

AGRICULTURE AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATION BILL, 1978

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MR. WHITTEN, from the committee of conference,  
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 7558]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 7558) making appropriations for the Agriculture and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 32, 33, 34, 40, 42, 43, 44, 56, 61, 63, 69, 76, 77, 79, 86, 97, 100, and 101.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 20, 26, 35, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 57, 62, 66, 67, 68, 70, 73, 74, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 94, and 96, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 9:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment insert the following:

*\$20,204,000, and in addition, \$8,231,000 shall be derived by transfer from the appropriation, "Food Stamp Program" and merged with this appropriation; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert *\$9,450,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Amendment No. 3: Earmarks \$3,568,721 for Budget, Fiscal and Management as proposed by the House instead of \$3,572,721 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 4: Earmarks \$1,670,217 for General Operations as proposed by the House instead of \$1,673,217 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 5: Earmarks \$2,146,127 for Personnel Administration as proposed by the House instead of \$2,149,127 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 6: Earmarks \$1,444,600 for Equal Opportunity as proposed by the House instead of \$1,446,600 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 7: Earmarks \$5,245,000 for Information Services as proposed by the House instead of \$5,249,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 8: Appropriates \$14,276,000 for Departmental Administration as proposed by the House instead of \$14,292,000 as proposed by the Senate.

## OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Amendment No. 9: Appropriates \$20,204,000 for the Office of the Inspector General instead of \$20,093,000 as proposed by the House and \$28,458,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides that the transfer of \$8,231,000 from the Food Stamp Program be continued, and the conferees will expect that at least that amount be used for activities relating to food stamps.

The conference agreement restores the House reduction of \$111,000 for GSA space rental costs.

## OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Amendment No. 10: Appropriates \$9,450,000 for the Office of the General Counsel instead of \$9,383,000 as proposed by the House and \$9,461,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement restores the House reduction of \$67,000 for GSA space rental costs and deletes the Senate restoration of \$11,000 for the annualization of pay costs.

## FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 11: Appropriates \$11,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Federal Grain Inspection Service instead of \$10,944,000 as proposed by the House and \$13,595,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement restores the House reduction of \$56,000 for GSA space rental costs and deletes the Senate restoration of \$2,595,000 for Washington personnel.

## AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Amendment No. 12: Appropriates \$324,859,000 for the Agricultural Research Service instead of \$304,495,000 as proposed by the House and \$362,812,000 as proposed by the Senate.

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The conferees agreed to \$1,100,000 in planning funds for the proposed North Central Regional Dairy Forage Research Center instead of \$10,000,000 in planning and construction funds as proposed by the Senate. The conferees will expect the Department to design a facility that will not duplicate the work carried on at the other 56 locations where dairy/forage research is now conducted and that will not exceed \$9,000,000 to construct and equip.

The conferees agreed to \$3,500,000 for the construction of an addition to the Human Nutrition Lab at Grand Forks, North Dakota and \$375,000 for replacement of a greenhouse facility at the Northern Great Plains Research Station at Mandan, North Dakota as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees have agreed that funds proposed for reprogramming by the Agricultural Research Service may be used for the construction of the Soil and Water Lab at Beckley, West Virginia, instead of a direct appropriation of \$1,509,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees have also agreed to a sum not to exceed \$400,000 for planning a Soil and Water Lab at Purdue University. The conferees will expect this laboratory to coordinate its activities with the National Soil Sedimentation Laboratory at Oxford, Mississippi. The conferees will also expect the Department to maintain a regularly scheduled flow of work through the National Soil Sedimentation Laboratory rather than scheduling work on an intermittent basis.

The conference agreement includes \$1,500,000 for the replacement of the feed mill at El Reno, Oklahoma, instead of \$2,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees have agreed to \$2,000,000 in planning funds for the establishment of an adult human nutrition research facility at Tufts University in Massachusetts. In planning the new facility, the conferees will expect the Department to provide for a facility that can serve as a center for nutrition research available not only to USDA but to the local university and to leading nutrition scientists and the Food and Drug Administration.

The conferees have agreed to delete without prejudice the appropriation of planning funds for the establishment of a pediatric human nutrition research facility at the Baylor School of Medicine in Texas.

The conferees have also agreed to delete without prejudice the planning funds for moving the Denver Lab to Ft. Collins, Colorado. The conferees will expect the Department to review this proposal and report to the Committees with respect to the scheduling of the relocation of this laboratory.

The conferees have agreed to the Senate increase of \$100,000 for a feasibility study of the need for a plant and moisture stress laboratory.

The conferees have agreed to an increase of \$300,000 for the Appalachian Fruit Research Station at Kearneysville, West Virginia instead of an increase of \$375,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees have not agreed to the proposed increase of \$1,500,000 for staff for the North Central Dairy Lab since the Lab will not be completed during the fiscal year 1978.

The conferees have agreed to an increase of \$1,000,000 for laboratory maintenance instead of an increase of \$2,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$15,000,000 for a competitive grant program as proposed by the House instead of \$27,600,000 as pro-

