment Modification [WO–330–1030–02–24 1A] (RIN: 1004–AC69) Received January 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7270—February 24, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Distribution of Risk Disclosure Statements By Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers

[17 CFR Parts 1, 30, 33, and 190] Received February 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7271—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerance; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA) [FRL-5959-6] Received February 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7272—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiodicarb; Pesticides Tolerance [OPP-300541; FRL-5739-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7273—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerance [PP 5F4485

R2232; FRL-5364-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7274—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bensulfuron Methyl (methyl-2[[[(4,6-dimethoxy-pyrimidin-2-yl) amino] carbonyl] amino] sulfonyl] methyl] Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300603; FRL-5766-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7275—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Kaolin; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300614; FRL-5769-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7276—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Vinclozolin; Revocation of Certain Tolerances [OPP-300540A; FRL-5769-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7277—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Benoxacor; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300617; FRL-5771-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7278—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lambda-cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300608; FRL-5767-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7279—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Flammability Labeling Requirements for Total Release Fogger Pesticides [OPP-36189;

FRL-5748-7] (RIN: 2070-AC60) Received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7280—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Norflurazon; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300615; FRL-5770-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7281—February 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiabendazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300607; FRL-5767-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7282—February 24, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Special Combinations for Tobacco Allotments and Quotas (RIN: 0560-AE13) Received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7574—February 26, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis Testing of Livestock Other Than Cattle and Bison [Docket No. 97-062-1] Received February 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7575—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Dry Bean Crop Insurance Provisions; and Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations (RIN: 0563-AB02) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7576—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations [7 CFR Part 433] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7577—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Fresh Market Sweet Corn Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Fresh Market Sweet Corn Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7578—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Florida Citrus Fruit Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB03) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7579—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pepper Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Fresh Market Pepper Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 445 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7580—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the

Agency's final rule—Walnut Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Walnut Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 446 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7581—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Raisin Endorsement and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Raisin Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7582—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Forage Seeding Crop Insurance Regulations and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Forage Seeding Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 414 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7583—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Forage Production Crop Insurance Regulations, and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Forage Production Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 415 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7584—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Fresh Market Tomato Minimum Value Option, and Fresh Market Tomato (Dollar Plan) Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Fresh Market Tomato (Dollar Plan) Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7585—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Sugar Beet Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB55) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7586—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; ELS Cotton Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB53) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7587—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Cranberry Endorsement and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Cranberry Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB54) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7588—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Texas Citrus Tree Crop Insurance Provisions; and Texas Citrus Tree Endorsement (RIN: 0563-AB50) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7589—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Cotton Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB53) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7590—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Administrative Regulations; Collection and Storage of Social Security Account Numbers and Employer Identification Numbers (RIN: 0563-AB26) Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7591—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Onion Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Onion Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7592—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Grape Endorsement and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Grape Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7593—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Fresh Plum Endorsement, and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Plum Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7594—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Rice Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Rice Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7595—February 26, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fresh Tomato (Guaranteed Production Plan) Crop Insurance Regulations; Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Guaranteed Production Plan of Fresh Market Tomato Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 454 and 457] Received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7619—March 2, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Reduced Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-982-1 FIR] Received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7620—March 2, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Removal of Sunday Packing and Loading Prohibitions [Docket No. FV98-959-2 IFR] Received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7621—March 2, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procurement of Processed Agricultural Commodities for Donation Under Title II, Pub. L. 480 (RIN: 0560-AF09), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7622—March 2, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearment Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 1998–99 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98–985–1 FR] Received February 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7623—March 2, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanol; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP–300620; FRL–5772–8] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received February 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7624—March 2, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydramethylnon; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP–300606; FRL–5767–1] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received February 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7625—March 2, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pendimethalin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP–300621; FRL–5772–9] (RIN: 2070–AB78) Received February 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7669—March 3, 1998; letter from the Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a final rule under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 136w(a)(4).

7686—March 4, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97–984–1 FIR] Received February 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7718—March 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendment to the Tobacco Marketing Quota Regulations (RIN: 0560-AE96) Received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7719—March 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Use of Binders in "Ham with Natural Juices" Products [Docket No. 96–040 F] (RIN: 0583-AC29) Received March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7720—March 5, 1998; letter from the Manager Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations; Table Grape Crop Insurance Regulations and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Table Grape Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts



441 and 457] Received March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7721—March 5, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Safflower Seed Crop Insurance Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Safflower Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AA79) March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7722—March 5, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Administrative Regulations; Ineligibility for Programs Under the General Crop Insurance Act (RIN: 0563-AB01) Received March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7723—March 5, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Pear Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB03) Received February 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7765—March 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—General Regulations; Revision or Removal of Selected Sections [Docket No. FV97-900-1 FR] Received March 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7766—March 9, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Humane Treatment of Dogs and Cats; Temperature Requirements [Docket No. 95-078-3] (RIN: 0579-AA74) Received March 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7767—March 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Implementation of the Boll Weevil Eradication Loan Program (RIN: 0560-AE99) Received March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7860—March 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report entitled "The Economic Effects of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact", pursuant to Public Law 105-86.

7864—March 10, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Food Labeling: Nutrient Content Claims, Definition of Term: Healthy [Docket No. 97-035 F] (RIN: 0583-AC47) Received March 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7971—March 16, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Services's final rule—Importation of Fruits and Vegetables; Papayas from Brazil and Costa Rica [Docket No. 96-046-5] Received March 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7972—March 16, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Macadamia Nut Crop Insurance Regulations [7 CFR Part 455] Received March 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7973—March 16, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting

the Department's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Endorsements; Fresh Market Tomato (Guaranteed Production Plan) Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401, 454, and 457] Received March 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7974—March 16, 1998; letter from the Administrator for Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Use of Two Kinds of Poultry Without Label Change [Docket No. 96-007 F] (RIN: 0583-AC17) Received March 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7975—March 16, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clomazone; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300616; FRL-5770-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

7976—March 16, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300622; FRL-5773-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8067—March 18, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acephate; Technical Amendment [OPP-300613; FRL-5769-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8099—March 19, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida and Imported Tomatoes; Final Rule to Change Minimum Grade Requirements [Docket No. FV98-966-1 FR] Received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8100—March 19, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 1997-1998 Crop Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins [FV98-989-1 IFR] Received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8101—March 19, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Titanium Dioxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300632; FRL-5779-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8102—March 19, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Distribution of Customer Property Related to Trading on the Chicago Board of Trade-London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange Trading Link [17 CFR Part 190] Received February 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8129—March 23, 1998; letter from the Administrator for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Electric Transmission Specifications and Drawings (34.5 kV to 69 kV and 115 kV to 230 kV) for Use on RUS Financed Electric Systems [7 CFR Part 1728] Received March 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8171—March 24, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Bamboo [Docket No. 96-082-2] Received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8178—March 25, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Endorsements; Fresh Market Tomato (Guaranteed Production Plan) Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401, 454, and 457] Received March 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8235—March 26, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Specialty Crops; Import Regulations; Extension of Reporting Period for Peanuts Imported Under 1997 Import Quotas [Docket No. FV97-999-1 FIR] Received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8236—March 26, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300628; FRL-5778-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8237—March 26, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300625; FRL-5776-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8273—March 27, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Assessment Rate and Establishment of Late Payment and Interest Charges on Delinquent Assessments [Docket No. FV97-930-1 FIR] Received March 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8274—March 27, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Voluntary Shell Egg Regulations [Docket No. PY-97-003] Received March 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8275—March 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300630; FRL-5779-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8288—March 30, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmit-

ting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Florida [Docket No. 98-014-1] Received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8289—March 30, 1998; letter from the General Sales Manager and Vice President of Commodity Credit Corporation, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities (RIN: 0551-0035) Received March 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8305—March 30, 1998; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority 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 such employees at rates the Secretary deems appropriate.

8307—March 31, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Temporary Suspension of Continuing Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-925-1 FIR] Received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8308—March 31, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Administrative Regulations; Nonstandard Underwriting Classification System (RIN: 0563-AB05) Received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8309—March 31, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300629; FRL-5778-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8341—April 1, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Specifically Approved States Authorized to Receive Mares and Stallions Imported from Regions Where CEM Exists [Docket No. 97-104-1] Received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8394—April 21, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 98-022-1] Received April 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8395—April 21, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 98-017-1] Received April 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8396—April 21, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis; Increased Indemnity for Cattle and Bison [Docket No. 98-016-1] Received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8397—April 21, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-073-5] Received April 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8398—April 21, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Official Pseudorabies Tests [Docket No. 96-013-2] Received April 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8399—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Use of Glycerine as a Humectant in Shelf Stable Meat Snacks [Docket No. 95-038 DF] (RIN: 0583-AB97) Received March 31, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8400—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-959-1 FIR] Received April 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8401—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Revision to Container Requirements [Docket No. FV98-925-2 FIR] Received April 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8402—April 21, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Laboratory Service Fees [Docket Number S&TD-97-001] Received April 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8403—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems—Sample Collection—Technical Amendments and Corrections: Direct Final Rule [Docket No. 97-056 DF] (RIN: 0583-AC40) Received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8404—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Carrageenan, Locust Bean Gum and Xanthan Gum Blend Used as a Binder in Certain Cured Pork Products [Docket No. 96-014 DF] (RIN: 0583-AC16) Received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8405—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Designation of the State of Florida Under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act [Docket No. 97-050 F] Received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8406—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Destination Market Inspections of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products [Docket Number

FV-97-302] (RIN: 0581-AB51] Received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8407—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Limes and Avocados Grown in Florida; Establishment of a Continuing Assessment Rate for Limes and a Decrease in the Continuing Assessment Rate for Avocados [Docket No. FV98-911-1 FR] Received April 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8408—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling and Reporting Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches [Docket No. FV98-916-1 IFR] Received April 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8409—April 21, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Apple Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Apple Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 405 and 457] Received April 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8410—April 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propiconazole; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300633; FRL-5781-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 31, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8411—April 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hexythiazox; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300631; FRL-5779-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received March 31, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8412—April 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—*Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *tolworthi* Cry9C Protein and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production in Corn; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300612; FRL-5770-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8413—April 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Rimsulfuron (N-((4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)amincarbonyl)-3-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-pyridinesulfonamide); Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300639; FRL-5784-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8414—April 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300643; FRL-5785-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8415—April 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clethodim; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300642; FRL-5784-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8416—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—General Information, Organization and Functions, and Loan Making Authority [7 CFR Part 1700] Received April 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8417—April 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Program Regulations [7 CFR Parts 1942 and 1951] Received April 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8575—April 21, 1998; letter from the General Sales Manager and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report summarizing the availability, distribution and value of commodities donated under section 416(b) in FY 1993, FY 1994, and FY 1995, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. Article 1431 (b), 416(b).

8579—April 22, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 98-046-1] Received April 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8580—April 22, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal Plant Health Inspection, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Alabama [Docket No. 98-036-1] Received April 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8663—April 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-056-9] Received April 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8664—April 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-102-2] Received April 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8665—April 27, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Georgia [Docket No. 98-018-1] Received April 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8666—April 27, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing (7 CFR Part 6) Received April 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8667—April 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propiconazole; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300637;

FRL-5783-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8668—April 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenoxaprop-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300635; FRL-5782-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8669—April 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Canola Oil; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-3000623; FRL-5773-9] Received April 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8670—April 27, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300644; FRL-5785-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8671—April 27, 1998; letter from the Acting Deputy Chief for Operations, Forest Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Notice, Comment, and Appeal Procedures for National Forest System Projects and Activities [36 CFR Part 215] Received April 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8778—April 29, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clopyralid; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300645; FRL 5786-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8779—April 29, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Tolerance Extension for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300641; FRL5784-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8839—May 4, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1997-98 Crop Year for Tart Cherries [FV97-930-6 FR] Received May 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8840—May 4, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Esfenvalerate; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300634; FRL-5781-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8841—May 4, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Subordination of Direct Loan Basic Security to Secure a Guaranteed Line of Credit (RIN: 0560-AE92) Received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8842—May 4, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (RIN: 0560-AF-30) Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).



8843—May 4, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cooperative Marketing Associations (RIN: 0560-AF33) Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8935—May 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Undersized Regulation for the 1998–99 Crop Year [Docket No. FV98–993–1 FR] Received May 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8936—May 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cantaloups; Grade Standards [Docket Number FV–98–301] Received May 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8937—May 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98–932–1 FR] Received May 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8938—May 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV98–905–2 FIR] Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8939—May 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Temporary Suspension of a Proviso for Exporting Juice and Juice Concentrate; Establishment of Rules and Regulations Concerning Exemptions from Certain Order Provisions; and Establishment of Regulations for Handler Diversion [Docket No. FV97–930–4 FIR] Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8940—May 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Issuance of Grower Diversion Certificates [Docket No. FV97–930–5 FIR] Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8941—May 5, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—United States Standards for Rye [7 CFR Parts 800 and 810] Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8942—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA) [FRL–5982–6] Received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8943—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Sulfentrazone; Establishment of Tolerances Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA) [FRL-5983-6] Received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8944—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA) [FRL-5982-3] Received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8945—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Propiconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions Correction; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA) [FRL-5983-1] Received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8946—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Vinclozolin; Pesticide Tolerance Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA) [FRL-5982-2] Received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8947—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA) [FRL-5982-4] Received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8948—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lambda-cyhalothrin; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300509; FRL-5728-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8949—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Cyclanilide; Pesticide Tolerances, Correction; Correction of Effective Date Under Congressional Review Act (CRA) [FRL-5982-7] Received April 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8950—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cymoxanil; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300653; FRL-5788-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8951—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Various Inert Ingredients; Tolerance Exemptions [OPP-300649; FRL-5787-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8952—May 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Safener HOE-107892; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300650; FRL-5788-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received April 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8953—May 5, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Changes in Reporting Levels for Large Trader Reports [17 CFR Part 15] Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

8954—May 5, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Trade Options on the Enumerated Agricultural Commodities [CFR Parts 3, 32 and 33] Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9006—May 7, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 1997-1998 Marketing Year [FV98-985-2 IFR] Received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9007—May 7, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pine Shoot Beetle; Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-100-2] Received May 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9008—May 7, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Peroxyacetic Acid; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300654; FRL-5789-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9009—May 7, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydrogen Peroxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300655; FRL-5789-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9010—May 7, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Post Bankruptcy Loan Servicing Notices (RIN: 0560-AE62) Received May 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9035—May 11, 1998; letter from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300651; FRL-5788-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9036—May 11, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bentazon; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300646; FRL-5787-

4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9037—May 11, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Elimination of Prior Approval Requirements for Establishment Drawings and Specifications, Equipment, and Certain Partial Quality Control Programs [Docket No. 95-032 F] (RIN: 0583-AB93) Received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9092—May 11, 1998; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to reform and improve the administration of certain programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

9095—May 12, 1998; letter from the Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sale and Disposal of National Forest Timber; Indices to Determine Market-Related Contract Term Additions (RIN: 0596-AB41) Received May 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9096—May 12, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance Correction [OPP-300628A; FRL-5785-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9097—May 12, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300647; FRL-5787-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9098—May 12, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300648; FRL-5787-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9099—May 12, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bromoxynil; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300661; FRL-5790-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9112—May 13, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to the Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-056-11] Received May 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9113—May 13, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Diflubenzuron; Temporary Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300660; FRL-5790-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9114—May 13, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Pes-

ticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300640; FRL-5784-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9115—May 13, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(1-methylethyl)-2-[[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]o]acetamide; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance, Correction [OPP-300636A; FRL-5787-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9116—May 13, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Special Combinations for Tobacco Allotments and Quotas (RIN: 0560-AF14) Received May 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9168—May 18, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-056-12] Received May 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9169—May 18, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Procurement and Property Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Agriculture Acquisition Regulation: Preference for selected biobased products (RIN: 0599-AA00) Received May 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9213—May 21, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Chicago Board of Trade Futures Contracts in Corn and Soybeans; Order to Designate Contract Markets and Amending Order of November 7, 1997, as Applied to Such Contracts—Received May 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9214—May 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Bacillus Thuringiensis Subspecies *tolworthi* Cry9C Protein and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production in Corn; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300659; FRL-5790-3] (RIN-2070-AB78) Received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9215—May 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydroxyethylidine Diphosphonic Acid; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300658; FRL-5790-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9295—June 3, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation; Hawaii [Docket No. 97-063-2] Received June 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9296—June 3, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 98-051-1] Received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9297—June 3, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—1998 Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports [Docket No. CN-98-002] Received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9298—June 3, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Revision in Minimum Grade, Container, and Pack Requirements [Docket No. FV98-925-3 IFR] Received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9299—June 3, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Regulations and Standards for Certain Agricultural Commodities (RIN: 0580-AA54) Received May 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9300—June 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Melons Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-979-1 FIR] Received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9301—June 3, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1997-98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98-982-1 FIR] Received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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9440—June 3, 1998; letter from the Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's March 1998 "Treasury Bulletin", pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602(a).

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9453—June 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenbuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300662; FRL 5791-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9454—June 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Polyvinyl Chloride; Tolerance Exemption [OPP-300656; FRL-5789-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9455—June 5, 1998; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to impose fees for certain programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

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9564—June 10, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Karnal Bunt Status of the Mexicali Valley of Mexico [Docket No. 97-060-2] (RIN: 0579-AA88) Received June 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9565—June 10, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Compensation for the 1996-1997 Crop Season [Docket No. 96-016-29] (RIN: 0579-AA83) Received June 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9566—June 10, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services (RIN: 0580-AA59) Received June 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9577—June 11, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Phospholipid: LysoPE (lysophosphatidylethanolamine); Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300672; FRL-5795-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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989-1 FIR] Received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9611—June 15, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 1997-98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98-985-2 FIR] Received June 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

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9613—June 15, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agreements for the Development of Foreign Markets for Agricultural Commodities [7 CFR Part 1485] Received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9614—June 15, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dimethomorph; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300671; FRL-5795-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9615—June 15, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propamocarb Hydrochloride; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300670; FRL-5795-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9616—June 15, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Quizalofop-p ethyl ester; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300663; FRL-5793-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9617—June 15, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300668; FRL 5794-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9618—June 15, 1998; letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 1997, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 2277a-13.

9642—June 16, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition To Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-056-13] Received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).



9643—June 16, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Popcorn Crop Insurance Regulations, and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Popcorn Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB48) Received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9644—June 16, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Growers' Referendum Results [Docket No. TB-97-16] Received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9661—June 17, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—EIA; Handling Reactors at Livestock Markets [Docket No. 97-099-2] Received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9736—June 19, 1998; letter from the Assistant Secretary, for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual Report to Congress for 1996 and 1997 on The Operation of the Enterprise for the Americas Facility.

9804—June 24, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Minimum Financial Requirements for Futures Commission Merchants [17 CFR Part 1] Received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9805—June 24, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Final Rulemaking Permitting Futures-Style Margining of Commodity Options [17 CFR Parts 1 and 33] Received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9806—June 24, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Revision in Container Regulations [Docket No. FV98-922-1 IFR] Received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9807—June 24, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-958-1 FR] Received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9808—June 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300676; FRL-5797-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9809—June 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydrogen Peroxide; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance; Correction [OPP-300655A; FRL-5797-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9810—June 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Peroxyacetic Acid; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance; Correction [OPP-300654A; FRL-5797-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9811—June 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Recodification of Certain Tolerance Regulations [OPP-300627; FRL-5777-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9812—June 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Benzoic Acid, 3,5-dimethyl-1- (1,1-dimethylethyl) -2-(4-ethylbenzoyl) hydrazide [OPP-300675; FRL 5796-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9813—June 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Recodification of Certain Tolerance Regulations [OPP-300638; FRL-5783-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9814—June 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Buprofezin; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300667; FRL-5794-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9815—June 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Reporting Requirements For Risk

Benefit Information; Amendment and Correction [OPP-60010J; FRL-5792-2] (RIN: 2070-AB50) Received June 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9816—June 24, 1998; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Assessment and Apportionment of Administrative Expenses; Technical Change (RIN: 3052-AB83) Received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9855—June 25, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment to Regulation Concerning Conduct of Members and Employees and Former Members and Employees of the Commission; Receipt and Disposition of Foreign Gifts and Decorations [17 CFR Part 1) Received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9856—June 25, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Changes in Fees for Federal Meat Grading and Certification Services [No. LS-96-006] (RIN: 0581-AB44) Received June 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9857—June 25, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Southeastern States; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-953-1 IFR] Received June 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9858—June 25, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tolerances for Moisture Meters (RIN: 0580-AA60) Received June 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9859—June 25, 1998; letter from the Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Official Testing Service for Corn Oil, Protein, and Starch (RIN: 0580-AA62) Received June 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9860—June 25, 1998; letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting notification of error on the communication submitted June 5, 1998 entitled "Phospholipid: Lyso-PE (lysophosphatidylethanolamin ); Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance".

9882—July 14, 1998; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land through December 31, 1996, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 3504.

9883—July 14, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Electric Engineering, Architectural Services and Design Policies and Procedures (RIN: 0572-AA48) Received June 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9974—July 15, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Relaxation of Handling Regulations [Docket Nos. FV97-997-1 FIR and FV97-998-1 FIR] Received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9975—July 15, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of User Fees for 1998 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [CN-98-004] Received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

9976—July 15, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Animal Welfare; Primary Enclosures for Dogs and Cats [Docket No. 98-044-1] Received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10001—July 16, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Establishment of Rules and Regulations for Grower Diversion and a Compensation Rate for the Cherry Industry Administrative Board Public Member and Alternate Public Member [Docket No. FV97-930-2 FR] Received July 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10002—July 16, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of U.S. Grade Standards and Other Selected Regulations [Docket Number FV-95-303] Received July 7, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10043—July 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sodium Chlorate; Extension of Exemption from Requirement of a Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300673; FRL-5795-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10065—July 20, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle, Bison, and Captive Cervids; Indemnity for Suspects [Docket No. 98-033-1] Received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10066—July 20, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Validated Brucellosis—Free States; Oklahoma [Docket No. 98-061-1] Received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10102—July 21, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Louisiana [Docket No. 98-068-1] Received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10103—July 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300677; FRL-5797-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10104—July 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Gliocladium Catenulatum Strain J1446; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300665; FRL-5794-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10105—July 21, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300678; FRL-5798-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10106—July 21, 1998; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's rule—Organization; Loan Policies and Operations; Disclosure to Shareholders; Disclosure to Investors in Systemwide and Consolidated Bank Debt Obligations of the Farm Credit System; Other Financing Institutions (RIN: 3052-AB67) Received July 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10148—July 22, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco (Quota Plan) Crop Insurance

Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance (RIN: 0563-AB47) Received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10149—July 22, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas [Docket No. 98-072-1] Received July 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10150—July 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Limes and Avocados Grown in Florida; Relaxation of Container Dimension, Weight, and Marking Requirements [Docket No. FV98-911-2 IFR] Received July 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10151—July 22, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Imported Fire Ant Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-101-2] Received July 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10152—July 22, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Capsaicin; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10153—July 22, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebuconazole; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300679; FRL-6015-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10154—July 22, 1998; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Disclosure to Shareholders; Title V Conservators and Receivers; Capital Provisions (RIN: 3052-AB58) Received July 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10188—July 23, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pseudomonas Fluorescens Strain PRA-25; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300681; FRL-6016-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10189—July 23, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300682; FRL-6016-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10190—July 23, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fipronil; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300612; FRL-5768-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received July 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10191—July 23, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Arizona; Arizona Department of Environmental Quality [FRL-6123-4] Received July 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10192—July 23, 1998; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to allow the Commodity Credit Corporation to use unobligated funds for the Export Enhancement Program for certain purposes.

10269—July 24, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyriproxyfen (2-[1-methyl-2-(4-phenoxyphenoxy)ethoxy]pyridine; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300666; FRL-5794-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10326—July 27, 1998; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to extend the United States Department of Agriculture Personnel Management Demonstration Project.

10329—July 28, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Tomatoes from France, Morocco and Western Sahara, Chile, and Spain [Docket No. 97-016-2] (RIN: 0579-AA88) Received July 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10359—July 29, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Subordination of Direct Loan Security to Secure a Guaranteed Line of Credit; Correction (RIN: 0560-AE92) Received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10458—August 3, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Reporting Requirements for Risk

Benefit Information [OPP-60010K; FRL-6016-2] (RIN: 2070-AB50) Received July 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10508—August 6, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Administrative Regulations, Subpart U; and Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement; Regulations for the 1999 and Subsequent Reinsurance Years (RIN: 0563-AB68) Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10509—August 6, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Administrative Regulations, Subpart T-Federal Crop Insurance Reform, Insurance Implementation; Regulations for the 1999 and Subsequent Reinsurance Years; and the Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions; and Various Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB67) Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10510—August 6, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Voluntary Poultry and Rabbit

Grading Regulations [Docket No. PY-97-004] Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10511—August 6, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increase in Desirable Carryout Used to Compute Trade Demand [FV98-989-2 IFR] Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10512—August 6, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-906-1 IFR] Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10513—August 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Buprofezin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300689; FRL-6018-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10514—August 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fluroxypyr 1-Methylheptyl Ester; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300688; FRL-6018-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10515—August 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Flutolanil; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300697; FRL-6021-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10542—August 7, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Servicing of Community and Insured Business Programs Loans and Grants (RIN: 0572-AB23) Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10543—August 7, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Poultry Improvement Plan; Special Provisions for Ostrich Breeding Flocks and Products [Docket No. 97-043-2] Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10544—August 7, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 98-076-1] Received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10545—August 7, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to OMB Control Numbers [OPPTS-00246; FRL-5799-8] Received July 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10546—August 7, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Avermectin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300613; FRL-6021-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10547—August 7, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carfentrazone-ethyl; Temporary Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300686; FRL-6018-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10548—August 7, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Endothall; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300691; FRL 6020-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10577—August 7, 1998; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land through December 31, 1997, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 3504.

10578—August 7, 1998; letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to assist States in implementing pathogen reduction reforms to their meat and poultry inspection programs.

10608—September 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Revision of Requirements Regarding Quality Control Program [Docket No. FV98-981-1 FR] Received August 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10609—September 9, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Addition of Regulated Areas [Docket No. 98-082-1] Received August 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10610—September 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Domestically Produced Peanuts; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket Nos. FV98-997-1 IFR and FV98-998-1 IFR] Received August 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10611—September 9, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designation; Michigan [Docket No. 98-081-1] Received August 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10612—September 9, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to Quarantined Areas [Docket No: 97-056-14] Received August 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10613—September 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Exemption From Area No.



2 Handling Regulation for Potatoes Shipped for Experimentation and the Manufacture of Conversion Into Specified Products [Docket No. FV98-948-2 IFR] Received August 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10614—September 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increase in Desirable Carryout Used to Compute Trade Demand [Docket No. FV98-989-2 FIR] Received August 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10615—September 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300693A; FRL-6021-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10616—September 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenprothrin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-3000692; FRL 6020-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10617—September 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Potassium Dihydrogen Phosphate; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300684; FRL-6017-6] (RIN: 2070-78AB) Received August 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10618—September 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300696; FRL-6021-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10619—September 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cleaning and Reinspection of Farmers Stock Peanuts (RIN: 0560-AF56) Received August 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10769—September 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Triasulfuron; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300700; FRL 6023-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10770—September 9, 1998; letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Farm Credit Administration 1997 Report on the Financial Condition and Performance of the Farm Credit System, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 2252(a)(3).

10813—September 10, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Official Unofficial Weighing Service (RIN: 0580-AA55) Received September 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10833—September 11, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—

Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order-Decrease in Importer Assessments [No. LS-98-004] Received September 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10834—September 11, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Animal Welfare; Marine Mammals, Swim-with-the-Dolphin Programs [Docket No. 93-076-10] (RIN: 0579-AA59) Received September 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10850—September 14, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Great Britain Because of Exotic Newcastle Disease [Docket No. 98-002-2] Received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10851—September 14, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-056-16] Received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10852—September 14, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 97-056-15] Received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10853—September 14, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Papayas Grown in Hawaii; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-928-1 FR] Received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10854—September 14, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acrylic Acid Terpolymer, Partial Sodium Salts; Tolerance Exemption [OPP-300704; FRL-6024-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10855—September 14, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Herbicide Safener HOE-107892; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300703; FRL-6024-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10885—September 15, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Relaxation of Pack Requirements [Docket No. FV98-920-4 IFR] Received September 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10886—September 15, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Milk in the Southwest Plains Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-98-08] Received September 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10988—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propyzamide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300699; FRL-6022-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10989—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300705; FRL-6025-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10990—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Desmedipham; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemption [OPP-300707; FRL-6026-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10991—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Trichoderma Harzianum Strain T-39; Exemption from the Requirement of a Temporary Tolerance [OPP-300698; FRL 6022-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10992—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bacillus Sphaericus; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300701; FRL-6024-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10993—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300706; FRL-6025-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10994—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Esfenvalerate; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300708; FRL 6026-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10995—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300685; FRL-6017-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

10996—September 17, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sulfosate; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300709; FRL 6026-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11042—September 17, 1998; letter from the President of the United States, transmitting the report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 714k.

11053—September 18, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Triclopyr; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300695; FRL 6021-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11054—September 18, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Deltamethrin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300669; FRL-5795-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received August 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11084—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Temporary Suspension of an Inspection Requirement [Docket No. FV98-920-2 FR] Received September 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11085—September 22, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Maintenance of Minimum Financial Requirements by Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers [17 CFR Part 1] Received August 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11086—September 22, 1998; letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Orders Eligible for Post-execution Allocation [17 CFR Part 1] Received August 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11087—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Refrigeration and Labeling Requirements for Shell Eggs [Docket No. 97-069 F] (RIN: 0583-AC04) Received August 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11088—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-920-3 IFR] Received August 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11089—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling and Reporting Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches [Docket No. FV98-916-1 FIR] Received August 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11090—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fluid Milk Promotion Order; Amendments to the Order [DA-98-04] Received September 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11091—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmit-

ting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-905-3 FR] Received September 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11092—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and Umatilla County, Oregon; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-924-1 FR] Received September 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11093—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Southeastern States; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-953-1 FIR] Received September 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11094—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Winter Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-927-1 FR] Received September 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11095—September 22, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Year 2000 Compliance, Telecommunications Program (RIN: 0572-AB43) Received August 31, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11096—September 22, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis; Increased Indemnity for Cattle and Bison [Docket No. 98-016-2] Received September 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11192—September 23, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Specifically Approved States Authorized to Receive Mares and Stallions Imported from Regions Where CEM Exists [Docket No. 98-059-2] Received September 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11193—September 23, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-981-2 FR] Received September 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11194—September 23, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300717; FRL-6027-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11228—September 24, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Florida

[Docket No. 98-014-2] Received August 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11229—September 24, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 98-083-1] Received August 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11230—September 24, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Removal of Regulated Area [Docket No. 98-084-1] Received August 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11231—September 24, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Validated Brucellosis-Free States; Alabama [Docket No. 98-086-1] Received August 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11232—September 24, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 98-083-2] Received August 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11257—September 25, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Solid Wood Packing Material From China [APHIS Docket No. 98-087-1] (RIN: 0579-AB01) Received September 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11258—September 25, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Karnal Bunt; Movement From Regulated Areas [Docket No. 96-016-32] (RIN: 0579-AA83) Received September 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11292—September 26, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Isoxaflutole; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300713; FRL-6029-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11293—September 26, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Flufenacet; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300712; FRL-6028-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11294—September 26, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glutamic Acid; Technical Amendment and Correction of Pesticide Tolerance Ex-

emption [OPP-300598A; FRL-6029-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11302—September 28, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Guaranteed Production Plan of Fresh Market Tomato Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Part 457] Received September 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11303—September 28, 1998; letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nursery Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Nursery Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AB65) Received September 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11338—September 29, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV98-905-4 IFR] Received September 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11339—September 29, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Continuous Chilling of Split Poultry Portions [Docket No. 95-011 F] (RIN: 0583-AB95) Received September 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11387—October 1, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acrylic Acid, Styrene, -Methyl Styrene Copolymer, Ammonium Salt; and Styrene, 2-Ethylhexyl Acrylate, Butyl Acrylate Copolymer; Exemption from the Requirements of a Tolerance [OPP-300722; FRL 6032-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11388—October 1, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fluroxypyr; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300724; FRL-6033-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11389—October 1, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Mepiquat Chloride; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300719; FRL-6032-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11390—October 1, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300721; FRL-6033-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11391—October 1, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carfentrazone-ethyl;

Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300718; FRL-6032-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11392—October 1, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zucchini Juice Added to Buffalo Gourd Root Powder; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300683; FRL-6017-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11443—October 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Alder Bark; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300728; FRL-6032-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11444—October 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyridaben; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300725; FRL-6031-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11445—October 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebuconazole; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300729; FRL-6034-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11446—October 5, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Maleic Hydrazide; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300730; FRL-6034-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11514—October 6, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading Increase in Fees and Charges [Docket No. PY-98-002] Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11515—October 6, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Processed Fruits and Vegetables [Docket No. FV-98-327] Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11516—October 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300738; FRL-6036-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11517—October 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyproconazole; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300742; FRL-6036-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11518—October 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Extension



sion of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300743; FRL-6037-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11519—October 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyridate; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300737; FRL 6036-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11520—October 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300739; FRL-6034-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11521—October 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Avermectin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300727; FRL-6033-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11522—October 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300731; FRL 6034-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11523—October 6, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300736; FRL 6036-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11590—October 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Potato Research and Promotion Plan; Suspension of Portions of the Plan; Amendments of the Regulations Regarding Importers' Votes; and Clarification of Reporting Requirements [FV-96-703 FR] Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11591—October 9, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-993-2 FR] Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11592—October 9, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-056-17] Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11593—October 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dimethomorph [(E,Z) 4-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl] morpholine]; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300740; FRL-6036-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11594—October 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300720; FRL-6030-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11595—October 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Paraquat; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300726; FRL-6032-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11596—October 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyromazine; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300741; FRL-6037-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11597—October 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300732; FRL-6035-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11598—October 9, 1998; letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Mancozeb; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300714; FRL-6029-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11651—October 12, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Long-Range Financial Forecasts of Electric Borrowers (RIN: 0572-AA89) Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11652—October 12, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Year 2000 Compliance: Electric Program [7 CFR Parts 1710 and 1726] Received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11758—October 20, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Addition of Regulated Area [Docket No. 98-082-2] Received October 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11759—October 20, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Veterinary Diagnostic Services User Fees [Docket No. 94-115-2] (RIN: 0579-AA70) Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11760—October 20, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Validated Brucellosis-Free States; South Carolina [Docket No. 98-101-1] Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11761—October 20, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Mississippi [Docket No. 98-097-1] Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11762—October 20, 1998; letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Horses [Docket No. 95-054-3] Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11763—October 20, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-931-1 IFR] Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11764—October 20, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-906-1 FIR] Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11765—October 20, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Partial Exemption From the Handling Regulation for Producer Field-Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV98-966-2 IFR] Received October 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11766—October 20, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Change in Container Regulations [Docket No. FV98-922-1 FIR] Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11767—October 20, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-948-1 FIR] Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11768—October 20, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, CA; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-987-1 FR] Received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11837—October 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions; and Various Crop Insurance Provisions; Correction [7 CFR Part 457] Received October 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

11838—October 21, 1998; letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and

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USDA: Letter from Secretary describing perspective on recent developments in dairy markets and implications for public policy, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, July 9, 1997.

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Farm Credit Administration: Final Rule amending regulations regarding release of information, required by sec. 517(c)(1) of the Farm Credit Act, as amended. Submitted by FCA, July 28, 1997.

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USDA: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Organizational Chart, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, December, 1997.

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Charter: Renewal for a two-year period of the Local Government Advisory Committee, required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92-463. Submitted by EPA, Jan. 16, 1998.

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Office of Inspector General: Abuse of the Crop Insurance Program in South Texas Audit Report No. 03099-16-Te, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 22, 1998.

USDA: Federal Milk Marketing Order Reform, New England, Et Al., proposed rule, required by sec. 143 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 23, 1998.

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USDA: Letter completing "sunset" of P.L. 102-335, the Pacific Yew Act of 1992, required by sec. 8 of P.L. 102-335. Submitted by USDA, Jan. 26, 1998.

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Forest Service: Production, Prices, Employment, and Trade in Northwest Forest Industries, First Quarter 1997, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, January, 1998.

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Economic Research Service: Sugar and Sweetener Situation and Outlook Yearbook, December 1997, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, January, 1998.

USDA: 1999 Budget Summary, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, February 2, 1998.

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Foreign Agricultural Service: Summary of Title I, Public Law 480 concessional sales agreement with the Government of Cote d'Ivoire pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, February 3, 1998.

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Foreign Agricultural Service: Summary of Title I, Public Law 480 concessional sales agreement with the Government of the State of Eritrea, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, February 6, 1998.

Forest Service: Highlighted Scientific Findings of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, May 1997, and Evaluation of the Use of Scientific Information in Developing the 1997 Forest Plan for the Tongass National Forest, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, February 17, 1998.

USDA: Proposed land exchanges for Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests, Georgia, and Bienville National Forest, Mississippi, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, February 18, 1998.

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Office of Inspection General: Letter concerning the report Nationwide Data on Minority Participation in Farm Service Agency's Farm Loan Program—sec. 17(b) of the national Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as Phase III, issued on December 17, 1997, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, February 20, 1998.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission: Charter of the CFTC Global Markets Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by CFTC, February 25, 1998.

USDA: National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program Annual Report Fiscal Year 1997, required by sec. 2(b)(10), P.L. 89-106. Submitted by USDA, February 27, 1998.

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General Accounting Office: Reports, Testimony, Correspondence, and Other Publications: January 1998 (GAO/OPA-98-4), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, February, 1998.

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Commodity Credit Corporation: Summary Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 1997, made under sec. 5 and 11 of the CCC Charter Act, required by sec. 161(b)(3) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act. Submitted by USDA, March 6, 1998.

USDA: Notification of intention to exercise waiver authority regarding nutrition assistance programs in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, required by sec. 601(c) of P.L. 96-597. Submitted by USDA, March 6, 1998.

USDA: Proposed land exchange for Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, March 9, 1998.

USDA: Draft bill to reform agricultural credit programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, March 10, 1998.

USDA: Administrative Expenses of Research and Promotion Boards Supervised by the Agricultural Marketing Service, required by sec. 501(d) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. Submitted by USDA, March 10, 1998.

Forest Service: Proposed land purchase for Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-558, as amended. Submitted by USDA, March 16, 1998.

Charter: Renewal of Grain Inspection Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by USDA, March 16, 1998.

USDA: Draft bill to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority to pay employees of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) working in establishments subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act for overtime and holiday work performed by such employees at rates the Secretary deems appropriate, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, March 23, 1998.

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration: Letter detailing restructuring of Packers and Stockyards Programs in order to strengthen ability to investigate anticompetitive practices and provide greater flexibility and efficiency in enforcing the trade practice and payment protection provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, March 23, 1998.

Charter: Renewal for two-year period of Environmental Financial Advisory Board, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by EPA, March 27, 1998.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Notice of request under Freedom of Information Act for a list of Florida citrus growers covered by a Federal marketing order for citrus grown in Florida, required by sec. 1663 of the Food Security Act of 1985, amending the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. Submitted by USDA, March 30, 1998.

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Welfare Reform: Effects of Changes Made to the Summer Food Service Program (GAO/T-RCED-98-120), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, March, 1998.

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Food Assistance: WIC Program Issues (GAO/T-RCED-98-125), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, March, 1998.

Food Assistance: Information on Selected Aspects of WIC (GAO/T-RCED-98-128), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, March, 1998.

EPA: Status of Chemicals in Special Review, February, 1998, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by EPA, March, 1998.

General Accounting Office: Changes in Nebraska's and Iowa's Counties With Large Meatpacking Plant Workforces (GAO/RCED-98-62), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, March, 1998.

Economic Research Service: Wheat Situation and Outlook Yearbook, March 1998, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, March, 1998.

USDA: Draft bill to reform and improve the administration of certain programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other

purposes, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, April 2, 1998.

USDA: Letter notifying change in the allocation of the rate of price support for milk as reflected in the purchase prices of nonfat dry milk and butter, required by sec. 141(d)(1) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. Submitted by USDA, April 8, 1998.

Commodity Credit Corporation: Summary Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 1997, required by sec. 161(b)(3) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, which amended the CCC Charter Act. Submitted by USDA, April 10, 1998.

Farm Programs: Administrative Requirements Reduced and Further Program Delivery Changes Possible (GAORCED-98-98), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, April 20, 1998.

USDA: Revised estimates regarding transfers and levels of programming under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (P.L. 480), required by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998, P.L. 105-86. Submitted by USDA, April 21, 1998.

USDA: Guide to USDA Programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, April 21, 1998.

Food Assistance: Observations on Reducing Fraud and Abuse in the Food Stamp Program, pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, April 23, 1998.

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USDA: Letter informing of steps to be taken to improve the management of the Forest Service, required by House Report 105-163 accompanying FY 1998 Interior Appropriations Act, P.L. 105-83. Submitted by USDA, April 28, 1998.

Office of Inspector General: Operation "Kiddie Care" Iterim Report, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, April 28, 1998.

Crop Revenue Insurance: Problems With New Plans Need to Be Addressed (GAO/RCED-98-111), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, April 29, 1998.

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Cigarette Smuggling: Information on Interstate and U.S.-Canadian Activity (GAO/T-RCED-98-182), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, May 4, 1998.

USDA: Letter from Secretary requesting authority to extend farmers' price support loans for six months, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, May 6, 1998.

Forest Service: Weak Contracting Practices Increase Vulnerability to Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (GAO/RCED-98-88), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, May 6, 1998.

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Food Assistance: Information on WIC Sole-Source Rebates and Infant Formula Prices (GAO/RCED-98-146), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, May 11, 1998.

USDA: Draft bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to impose fees for certain programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, May 14, 1998.

USDA: Statistical summaries of the end user identification program for imported flue-cured and burley tobacco, required by sec. 1166 of the Food Security Act of 1985. Submitted by USDA, May 14, 1998.

Food Safety: Federal Efforts to Ensure Imported Food Safety Are Inconsistent and Unreliable (GAO/T-RCED-98-191), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, May 14, 1998.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Notice of request under Freedom of Information Act for a list of California raisin and California table grape growers covered by Federal marketing orders for raisins and table grapes grown in California, required by sec. 1663 of



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Charter: Board of Scientific Counselors Advisory Committee established for two years, required by Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by EPA, May 27, 1998.

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Economic Research Service: Vegetables and Specialties Situation and Outlook Report, April 1998, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, May, 1998.

Farm Programs: Service to Farmers Will Likely Change as Farm Service Agency Continues to Reduce Staff and Close offices (GAO/RCED-98-136), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, May, 1998.

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Securities and Exchange Commission: Annual Report of the SEC for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by SEC, June 4, 1998.

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Foreign Agricultural Service: Summary of Title I, Public Law 480 concessional sales agreement with the Government of Peru, pursu-

ant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, June 9, 1998.

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Charter: Renewal of the National Advisory Committee for Tobacco Inspection Services, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by USDA, June 11, 1998.

Results Act: Observations on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 1999 (GAO/RCED-98-212R), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, June 11, 1998.

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USDA: Study of the Little Sandy Watershed, Mt. Hood National Forest, Zigzag Ranger Districts, October 28, 1997, and Bull Run Watershed Analysis, required by sec. 605 of the Orgeon Resources Conservation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-208. Submitted by USDA, June 12, 1998.

Forest Service: Proposed land exchange for Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-558, as amended. Submitted by USDA, June 16, 1998.

Agricultural Marketing Service: Notice of request under Freedom of Information Act for a list of Hawaiian papaya growers covered by a Federal marketing order for papayas grown in Hawaii, required by sec. 1663 of the Food Security Act of 1985, amending the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. Submitted by USDA, June 19, 1998.

Charter: Renewal of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by EPA, June 23, 1998.

H-2A Agricultural Guestworker Program: Changes Could Improve Services to Employers and Better Protect Workers (GAO/T-HEHS-98-200), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, June 24, 1998.

USDA: Draft legislation to extend the United States Department of Agriculture Personnel Management Demonstration Project, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, June 25, 1998.

General Accounting Office: Month in Review April 1998 Reports, Testimony, Correspondence, and Other Publications (GAO/OPA-98-7), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, June, 1998.

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Small Business Administration: Few Reviews of Guaranteed Lenders Have Been Conducted (GAO/GGD-98-85), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, June, 1998.

GAO: Month in Review, May, 1998, Reports, Testimony, Correspondence, and Other Publications (GAO/OPA-98-8), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, June, 1998.

Foreign Agricultural Service: Summary of Title I, Public Law 480 concessional sales agreement with the Government of Cote d'Ivoire, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, July 1, 1998.

USDA: Draft legislation to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to allow the Commodity Credit Corporation to use unobligated funds of the Export Enhancement Program for certain purposes, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, July 7, 1998.

General Accounting Office: Natural Resources Research Center, Fort Collins, CO (GAO/GGD-98-143R), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, July 10, 1998.

Foreign Agricultural Service: Summary of Title I, Public Law 480 concessional sales agreement with the Government of Guatemala, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, July 13, 1998.

USDA: Proposed land purchase for Charleston, South Carolina, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588. Submitted by USDA, July 13, 1998.

Charter: Establishment of Lake Tahoe Basin Advisory Committee for two years, required by Public Law 92-463. Submitted by USDA, July 15, 1998.

Risk-Based Capital: Regulatory and Industry Approaches to Capital and Risk (GAO/GGD-98-153), pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by GAO, July 20, 1998.

USDA: Draft legislation to assist States in implementing pathogen reduction reforms to their meat and poultry inspection pro-

grams, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, July 21, 1998.

Commodity Credit Corporation: Summary Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 1998, made under sec. 5 and 11 of the CCC Charter Act, required by sec. 161(b)(3) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act. Submitted by USDA, July 21, 1998.

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Community Development: Information on the Use of Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Tax Incentives (GAO/RCED-98-203), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, July, 1998.

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The White House: Budget Program Revisions for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for FY 1998 and FY 1999, required by sec. 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Act and the Government Corporation Control Act. Submitted by the White House, August 3, 1998.

Federal Lands: Wildfire preparedness and Suppression Expenditures for Fiscal Years 1993 Through 1997 (GAO/T-RCED-98-247), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, August 4, 1998.

Office of Inspector General: Audits of the fiscal year 1997 financial statements for the Forest Service, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's consolidated statements, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, August 12, 1998.

Economic Research Service: Structural and Financial Characteristics of U.S. Farms, 1995, 20th Annual Family Farm Report to Congress, required by sec. 102 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, as amended. Submitted by USDA, August 10, 1998.

Food and Nutrition Service: Federal/State Report, Milk: Does It Measure Up?—One Year Later—A Report on the Accuracy of Net Content Labeling of Milk, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, Federal Trade Commission, National Institute of Technology, and Food and Drug Administration, August 13, 1998.

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USDA: Proposed land purchase for Green Mountain National Forest, Vermont, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-558, as amended. Submitted by USDA, August 25, 1998.

Food Stamp Program: Monthly expenditure for March, 1998, and cumulative totals for fiscal year 1998 through March, as required by sec. 18 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended. Submitted by USDA, August 25, 1998.

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Foreign Agricultural Service: Summary of Title I, Public Law 480 concessional sales agreement with the Government of Indonesia, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, August 27, 1998.

CFTC Enforcement: Actions Taken to Strengthen the Division of Enforcement (GAO/GGD-98-193), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, August 28, 1998.

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USDA Telecommunications: Strong Leadership Needed to Resolve Management Weaknesses, Achieve Savings (GAO/AIMD-98-131), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, August, 1998.

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Charter: Renewal of Advisory Committee to the United States Government Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, required by Public Law 92-463. Submitted by EPA, September 11, 1998.

Charter: Renewal of Good Neighbor Environmental Board, required by Public Law 92-463. Submitted by EPA, September 11, 1998.

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Food and Nutrition Service: Final Report of the Evaluation of the Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Demonstration and the Summary of Findings, pursuant to agreed upon oversight procedures. Submitted by USDA, September 23, 1998.

Forest Service: Proposed land purchases for Wayne National Forest, Ohio, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-558, as amended. Submitted by USDA, September 28, 1998.

Charter: Renewal of the Gulf of Mexico Program Policy Review Board, required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92-463. Submitted by EPA, September 29, 1998.

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agement Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, October 13, 1998.

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Charter: Reestablishment of Provincial Advisory Committees to the Provincial Interagency Executive Committees for 12 provinces, which are areas set up under the Northwest Forest Plan, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by USDA, November 2, 1998.

Charter: Reestablishment of Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to the Regional Interagency Executive Committee, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by USDA, November 2, 1998.

Food Stamp Program: Monthly expenditure for August, 1998, and cumulative totals for fiscal year 1998 through August, as required by sec. 18 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended. Submitted by USDA, November 5, 1998.

Welfare Reform: Effects of Reduced Reimbursements on the Summer Food Service Program (GAO/RCE-99-20), pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, November 10, 1998.

Charter: Renewal of Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, required by P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by EPA, November 13, 1998.

Risk Management Agency: Final Report on the operation of the Apple Scab Integrated Pest Management (IPM) endorsement project pilot program, required by sec. 508(m)(3) of the Federal



Crop Insurance Act, as amended. Submitted by USDA, November 13, 1998.

General Accounting Office: Letter regarding timing of review of the adequacy of the methodology used by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to determine amounts serving as a basis for the reductions in each state's food stamp administrative reimbursement, required by the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998, P.L. 105-185. Submitted by GAO, November 18, 1998.

Charter: Renewal of National Environmental Education Advisory Council, required by Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Submitted by EPA, November 20, 1998.

Forest Service: Proposed land purchase for Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, November 23, 1998.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Indicators of Welfare Dependence, Annual Report to Congress, October 1998, required by the Welfare Indicators Act of 1994, P.L. 103-432. Submitted by USHHS, November 24, 1998.

Office of Inspector General: Semiannual Report to Congress, FY 1998-Second Half, mandated by the Inspector General Act of 1978, P.L. 95-452, as amended. Submitted by USDA, November 30, 1998.

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USDA: Proposed land purchases for Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas, and Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, November, 1998.

Recreation Fees: Demonstration Fee Program Successful in Raising Revenues but Could Be Improved (GAO/RCED-99-7) pursuant to request. Submitted by GAO, November, 1998.

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USDA: Proposed lands purchases for Angeles National Forest, California, and proposed land exchange for Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina, required by sec. 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, P.L. 94-588, as amended. Submitted by USDA, December 2, 1998.

USDA: Horse Protection Enforcement Report, Fiscal Year 1997, required by the Horse Protection Act. Submitted by USDA, December 4, 1998.

USDA: Year 2000 Supplemental Appropriations Request Justification for Fiscal Year 1999, U.S. Department of Agriculture Executive Summary, pursuant to P.L. 105-277. Submitted by USDA, December 7, 1998.

Charter: Reestablishment of National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee, required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92-463. Submitted by USDA, December, 1998.

#### E. MEMORIALS

60—May 7, 1997; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1013 memorializing Congress to request the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to take certain action regarding the Export Enhancement Program; and directing distribution.

93—May 22, 1997; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to Senate Joint Resolution 8 urging the United States Congress to give an affirmative expression of approval to a policy authorizing the state to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the export of unprocessed logs harvested from its land and from the land of its political subdivisions and the University of Alaska.

94—May 22, 1997; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to House Joint Resolution 24(RES) relating to challenging the environmental and economic integrity of Alaska timber as Christmas decor for the United States Capitol.

95—May 22, 1997; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2005 urging the Congress of the United States to direct the United States Department of Agriculture to establish reasonable, science-based standards by which American wheat growers can market wheat and other grain products containing karnal bunt.

116—June 5, 1997; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, relative to Resolution No. 2 memorializing the President, Congress, and the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States to design and implement adjustments to the Federal milk marketing order system that are equitable to Minnesota's family dairy farmers; including reassessment of the use of wholesale price indicators derived from trade on the Green Bay Cheese Exchange.

123—June 5, 1997; Memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, relative to Senate Resolution 97-S 971 memorializing the President and the Congress to improve funding for Federal assistance programs for legal aliens.

263—March 23, 1998; Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, relative to Resolution Number 55 urging timely responses to damage caused to forests by the ice storm of 1998.

280—April 21, 1998; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Resolution No. 5 memorializing the Congress of the United States to support, and to urge and request the secretary of agriculture to incorporate, Option 1A as the pricing procedure in all Federal milk marketing orders.

290—April 27, 1998; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 151 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take certain actions regarding the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996.

301—April 30, 1998; Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1066 memorializing Congress to enact Federal laws and regulations to ensure that contract swine and poultry growers are given freedom to form cooperative associations and organizations, and that protection is given to those growers who join growers associations from the hardships caused by unfair, deceptive, and unethical bargaining and trade practices.

303—May 4, 1998; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 10 memorializing the recognition of state and county rights-of-way under Revised Statute 2477 and take appropriate action to invalidate the proposed policy change for forest roadless areas.

307—May 11, 1998; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 141 memorializing the United States Congress to restore food stamp benefits to legal, noncitizen immigrants who have been denied participation in the Federal Food Stamp Program due to Public Law 104-193.

308—May 11, 1998; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Georgia, relative to Senate Resolution 492 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take immediate and appropriate action to have the State of Georgia declared an agricultural disaster area and provide needed assistance to Georgia's farm families.

328—June 3, 1998; Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, relative to House Concurrent Resolution 1067 memorializing the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to study and pass the legislation necessary regarding the issue of incorporating poultry growers within the protection provided to livestock producers by the Federal Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended.

330—June 5, 1998; Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 43 memorializing that Congress is urged to require that the importation of all agricultural products into Hawaii have a designation of country or origin and a certification of inspection based on United States Department of Agriculture standards to verify that each imported product has passed all U.S. health and agricultural requirements.

374—July 15, 1998; Memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 72 memorializing the Congress of the United States to Take Certain Actions Regarding The Implementation Of The Food Quality Protection Act Of 1996.

375—July 23, 1998; Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine, relative to H.P. 1568 requesting the President

of the United States and the United States Congress to remove the financial assistance necessary to grow the tobacco crop.

401—October 12, 1998; Memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, relative to House Resolution Number 856, urging the United States Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to revise comprehensively the existing laws, regulations, and policies with respect to the Federal Crop Insurance Program in order to adequately protect farmers against unavoidable crop losses and to prevent the serious reduction in farm operations and farm acreage throughout the Nation.

407—December 17, 1998 Memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution 77 memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to enact the “Forest Tax Relief Act,” which would repeal legislation authorizing the United States Forest Service to implement a pilot program charging visitors of the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino national forests specified daily and yearly fees to park on national forest lands.

#### F. PETITIONS

17—June 10, 1997; Petition of the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, California, relative to a vote of support for S. 615 by Senator John H. Chafee and H.R. 761 by Representative Barney Frank at their regular session.

32—February 3, 1998; Petition of Warrensburg Town Board, Warrensburg, New York, relative to Resolution No. 185-97 expressing strong opposition to H.R. 971 and requesting that the House of Representatives defeat this bill.

