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H. R. 479

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make emergency loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to greenhouse farmers whose energy costs have escalated sharply.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY LOANS FOR GREENHOUSE FARM-**
4 **ERS WHOSE ENERGY COSTS HAVE ESCA-**
5 **LATED SHARPLY.**

6 Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
7 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1961(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in the 1st sentence, by inserting “, or that
2 the applicants’ greenhouse farming operations have
3 been substantially affected by an increase in energy
4 prices of at least 25 percent in any 12-month pe-
5 riod” before “: *Provided*,”;

6 (2) in the 2nd sentence, by inserting “, or that
7 conduct greenhouse farming operations in any coun-
8 ty contiguous to a county where the Secretary has
9 found that greenhouse farming operations have been
10 substantially affected by an increase in energy prices
11 of at least 25 percent in any 12-month period” be-
12 fore the period;

13 (3) in the 3rd sentence—

14 (A) by inserting “or (in the case of a
15 greenhouse farming operation), by an increase
16 in energy prices,” after “a natural disaster”;
17 and

18 (B) by inserting “, or that greenhouse
19 farming operations have been substantially af-
20 fected by such increase in energy prices,” after
21 “by such natural disaster”; and

22 (4) by adding at the end the following: “In this
23 subsection, the term ‘greenhouse farming’ means the

- 1 production of an agricultural commodity in a green-
- 2 house for a commercial purpose.”.

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