

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. FORTENBERRY OF NEBRASKA

Page 187, after line 10, insert the following (and re-designate the subsequent subsections accordingly):

1 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—It is in the national interests
3 of the United States to advance food security in de-
4 veloping countries and open new markets for agricul-
5 tural trade through programs that leverage the
6 unique capabilities of Federal departments and
7 agencies, and improve coordination between donors,
8 beneficiaries, and the private sector.

9 (2) ROLE OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—The Department of Agriculture plays an
10 important role in establishing trade between the
11 United States and other nations and should enhance
12 its role in facilitating the transfer of the knowledge,
13 skills, and experience of American farmers, land-
14 grant universities, and extension services through
15 the John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-To-
16 Farmer Program under title V of the Food for
17 Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1737).
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Page 187, strike lines 11 through 14 and insert the following:

1 (b) CLARIFICATION OF NATURE OF ASSISTANCE.—
2 Section 501(b)(1) of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C.
3 1737(b) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “technical”
5 before “assistance”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (2)(A)—

7 (A) by striking “; and” at the end of
8 clause (viii); and

9 (B) by striking clause (ix) and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(ix) agricultural education and exten-
12 sion;

13 “(x) selection of seed varieties and
14 plant stocks;

15 “(xi) knowledge of insecticide and
16 sanitation procedures to prevent crop de-
17 struction;

18 “(xii) use and maintenance of agricul-
19 tural equipment and irrigation systems;
20 and

21 “(xiii) selection of fertilizers and
22 methods of soils treatment; and”.

Page 189, after line 6, insert the following:

1 (g) CROP YIELDS AND INNOVATIVE PARTNER-
2 SHIPS.—Section 501 of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C.
3 1737) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(f) ESTABLISHMENT OF A GEOGRAPHICALLY DE-
5 FIED CROP YIELD METRICS.—The Secretary of Agri-
6 culture, in cooperation with the Administrator of the
7 Agency for International Development, should—

8 “(1) establish a geographically defined crop
9 yield metrics system to assess improvements in crop
10 yields in countries and areas receiving assistance
11 under this title; and

12 “(2) store the data resulting from such geo-
13 graphically defined crop yield metrics system in a
14 publicly available Internet database system.

15 “(g) GRANT PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW PARTNERS
16 AND INNOVATION.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
18 Agency for International Development shall develop
19 a grant program for fiscal years 2019 through 2023
20 to facilitate new and innovative partnerships and ac-
21 tivities under this title.

22 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Grant recipients under
23 this subsection shall use such funds—

24 “(A) to prioritize new implementing part-
25 ners;

1 “(B) on innovative volunteer models;

2 “(C) on strategic partnerships with other

3 United States development programs; and

4 “(D) on expanding the footprint and im-

5 pact of the programs and activities under this

6 title, and diversity among program participants,

7 including land grant colleges or universities and

8 extension services.

9 “(h) APPROPRIATIONS.—None of the amounts made

10 available to carry out this title may be used to carry out

11 subsections (f) and (g) of this section except to the extent

12 that such subsections are carried out using authorities

13 otherwise provided by this title.”.

