

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AGRICULTURE,
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
PROGRAMS

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

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 13125]

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 13125) "making appropriations for the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, 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 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 29, 30, 34, 35, 37, 38, 43, 45, 46, 52, 54, 59, 60, 61, 74, 81, 86, 90, 93, 94, 97, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, and 119,

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 15, 19, 27, 42, 44, 47, 48, 49, 55, 56, 57, 63, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 75, 79, 85, 88, 92, 96, 98, 99, 100, 102, 104, 112, 114, and 118, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 5:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 5, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$7,871,170; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 6:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 6, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$18,597,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

develop efficient handling techniques; improve processing and fermentation technology to make them less costly and more energy efficient; to use surplus agricultural commodities; and to make possible the use of lower quality and distressed crops, agricultural residues, and cellulose materials for use in alcohol production and for other petroleum-saving purposes. The conferees will also expect that this work be integrated with other research in this field.

The conference agreement deletes the \$100,000 added by the Senate for studies of field crops and their relation to wildlife in Alaska.

The conferees have agreed to provide \$170,000 for planning and design of a greenhouse-headhouse complex at Stillwater, Okla., instead of the \$1,700,000 proposed by the Senate for construction included in the buildings and facilities account. Additional greenhouse facilities are needed at this location to meet current demand and to replace deteriorating existing structures. The conferees direct that careful consideration be given to the size and features of this new facility to minimize cost while assuring that it will be adequate to meet realistic research demands.

The conference agreement includes \$100,000 for a cotton dust study instead of \$200,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees fully support the need for such a study but feel that \$100,000 is the most such a study will cost.

With regard to research funds for contagious equine metritis, the conferees agreed to the Senate proposal that these funds be matched on a cumulative basis as may be determined by the Department, rather than on a year-to-year basis as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement deletes \$500,000 added by the Senate for the establishment of a Fruit and Nut Germ Plasm Repository at Corvallis, Oreg., since these funds are included under the buildings and facilities account. For fiscal year 1980 the conferees will expect that this \$500,000 revert to the base ARS account.

Amendment No. 11: Provides a single appropriation amount for both salaries and expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of separate amounts as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 12: Deletes language added by the Senate which would have exempted the Fruit and Nut Germ Plasm Repository at Corvallis, Oreg., from the limitation on the cost of construction. This language is not necessary since funds for the construction of this facility are provided under the building and facilities account.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Amendment No. 13: Appropriates \$35,720,000 for buildings and facilities as proposed by the House instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Included in the conference agreement are the following facilities:

1. Fruit and Nut Germ Plasm Repository (Corvallis, Oreg.)-----	\$500,000
2. Planning for Plant Stress Center (Lubbock, Tex.)-----	800,000
3. Mint Research Greenhouse (Corvallis, Oreg.)-----	20,000
4. Human Nutrition Center at Tufts University (Boston, Mass.)----	21,100,000
5. Planning for move of Animal Disease Center (Denver, Colo.)----	700,000
6. North Central Dairy Research Center (Madison, Wis.)-----	9,000,000
7. Soil Erosion Center at Purdue University (Lafayette, Ind.)-----	3,600,000

The conferees agree for construction of Planning funds for Agricultural Research. The conferees wish to stress that the research to be conducted on Federal agreement as supported primarily by Federal Government.

The conferees agree that the research program to be operated by the Department of Agriculture research program on nutrition centers for human nutrition, subject to the approval of the Agriculture officials. The conferees appointed after the agreement and be responsible. The conferees are confident that the centers be operated by the Institutes of Human Nutrition quality program to establish a Board of Science and advise the Department. Further, the conferees to insure that the National Institute of Human Welfare, that the conferees consistent with the National Institute of Human Welfare to insure appropriate committee and effectiveness.

ANIMAL

Amendment No. 14: Provides for the conferees on the part of the Department of Agriculture in the amendment of \$232,141,000 for research instead of \$230,817,000 proposed by the House. The conferees move to concur in the amendment of the Senate.

The conference agreement as proposed by the Senate.

For brucellosis research instead of \$63,350,000 proposed by the House. The conferees agree that the research to be conducted on Federal agreement as supported primarily by Federal Government.

The conferees have agreed to delete the \$1,700,000 added by the Senate for construction of a greenhouse-headhouse at Stillwater, Okla. Planning funds for this facility have been included under the Agricultural Research Service salaries and expenses account. The conferees wish to stress that all of the above Federal facilities are to be constructed on Federal property or property under long-term lease or agreement as specified in 7 U.S.C. 2250(a) and are to be staffed primarily by Federal employees and under the control of the Federal Government.

The conferees have agreed that the centers at Baylor and Tufts are to be operated by the Science and Education Administration of the Department of Agriculture, and be a part of a coordinated nutrition research program conducted by the Department. Members of the nutrition centers faculty may hold joint appointments with the university, subject to the approval of the responsible Department of Agriculture officials. The directors of the human nutrition centers will be appointed after approval of the Secretary of Agriculture or his designee and be responsible only to the Department of Agriculture. The conferees are concerned that the purpose of the research program at the centers be consistent with the research program at the National Institutes of Health, and that the centers support similarly high-quality programs. Therefore, the conferees direct the USDA to establish a Board of Scientific Counselors, external to the centers, to review and advise the Department as to the scope and quality of the research. Further, the conferees direct the USDA and the directors of the centers to insure that there is close cooperation and coordination with the National Institutes on Aging or Child Health and Human Development, as appropriate, of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, that the research and program plan of the centers is consistent with the purposes of the Institute, and that the USDA and the National Institutes of Health develop appropriate interagency mechanisms to insure coordination of this program, and advise the appropriate committees of Congress of the procedures, their implementation, and effectiveness.

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

Amendment No. 14: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the amendment of the Senate with an amendment appropriating \$232,141,000 for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service instead of \$230,817,000 as proposed by the House and \$230,150,000 as proposed by the Senate. The managers on the part of the Senate will move to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$4 million for animal welfare as proposed by the House instead of \$3,781,000 as proposed by the Senate.

For brucellosis eradication the agreement provides \$64,355,000 instead of \$63,355,000 as proposed by the House and \$65,355,000 as proposed by the Senate. The additional funds are provided for accelerated efforts in calfhood and adult vaccination. The conferees note

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