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H. R. 5224

To amend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to authorize assistance for the stockpiling and rapid transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf stable prepackaged foods to needy individuals in foreign countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. BEREUTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to authorize assistance for the stockpiling and rapid transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf stable prepackaged foods to needy individuals in foreign countries.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Food Re-
5 lief Partnership Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR STOCKPILING AND RAPID TRANS-**
2 **PORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DISTRIBUTION**
3 **OF SHELF STABLE PREPACKAGED FOODS.**

4 Title II of the Agricultural Trade Development and
5 Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 208. ASSISTANCE FOR STOCKPILING AND RAPID**
8 **TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DIS-**
9 **TRIBUTION OF SHELF STABLE PRE-**
10 **PACKAGED FOODS.**

11 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administrator is author-
12 ized to provide grants to—

13 “(1) United States nonprofit organizations (de-
14 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
15 Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section
16 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) and
17 eligible organizations for the preparation of shelf
18 stable prepackaged foods and the establishment and
19 maintenance of stockpiles of such foods in the
20 United States; and

21 “(2) private voluntary organizations and inter-
22 national organizations for the rapid transportation,
23 delivery, and distribution of such shelf stable pre-
24 packaged foods to needy individuals in foreign coun-
25 tries.

1 “(b) GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STOCK-
2 PILES.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 70 percent
4 of the amount made available to carry out this sec-
5 tion shall be used to provide grants under subsection
6 (a)(1).

7 “(2) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under
8 subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall give pref-
9 erence to a United States nonprofit organization
10 that agrees to provide non-Federal funds in an
11 amount equal to 50 percent of the funds received
12 under a grant under subsection (a)(1), an in kind
13 contribution equal to such percent, or a combination
14 thereof, for the preparation of shelf stable pre-
15 packaged foods and the establishment and mainte-
16 nance of stockpiles of such foods in the United
17 States in accordance with such subsection.

18 “(c) GRANTS FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION, DELIV-
19 ERY, AND DISTRIBUTION.—Not less than 20 percent of
20 the amount made available to carry out this section shall
21 be used to provide grants under subsection (a)(2).

22 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—Not more than 10 percent
23 of the amount made available to carry out this section may
24 be used by the Administrator for the administration of
25 grants under subsection (a).

1 “(e) REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES.—Not later than
2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section,
3 the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of
4 Agriculture, shall issue such regulations or guidelines as
5 the Administrator determines to be necessary to carry out
6 this section, including regulations or guidelines that pro-
7 vide to United States nonprofit organizations eligible to
8 receive grants under subsection (a)(1) guidance with re-
9 spect to the requirements for qualified shelf stable pre-
10 packaged foods and the amount of such foods to be stock-
11 piled by such organizations.

12 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
14 appropriated to the Administrator for the purpose of
15 carrying out this section, in addition to amounts
16 otherwise available for such purposes, \$3,000,000
17 for each of the fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

18 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated
19 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations
20 under paragraph (1) are authorized to remain avail-
21 able until expended.”.

22 **SEC. 3. PREPOSITIONING OF COMMODITIES.**

23 Section 407(c) of the Agricultural Trade Develop-
24 ment and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1736a(c)) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
2 graph:

3 “(4) PREPOSITIONING.—Funds made available
4 for fiscal years 2001 and 2002 to carry out titles II
5 and III of this Act may be used by the Adminis-
6 trator to procure, transport, and store agricultural
7 commodities for prepositioning within the United
8 States and in foreign countries, except that for each
9 such fiscal year not more than \$2,000,000 of such
10 funds may be used to store agricultural commodities
11 for prepositioning in foreign countries.”.

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