

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Strike subtitle C of title I (sugar) and insert the following:

1 Subtitle C—Sugar

2 SEC. 1301. SUGAR PROGRAM.

3 (a) SUGARCANE.—Section 156(a) of the Federal Ag-
4 riculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C.
5 7272(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” after
7 the semicolon at the end;

8 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) 18 cents per pound for raw cane sugar for
12 each of the 2014 through 2018 crop years.”.

13 (b) SUGAR BEETS.—Section 156(b)(2) of the Federal
14 Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7
15 U.S.C. 7272(b)(2)) is amended by striking “2012” and
16 inserting “2018”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Section 156(i) of the Fed-
18 eral Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7

1 U.S.C. 7272(i) is amended by striking “2012” and in-
2 serting “2018”.

3 **SEC. 1302. FLEXIBLE MARKETING ALLOTMENTS FOR**
4 **SUGAR.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 359b of the Agricultural
6 Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359bb) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

8 (A) in the matter before subparagraph (A),
9 by striking “2012” and inserting “2018”; and

10 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “at
11 reasonable prices” after “stocks”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “but”
14 after the semicolon at the end and inserting
15 “and”; and

16 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
17 serting the following:

18 “(B) appropriate to maintain adequate do-
19 mestic supplies at reasonable prices, taking into
20 account all sources of domestic supply, includ-
21 ing imports.”.

22 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF FLEXIBLE MARKETING AL-
23 LOTMENTS.—Section 359c of the Agricultural Adjustment
24 Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359cc) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
3 “but” after the semicolon at the end and
4 inserting “and”; and

5 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
6 inserting the following:

7 “(B) appropriate to maintain adequate
8 supplies at reasonable prices, taking into ac-
9 count all sources of domestic supply, including
10 imports.”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “at
12 reasonable prices” after “market”; and

13 (2) in subsection (g)(1)—

14 (A) by striking “ADJUSTMENTS.—” and
15 all that follows through “Subject to subpara-
16 graph (B), the” and inserting “ADJUST-
17 MENTS.—The”; and

18 (B) by striking subparagraph (B).

19 (c) SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF PROVI-
20 SIONS.—Section 359j of the Agricultural Adjustment Act
21 of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359jj) is amended by adding at the
22 end the following:

23 “(c) SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF PROVI-
24 SIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this part,
25 the Secretary may suspend or modify, in whole or in part,

1 the application of any provision of this part if the Sec-
2 retary determines that the action is appropriate, taking
3 into account—

4 “(1) the interests of consumers, workers in the
5 food industry, businesses (including small busi-
6 nesses), and agricultural producers; and

7 “(2) the relative competitiveness of domestically
8 produced and imported foods containing sugar.”.

9 (d) ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF RATE QUOTAS.—
10 Section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938
11 (7 U.S.C. 1359kk) is amended to read as follows:

12 **“SEC. 359k. ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF RATE QUOTAS.**

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law, at the beginning of the quota year, the
15 Secretary shall establish the tariff-rate quotas for raw
16 cane sugar and refined sugar at no less than the minimum
17 level necessary to comply with obligations under inter-
18 national trade agreements that have been approved by
19 Congress.

20 “(b) ADJUSTMENT.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (a),
22 the Secretary shall adjust the tariff-rate quotas for
23 raw cane sugar and refined sugar to provide ade-
24 quate supplies of sugar at reasonable prices in the
25 domestic market.

1 “(2) ENDING STOCKS.—Subject to paragraphs
2 (1) and (3), the Secretary shall establish and adjust
3 tariff-rate quotas in such a manner that the ratio of
4 sugar stocks to total sugar use at the end of the
5 quota year will be approximately 15.5 percent.

6 “(3) MAINTENANCE OF REASONABLE PRICES
7 AND AVOIDANCE OF FORFEITURES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may es-
9 tablish a different target for the ratio of ending
10 stocks to total use if, in the judgment of the
11 Secretary, the different target is necessary to
12 prevent—

13 “(i) unreasonably high prices; or

14 “(ii) forfeitures of sugar pledged as
15 collateral for a loan under section 156 of
16 the Federal Agriculture Improvement and
17 Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272).

18 “(B) ANNOUNCEMENT.—The Secretary
19 shall publicly announce any establishment of a
20 target under this paragraph.

21 “(4) CONSIDERATIONS.—In establishing tariff-
22 rate quotas under subsection (a) and making adjust-
23 ments under this subsection, the Secretary shall con-
24 sider the impact of the quotas on consumers, work-

1 ers, businesses (including small businesses), and ag-
2 ricultural producers.

3 “(c) TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF QUOTAS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To promote full use of the
5 tariff-rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined
6 sugar, notwithstanding any other provision of law,
7 the Secretary shall promulgate regulations that pro-
8 vide that any country that has been allocated a
9 share of the quotas may temporarily transfer all or
10 part of the share to any other country that has also
11 been allocated a share of the quotas.

12 “(2) TRANSFERS VOLUNTARY.—Any transfer
13 under this subsection shall be valid only on vol-
14 untary agreement between the transferor and the
15 transferee, consistent with procedures established by
16 the Secretary.

17 “(3) TRANSFERS TEMPORARY.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any transfer under
19 this subsection shall be valid only for the dura-
20 tion of the quota year during which the transfer
21 is made.

22 “(B) FOLLOWING QUOTA YEAR.—No
23 transfer under this subsection shall affect the
24 share of the quota allocated to the transferor or
25 transferee for the following quota year.”.

1 (e) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Section 359l(a) of the Ag-
2 ricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359ll(a))
3 is amended by striking “2012” and inserting “2018”.

4 **SEC. 1303. REPEAL OF FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM**
5 **FOR BIOENERGY PRODUCERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9010 of the Farm Secu-
7 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8110)
8 is repealed.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10 (1) Section 359a(3)(B) of the Agricultural Ad-
11 justment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359aa(3)(B)) is
12 amended—

13 (A) in clause (i), by inserting “and” after
14 the semicolon at the end;

15 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” at
16 the end and inserting a period; and

17 (C) by striking clause (iii).

18 (2) Section 359b(e)(2)(C) of the Agricultural
19 Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359bb(e)(2)(C))
20 is amended by striking “, except for” and all that
21 follows through “ of 2002”.

