

## OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS IN H.R. 4101 CONFERENCE AGREEMENT ON FY'99 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

### BILL LANGUAGE

#### Title I-Agricultural Programs Agricultural Research Service

-Language specifying that the limitations on alterations contained in the legislation shall not apply to modernization or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville, Maryland; provided further, that appropriations hereunder shall be available for granting easements at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, including an easement to the University of Maryland to construct the Transgenic Animal Facility which upon completion shall be accepted by the Secretary as a gift.

#### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Research and Education Activities

- Specifically identifies Tuskegee University as eligible for payments from the 1890 land-grant colleges fund.
- Specifically identifies Tuskegee University as eligible to receive funds for a program of capacity building grants under the Act of August 30, 1890.

#### Extension Activities

- Specifically identifies Tuskegee University as eligible for funding for upgrade research, extension, and teaching facilities at the 1890 land-grant colleges.
- Specifically identifies Tuskegee University as eligible for cooperative extension work by the colleges receiving the benefits of the second Morrill Act.

#### Title VII-General Provisions

- Language directing that notwithstanding any other provision of law, the City of Big Spring, Texas shall be eligible to participate in rural housing programs administered by the Rural Housing Service.
- The Municipality of Carolina, Puerto Rico shall be eligible for grants and loans administered by the Rural Utilities Service.
- Funds made available for conservation operations by this or any other Act, including prior-year balances, shall be available for financial assistance and technical assistance for Franklin County, Mississippi, in the amounts earmarked in appropriations report language.
- Language which states that none of the funds made available to the Food and Drug Administration by this Act shall be used to close or relocate, or to plan to close or relocate, the Food and Drug Administration Division of Drug Analysis in St. Louis, Missouri.
- The City of Vineland, New Jersey, shall be eligible for programs administered by the Rural Housing Service and the Rural Business-Cooperation Service.

#### Title XI-Emergency and Market Loss Assistance Subtitle C-other Assistance

#### Sec. 1121 Indemnity Payments for Cotton Producers

- The Secretary of Agriculture shall pay \$5,000,000 to the State of Georgia to help fund an indemnity fund, to be established and managed by that State, to compensate cotton producers in that State for losses incurred in 1998 or 1999.

## REPORT LANGUAGE

Title I-Agricultural Programs  
Agricultural Research Service

- An earmark of \$250,000 to Alternative Fish Feed in Aberdeen, ID.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Appalachian Fruit Research Station, Kearneysville, WV.
- An earmark of \$1,100,000 to Aquaculture Research, AK.
- An earmark of \$300,000 to Biological Control of Western Weeds, Albany, CA.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Cereal Crops Research, Madison, WI.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Cotton Ginning, Stoneville, MS.
- An earmark of \$200,000 to Endophyte Research C/A with University of AR, MO and OSU.
- An earmark of \$750,000 to Fish Diseases, Auburn, AL.
- An earmark of \$750,000 to Fish Farming Experiment Laboratory, Stuttgart, AR.
- An earmark of \$1,000,000 to Floriculture and Nursery Crop Res (USNA, Washington, DC/OSU/Cornell and CA Univ).
- An earmark of \$500,000 to Ft. Pierce, FL for Horticulture.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Forage Crops, Woodward, OK.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Garden Unit, USNA, Washington, DC.
- An earmark of \$150,000 to Golden Nematode, Ithaca, NY.
- An earmark of \$300,000 to Grape Rootstock, Geneva, NY.
- An earmark of \$750,000 to Grasshopper Research, AK.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Grazinglands Research, El Reno, OK.
- An earmark of \$300,000 to Honeybee Research (Varroa/Tracheal Mites), Baton Rouge, LA.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Lettuce Geneticist/Breeding, Salinas, CA.
- An earmark of \$200,000 to Lyme Disease-Tick Control Project, Beltsville, MD.
- An earmark of \$500,000 to Manure Handling and Disposal, Starkville, MS.
- An earmark of \$200,000 to Meadowfoam Research, Peoria, IL.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Mycoplasma Research, Starkville, MS.
- An earmark of \$1,100,000 to National Warmwater Aquaculture Center, Stoneville, MS.
- An earmark of \$750,000 to Natural Products, Oxford, MS.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to New England Plant, Soil and Water Lab, Orono, ME.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Non-Chemical Control of Pecan Insect Pests, Byron, GA.
- An earmark of \$150,000 to Peach Varieties Research, Byron, GA.
- An earmark of \$1,000,000 to Peanut Quality Research Dawson, GA/Raleigh, NC.
- An earmark of \$100,000 to Pear Thrips, Ithaca, NY.
- An earmark of \$150,000 to Potato Breeder Position, Aberdeen, ID.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Range Research, Burns, OR.
- An earmark of \$1,400,000 to Rice Research in Stuttgart, AK.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Rice Research in Davis, CA.
- An earmark of \$200,000 to Rice Research in Beaumont, TX.
- An earmark of \$500,000 to Root Diseases of Wheat and Barley, Pullman, WA.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Small Fruits Research, Poplarville, MS.
- An earmark of \$250,000 to Small Fruits Research, Corvallis, OR.
- An earmark of \$500,000 to Soil Tilth Research, Ames, IA.
- An earmark of \$750,000 to Soybean and Corn Research, Stoneville, MS.
- An earmark of \$500,000 to Subtropical Animal Research Station, Brooksville, FL.
- An earmark of \$300,000 to Subtropical Horticultural Research Station, Miami, FL.
- An earmark of \$200,000 to Sugarbeet Research, Ft. Collins, CO.

- An earmark of \$500,000 to U.S. Plant Stress and Water Conservation Lab, Lubbock, TX.
  - An earmark of \$200,000 to Vegetable Research, East Lansing, MI.
  - An earmark of \$100,000 to Wild Rice Research, St. Paul, MN.
  - An earmark of \$250,000 to Wind Erosion Research, Manhattan, KS.
- An additional \$2,000,000 to the ARS National Animal Disease Center at Ames, Iowa on corn insects and crop genetics, plant introduction, soil tilth, and national programs to control and prevent avian and animal diseases.

#### Buildings and Facilities

- An earmark of \$500,000 to Water Conservation and Western Cotton, Maricopa, AZ.
- An earmark of \$6,150,000 to Western Human Nutrition Laboratory, Davis, CA.
- An earmark of \$4,500,000 to U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center in Hawaii.
- An earmark of \$8,200,000 to National Center for Agricultural Utilization, Peoria, IL.
- An earmark of \$2,957,000 to National Animal Disease Center, Ames, Iowa.
- An earmark of \$1,400,000 to U.S. Grain Marketing Research Laboratory, Manhattan, Kansas.
- An earmark of \$6,000,000 to Southern Regional Research Center, New Orleans, LA.
- An earmark of \$1,200,000 to National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD.
- An earmark of \$2,500,000 to Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD.
- An earmark of \$200,000 to Biocontrol and Insect Rearing Laboratory, Stoneville, MS.
- An earmark of \$7,300,000 to Pest Quarantine/Integrated Pest Management Facility, Sidney, Montana.
- An earmark of \$6,700,000 to Jornada Range Research Station, Las Cruces, NM.
- An earmark of \$3,500,000 to Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Greenport, NY.
- An earmark of \$3,300,000 to Eastern Regional Research Center, Philadelphia, PA.
- An earmark of \$30,000 to Poisonous Plant Laboratory, Logan, Utah.
- An earmark of \$2,000,000 to National Center for Cool and Cold Water Aquaculture, Leetown, WV.
- The conference provides \$500,000 in additional planning funds for the relocation and replacement of ARS research laboratory from the Phoenix, Arizona location to the Maricopa Agriculture Center; the conference agreement provides \$2,957,000 for the National Animal Disease Center and expects the ARS to use \$1,943,000 in available unobligated funds to complete the project.

#### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Research and Education Activities

- Payments for Special Research Grants (P.L. 89-106) to 1890 colleges and Tuskegee including the following earmarks:
  - \$360,000 to Aegilops cylindricum (WA)
  - \$113,000 to Aflatoxin (IL)
  - \$250,000 to Agriculture-based industrial lubricants (IA)
  - \$131,000 to Agricultural diversification (HI)
  - \$250,000 to Agricultural diversity/Red River Corridor (MN/ND)
  - \$300,000 to Agriculture water usage (GA)
  - \$300,000 to Alliance for food protection (NE, GA)
  - \$550,000 to Alternative crops (ND)
  - \$100,000 to Alternative crops for arid lands (TX)
  - \$308,000 to Alternative marine and fresh water species (MS)
  - \$400,000 to Alternative salmon products (AK)
  - \$1,521,000 to Animal science food safety consortium (AR, IA, KS)
  - \$500,000 to Apple fire blight (NY, MI)
  - \$330,000 to Aquaculture (LA)
  - \$592,000 to Aquaculture (MS)
  - \$100,000 to Aquaculture (VA)
  - \$750,000 to Aquaculture product and marketing development (WV)
  - \$400,000 to Babcock Institute (WI)

\$152,000 to Biodiesel research (MO)  
\$150,000 to Brucellosis vacinos (MT)  
\$113,000 to Center for animal health and productivity (PA)  
\$381,000 to Center for Innovative food technology (OH)  
\$200,000 to Center for rural studies (VT)  
\$150,000 to Chesapeake Bay agroecology (MD)  
\$680,000 to Competitiveness of agricultural products (WA)  
\$250,000 to Contagious equine metitis (KY)  
\$329,000 to Cool season legume research (ID, WA)  
\$200,000 to Cotton research (TX)  
\$150,000 to Cranberry/blueberry (MA)  
\$220,000 to Cranberry/blueberry disease & breeding (NJ, MA)  
\$63,000 to Dairy and meat goat research (TX)  
\$148,000 to Delta rural revitalization (MS)  
\$250,000 to Designing foods for health (TX)  
\$200,000 to Drought mitigation (NE)  
\$500,000 to Ecosystems (AL)  
\$486,000 to Environmental research (NY)  
\$100,000 to Environmental risk factors/cancer (NY)  
\$285,000 to Expanded wheat pasture (OK)  
\$87,000 to Farm and rural business finance (IL)  
\$600,000 to Feed barley for rangeland cattle (MT)  
\$250,000 to Floriculture (HI)  
\$800,000 to Food and Agriculture Policy Institute (IA, MO)  
\$200,000 to Food irradiation (IA)  
\$400,000 to Food marketing policy center (CT)  
\$42,000 to Food processing center (NE)  
\$350,000 to Food quality (AK)  
\$127,000 to Global marketing support service (AR)  
\$106,000 to Grain Sorghum (KS)  
\$423,000 to Grass seed cropping systems for a sustainable agriculture (WA, OR, ID)  
\$473,000 to Human nutrition (IA)  
\$752,000 to Human nutrition (LA)  
\$622,000 to Human nutrition (NY)  
\$200,000 to Hydroponic tomato production (OH)  
\$1,184,000 to Illinois-Missouri Alliance for Biotechnology  
\$296,000 to Improved dairy management practices (PA)  
\$445,000 to Improved fruit practices (MI)  
\$250,000 to Infectious disease research (CO)  
\$1,250,000 to Institute for Food Science and Engineering (AR)  
\$180,000 to Integrated production systems (OK)  
\$250,000 to International agricultural market structures and institutions (KY)  
\$1,564,000 to Iowa biotechnology consortium  
\$475,000 to Livestock and dairy policy (NY, TX)  
\$220,000 to Lowbush blueberry research (ME)  
\$100,000 to Maple research (VT)  
\$300,000 to Meadowfoam (OR)  
\$592,000 to Midwest agricultural products (IA)  
\$250,000 to Milk safety (PA)  
\$550,000 to Minor use animal drugs (IR-4)  
\$400,000 to Molluscan shellfish (OR)  
\$364,000 to Multi-commodity research (OR)  
\$127,000 to Multi-cropping strategies for aquaculture (HI)  
\$127,000 to Nematode resistance genetic engineering (NM)

\$64,000 to Non-food uses of agricultural products (NE)  
\$175,000 to Oil resources from desert plants (NM)  
\$100,000 to Organic waste utilization (NM)  
\$225,000 to Pasture and forage research (UT)  
\$162,000 to Peach tree short life (SC)  
\$106,000 to Pest control alternatives (SC)  
\$127,000 to Phytophthora root rot (NM)  
\$150,000 to Plant, drought, and disease resistance gene cataloging (NM)  
\$300,000 to Postharvest rice straws (CA)  
\$500,000 to Precision agriculture (KY)  
\$1,000,000 to Precision agriculture (MS)  
\$212,000 to Preharvest food safety (KS)  
\$226,000 to Preservation and processing research (OK)  
\$200,000 to Rangeland ecosystems (NM)  
\$294,000 to Regionalized implications of farm programs (MO, TX)  
\$296,000 to Rice modeling (AR)  
\$523,000 to Rural development centers (PA, IA, ND, MS, OR, LA)  
\$644,000 to Rural policies institute (NE, MO)  
\$200,000 to Russian wheat aphid (CO)  
\$305,000 to Seafood and aquaculture harvesting, processing, and marketing (MS)  
\$300,000 to Small fruit research (OR, WA, ID)  
\$475,000 to Soybean cyst nematode (MO)  
\$445,000 to Sustainable agriculture (MI)  
\$95,000 to Sustainable agriculture and natural resources (PA)  
\$59,000 to Sustainable agriculture systems (NE)  
\$500,000 to Sustainable beef supply (MT)  
\$400,000 to Sustainable pest management for dryland wheat (MT)  
\$500,000 to Swine waste management (NC)  
\$212,000 to Tillage, silviculture, waste management (LA)  
\$200,000 to Tomato wilt virus (GA)  
\$200,000 to Turkey carnavirus (IN)  
\$64,000 to Urban pests (GA)  
\$100,000 to Vidalia onions (GA)  
\$1,000,000 to Viticulture consortium (NY, CA)  
\$79,000 to Water conservation (KS)  
\$423,000 to Weed control (ND)  
\$600,000 to Wetland plants (LA)  
\$261,000 to Wheat genetic research (KS)  
\$5,136,000 to Wood utilization research (OR, MS, NC, MN, ME, MI, ID, TN)  
\$300,000 to Wool research (TX, MT, WY)  
Federal Administration:  
\$250,000 to Agriculture waste utilization (WV)  
\$218,000 to Alternative fuels characterization laboratory (ND)  
\$250,000 to Animal waste management (OK)  
\$355,000 to Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (IA)  
\$250,000 to Mariculture (NC)  
\$583,000 to Mississippi Valley State University  
\$300,000 to National Center for Peanut Competitiveness (GA)  
\$873,000 to PM-10 study (CA, WA)  
\$3,354,000 to Shrimp aquaculture (AZ, HI, MS, MA, SC)

- An earmark of \$100,000 to a new Rural Development Center in Louisiana.

- An earmark of \$1,000,000 for the wood utilization special grant for the establishment of two new Rural Development Centers in Idaho and Tennessee with the remainder of the increase to be shared on a proportionate basis by the existing centers.

#### Extension Activities

- Federal Administration and special grants earmarked in the following areas:

\$197,000 to Beef producers' improvement (AR)  
\$550,000 to Diabetes detection, prevention (WA)  
\$99,000 to Extension specialist (AR)  
\$100,000 to Extension specialist (MS)  
\$246,000 to Income enhancement demonstration (OH)  
\$300,000 to Integrated cow/calf resources management (IA)  
\$195,000 to National Center for Agriculture Safety (IA)  
\$326,000 to Pilot tech. transfer (OK, MS)  
\$163,000 to Pilot tech. transfer (WI)  
\$197,000 to Range improvement (NM)  
\$280,000 to Rural development (NM)  
\$150,000 to Rural development (OK)  
\$246,000 to Rural rehabilitation (GA)  
\$197,000 to Wood biomass as an alternative farm product (NY)

- Language provides for an increase for water quality and expects the projects in North Dakota and Illinois to compete for these funds.

#### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Salaries and Expenses

- In order to properly survey and monitor red imported fire ants, the conferees direct APHIS to provide the necessary financial and technical assistance to the State of New Mexico to carry out the necessary activities.

- An earmark of \$500,000 for operation of the bison quarantine facility and all associated operations including the testing of bison which have left Yellowstone National Park.

- An earmark of \$300,000 to establish and operate a Wildlife Services office in Hawaii.

- An additional \$175,000 to offset the impact of expanding wolf populations and the reintroduction of wolves in the northern Rocky Mountain.

- An earmark of \$400,000 to require the Secretary to prevent the inadvertent introduction of brown tree snakes into Hawaii and other states.

#### Buildings and Facilities

- An earmark of \$3,500,000 for completion of a wing at the National Wildlife Research Center in Fort Collins, CO.

- Language directs the agency to consider locations in Montana and Iowa for construction of a large animal biosafety level-3 containment facility.

Farm Services Agency  
Salaries and Expenses

- The conferees expect the Secretary to avoid the use of reductions-in-force or furloughs for both Federal and non-Federal employees or any county office closings.

Title II-Conservation Programs  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Conservation Operations

- An additional \$100,000 for native plants on the Island of Kahoolawe in Hawaii.
- An additional \$300,000 for the Loess Hills Erosion Control in Iowa.
- An earmark of \$300,000 to the Long Beach Waste Management District Project in Mississippi.
- An additional \$400,000 for the Delta Water Resources Study in Mississippi.
- An earmark of \$500,000 to the Tri-Valley watershed in Utah.
- An earmark of \$500,000 to the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil and Erosion Sediment Control.
- An additional \$100,000 for the Potomac Ohio River Basin Soil Nutrient Project.
- An earmark of \$100,000 to the Trees Forever Program in Iowa.
- An additional \$443,000 for construction of the Plant Materials Center at Alderson, West Virginia.
- The conferees encourage the agency to provide any technical assistance for construction and repairs to the spillway and roads for Lake Peltier at Salmen Scout Reservation, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Watershed Surveys and Planning  
Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations

- The agreement includes continued progress and assistance for the Chino Dairy Preserve Project, San Bernardino County, CA.

Title 111-Rural Economic and Community Development Programs  
Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development

- The conferees expect the Department to give consideration to business enterprise and housing preservation projects in the city of Bayview, VA; applications for rural business enterprise grants from TELACU, for a project in Selma, CA; for assistance for a community improvement program in Arkansas; water and sewer improvements for the City of Vaughn, NM; the Shulerville/Honey Hill Water project, SC; and a rural enterprise grant for Indian Hill Community College, IA.

- The conferees direct the agency to exercise its authority to consider the effects of economic circumstances and high unemployment in calculating median household income for the community of Wrangell, AK, for the purpose of determining whether the community is eligible for loans and grants.

- Language which urge the Secretary to utilize creative and flexible solutions under the existing water and sewer loan and grants program, the community facilities loan and grants program, and such other rural development programs as the Secretary in his discretion may determine appropriate to meet this critical need in American Samoa.

Rural Housing Service  
Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account

- The conferees recognize the importance of providing assistance to the economically distressed areas of the Lower Mississippi Delta; one of the areas to be considered is West Tallahatchie, MS, where there is a shortage of housing for teachers.

#### Rural Cooperative Development Grants

- The conferees expect the Department to give consideration to the following projects requesting assistance under the Rural Cooperative Development Grants program: agricultural diversification, to be conducted by the Jefferson Institute, MO; Silos and Smokestacks, IA; and the Pennsylvania Cooperative Development Center.

#### Rural Utilities Service

##### Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program

- Earmark of \$12,680,000 for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Programs, including; the National Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research Center multistate digital/distance learning project; the distance learning network for schools in Orleans County, VT; the continuing education model distance learning program made up of a consortium of Kansas State University and community colleges in Colby, Dodge City, Garden City and Liberal, KS; Indiana State University's degree link initiative; a distance learning project for an alliance of the five colleges of technology included in the State University of New York system; and the Alaska Federal Health Care Access Network, a multiagency statewide telemedicine initiative to provide health care services to remote communities on a cost-effective basis by saving unnecessary air transportation costs to urban and regional health care providers; Maui Community College; the community hospital system, and the nutrition education activities of the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

#### Title VI-Related Agencies and Food and Drug Administration

##### Department of Health and Human Services

##### Food and Drug Administration

##### Salaries and Expenses

- An additional \$2,500,000 for the Office of Cosmetics and Color.
- An earmark of \$200,000 for a grant to the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Commission.
- An earmark of \$500,000 for research at the National Center for Toxicological Research.

TOTAL EARMARKS: \$166,290,000