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H. R. 3424

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 and the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to provide for increased regulation of slaughterhouses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 1996

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. POMEROY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Competitive Livestock
5 Markets Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT, 1921.**

7 Section 202 of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921
8 (7 U.S.C. 192) is amended—

9 (1) by striking the period at the end of subdivi-
10 sion (g) and inserting “; or”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(h) engage in any practice the Secretary by rule,
3 after consultation with producers of cattle, lamb, and
4 hogs, and other persons in the cattle, lamb, and hog indus-
5 tries, determines is an anticompetitive practice relating to
6 the prices and the terms of sale for the procurement of
7 livestock and the sale of meat and other byproducts of
8 slaughter.”.

9 **SEC. 3. AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT OF 1946.**

10 Section 203(g) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of
11 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(g)) is amended by adding at the end
12 “Each person engaged in the business of slaughtering live-
13 stock who has greater than 5 percent of the national
14 slaughter for a given species shall report to the Secretary
15 in such manner as the Secretary shall require, as soon
16 as practicable but in any event not later than 24 hours
17 after the transaction takes place, such information relat-
18 ing to prices and the terms of sale for the procurement
19 of livestock and the sale of meat and other byproducts of
20 slaughter as the Secretary determines is necessary to
21 carry out this subsection. Whoever knowingly fails or re-
22 fuses to furnish to the Secretary information required to
23 be reported by this subsection shall be fined under title
24 18, United States Code, or imprisoned for not more than
25 5 years, or both.”.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORTS ON EXPORTED MEAT AND MEAT PROD-**
2 **UCTS.**

3 Each person who exports more than 1000 pounds of
4 meat and meat products from the United States in a given
5 week shall report such exports to the Secretary of Agri-
6 culture in such manner and to such extent as the Sec-
7 retary determines necessary, but in any event within 5
8 working days after the week ends. The Secretary shall
9 make public the aggregate exports of meat products for
10 each week.

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