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H. R. 2482

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 1997

Mr. OBEY 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 shall be known as the “True Cost of Dairy
5 Farming Act of 1997.”

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF ESTIMATE OF MILK PRODUCTION**
2 **COSTS IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF BASIC FOR-**
3 **MULA PRICE.**

4 Whenever the Secretary of Agriculture announces the
5 basic formula price for milk for purposes of Federal milk
6 marketing orders issued under section 8c of the Agricul-
7 tural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c), reenacted with
8 amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement
9 Act of 1937, the Secretary shall include in the announce-
10 ment an estimate of the cost to dairy producers, in the
11 different regions of the United States, to produce milk.
12 The estimate shall be stated on a per hundredweight base
13 and it shall reflect total economic costs.

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