TITLE I—LIVESTOCK, DAIRY AND POULTRY Section-by-Section

Subtitle A – Dairy-Related Provisions

SEC. 101. DAIRY PRODUCT PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM.

- Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to support the price of cheddar cheese, butter, and nonfat dry milk by purchasing such products.
- Specifies the Secretary's purchase price of cheddar cheese in blocks, cheddar cheese in barrels, butter, and nonfat dry milk.
- If net removals of cheese, butter or nonfat dry milk exceed specific limits for 12 consecutive months, the Secretary may reduce the purchase prices of that commodity during the month that immediately follows.
- The prices that the Secretary pays under this section for cheese, butter and nonfat dry milk, respectively, must be uniform across the country.
- The Secretary may sell cheese, butter, or nonfat dry milk for unrestricted use from inventories of the Commodity Credit Corporation at prevailing market prices, but not less than 110 percent of the prices specified in the Purchase Price subsection.

SEC. 102. PERMANENT DAIRY FORWARD PRICING PROGRAM.

- Makes permanent the dairy forward pricing program, which was a pilot program under the Agricultural Adjustment Act.
- Authorizes milk producers and cooperatives to voluntarily enter into forward price contracts with milk handlers.
- Prices received by milk producers and cooperatives under the forward contracts will be deemed to satisfy all regulated minimum milk price requirements.

SEC. 103. DAIRY EXPORT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

- Extends the dairy export incentive program until December 31, 2012. The dairy export incentive program encourages trade and expands markets for domestic producers.
- Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to issue rules to ensure that each year the maximum volume of dairy product exports allowable within the United States' obligations under the Uruguay Round Agreements is exported.

SEC. 104. REVISION OF FEDERAL MARKETING ORDER AMENDMENT PROCEDURES.

- Requires that the Secretary, upon receiving a written request for a hearing to amend a milk marketing order, issue a denial of the request or issue a notice of the hearing, and stipulates the timeframe for a hearing. Notice for a hearing on a proposed amendment to a marketing order must be provided not less than 3 days before the date of the hearing.
- Requires the Secretary to issue a recommended decision on a proposed amendment to a milk marketing order no more than 90 days after the date set for the submission of post-hearing findings, conclusions and written arguments.

Further requires the final decision to be issued no more than 60 days after the recommended decision was issued.

• Provides that if the Secretary receives a request for a hearing on a proposed amendment to a milk marketing order within 90 days after announcing a decision on a previously proposed amendment to the same order, and the two proposed amendments are essentially the same, the Secretary is not required to call a hearing.

SEC. 105. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR NONFAT DRY MILK.

• Requires the Secretary to submit a report to Congress within 90 days regarding the Department of Agriculture's reporting procedures for nonfat dry milk and the impact of those procedures on Federal milk marketing order minimum prices.

Subtitle B – Miscellaneous Provisions

SEC. 121. REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON MANDATORY IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING.

• The Secretary may use already existing certification systems as a model for a system to certify the country-of-origin of a covered commodity.

SEC. 122. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING PSEUDORABIES ERADICATION.

• Expresses the sense of Congress that the eradication of pseudorabies is a high priority that should be carried out under the authorities of the Animal Health Protection Act.

SEC. 123. EFFECT OF USDA INSPECTION AND DETERMINATION OF NON-REGULATED STATUS.

• Prevents a State or locality from prohibiting an article the Secretary of Agriculture has inspected and passed, or an article the Secretary has determined to be of non-regulated status.