

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. FOXX OF NORTH CAROLINA

Strike section 1301 and insert the following new sections:

1 SEC. 1301. SUGAR PROGRAM.

2 (a) LOAN RATES.—Section 156 of the Federal Agri-
3 culture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C.
4 7272) is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and
5 inserting the following new subsections:

6 “(a) SUGARCANE.—The Secretary shall make loans
7 available to processors of domestically grown sugarcane at
8 a rate equal to—

9 “(1) 18.75 cents per pound for raw cane sugar
10 for the 2018 crop year; and

11 “(2) 18.00 cents per pound for raw cane sugar
12 for the 2019 through 2023 crop years.

13 “(b) SUGAR BEETS.—The Secretary shall make loans
14 available to processors of domestically grown sugar beets
15 at a rate equal to 128.5 percent of the loan rate per pound
16 of raw cane sugar for the applicable crop year under sub-
17 section (a) for each of the 2018 through 2023 crop
18 years.”.

1 (b) AVOIDING FORFEITURES WHILE ENSURING ADE-
2 QUATE SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES.—Section
3 156(f) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Re-
4 form Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272(f)) is amended—

5 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting
6 “WHILE ENSURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT REA-
7 SONABLE PRICES” after “FORFEITURES”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “ensure ade-
9 quate supplies of sugar at reasonable prices and”
10 after “shall”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Section 156(i) of the Fed-
12 eral Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7
13 U.S.C. 7272(i)) is amended by striking “2018” and in-
14 serting “2023”.

15 **SEC. 1302. FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM FOR BIO-**
16 **ENERGY PRODUCERS TERMINATION.**

17 Section 9010 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
18 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8110) is amended by adding
19 at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(c) TERMINATION.—The Secretary may not carry
21 out the feedstock flexibility program under subsection (b)
22 for the 2019 or subsequent crops of eligible commodities.”.

1 **SEC. 1303. ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS.**

2 Part VII of subtitle B of title III of the Agricultural
3 Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359aa et seq.) is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **“PART VII—SUGAR**

6 **“SEC. 359. ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS.**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of law, at the beginning of fiscal year 2019 and
9 each fiscal year thereafter through the end of the effective
10 period, the Secretary shall establish the tariff-rate quotas
11 for raw cane sugar and refined sugar to provide adequate
12 supplies of sugar at reasonable prices, but at no less than
13 the minimum level necessary to comply with obligations
14 under international trade agreements that have been ap-
15 proved by Congress.

16 “(b) ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall
17 adjust tariff-rate quotas established under subsection (a)
18 in such a manner as to ensure, to the maximum extent
19 practicable, that stocks of raw cane and refined beet sugar
20 are adequate throughout the crop year to meet the needs
21 of the marketplace, including the efficient utilization of
22 cane refining capacity.

23 “(c) TRANSFER OF QUOTA SHARES.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pro-
25 mulgate regulations that—

1 “(A) promote full use of the tariff-rate
2 quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar
3 and ensure adequate supplies for cane refiners
4 in the United States;

5 “(B) provide that any country that has
6 been allocated a share of the quotas may tem-
7 porarily transfer all or part of the share to any
8 other country that has also been allocated a
9 share of the quotas.

10 “(2) TRANSFERS VOLUNTARY.—Any transfer
11 under this subsection shall be valid only pursuant to
12 a voluntary agreement between the transferor and
13 the transferee, consistent with procedures estab-
14 lished by the Secretary.

15 “(3) LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFERS WITH RE-
16 SPECT TO FISCAL YEAR.—

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

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

1 “(d) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—This section shall be ef-
2 fective for fiscal years only through the 2023 crop year
3 for sugar.”.

Strike section 6410.

