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Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Agriculture to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2020

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. CUELLAR, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. BOST, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. BACON, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. YOHO, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SOTO, Mr. DUNN, and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION FOR USDA TO RESPOND TO**
2 **COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fis-
5 cal year 2020 for an additional amount for the “Depart-
6 ment of Agriculture—Office of the Secretary”,
7 \$50,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to
8 prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID–19 pan-
9 demic by providing support for agricultural producers im-
10 pacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that the Sec-
11 retary shall not apply any limitation on payments made
12 to producers using funding provided under this section,
13 except to ensure that total payments made to producers
14 do not exceed total damages related to the COVID–19
15 pandemic, as determined by the Secretary.

16 (b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—The amount appro-
17 priated by subsection (a) is designated by the Congress
18 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
19 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
20 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and shall only be avail-
21 able if the President subsequently so designates such
22 amount and transmits such designation to the Congress.

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