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Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. EXON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Agricultural Act of
5 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that failure to enact timely legislation
8 extending farm and related programs will—

1 (1) cause economic uncertainty for family farm-
2 ers across the country who represent the backbone
3 of United States agriculture;

4 (2) create instability in commodity markets;

5 (3) result in lost export markets for United
6 States agricultural commodities; and

7 (4) prevent the Secretary of Agriculture from
8 administering the programs in an orderly and effi-
9 cient manner.

10 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
12 sion of law, except as provided in this Act and the amend-
13 ments made by this Act, the provisions of the Agricultural
14 Adjustment of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.), the Agricul-
15 tural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.), the Food Secu-
16 rity Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–198), and the Food, Ag-
17 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (Public
18 Law 101–624) and each program that was authorized or
19 reauthorized by any of the Acts, that were applicable on
20 September 30, 1995, shall be applicable for 1996.

21 (b) FLEXIBILITY.—Section 504 of the Agricultural
22 Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1464) is amended by striking sub-
23 sections (c), (d), and (e) and inserting the following:

24 “(c) NON-PAYMENT ACRES.—In the case of the 1996
25 crops, any crop or conserving crop specified in subsection

1 (b)(1) may be planted on the acres of a crop acreage base
2 that is not eligible for payment under this Act.

3 “(d) LOAN ELIGIBILITY.—In the case of the 1996
4 crops, producers on a farm with a crop acreage base may
5 plant any program crop on the crop acreage base and shall
6 be eligible to receive purchases, loans, and loan deficiency
7 payments for the program crop.”.

8 **SEC. 4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

9 (a) PAYMENTS.—Section 114(a)(2) of the Agricul-
10 tural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1445j(a)(2)) is amended by
11 adding at the end the following:

12 “(K) 1995 DISASTERS.—In the case of
13 producers on a farm who were prevented from
14 planting, or incurred a reduced yield of 35 per-
15 cent or more of, the 1995 crop due to weather
16 or related condition, the Secretary may settle
17 claims for the repayment by the producers re-
18 quired under subparagraph (G) or (H) on terms
19 determined by the Secretary to be fair and eq-
20 uitable, except that no claim shall be reduced
21 by more than \$3,500.”.

22 (b) CONSERVATION.—Section 1231(b)(4) of the Food
23 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831(b)(4)) is amend-
24 ed—

1 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at
2 the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
4 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(E) if the Secretary determines that the
7 lands will be used to store water for flood con-
8 trol in a closed basin.”.

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