

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA**

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. _____. EMERGENCY COMMODITY ASSISTANCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make eco-
3 nomic assistance payments to eligible producers, as deter-
4 mined by the Secretary, for covered losses.

5 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—In carrying out payments
6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use, to the max-
7 imum extent practicable, existing producer records, acre-
8 age reports, and payment systems.

9 (c) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to the
10 Secretary to carry out this section \$12,000,000,000, to
11 remain available until expended.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “covered commodity” means—

14 (A) rice, wheat, corn, grain sorghum, bar-
15 ley, oats, rye, millet, triticale, soybeans, pea-
16 nuts, sugarcane, and sugar beets; and

17 (B) any other agricultural commodity, as
18 determined appropriate by the Secretary based
19 on prevailing market conditions.

20 (2) The term “covered loss” means—

1 (A) with respect to a covered commodity of
2 an eligible producer, a loss relating to such
3 commodity due to—

4 (i) a decrease in the price of such
5 commodity;

6 (ii) an increase in the cost of produc-
7 tion or an input for such commodity;

8 (iii) a decrease in the domestic or
9 international demand for such commodity;

10 (iv) a disruption to agricultural trade;

11 or

12 (v) adverse foreign competition; or

13 (B) an extraordinary market condition, as
14 determined by the Secretary, that affects the
15 economic viability of a producer of a covered
16 commodity.

17 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
18 of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of
19 the Farm Service Agency.

