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To prohibit the anticipated extreme reduction in the national marketing quotas for the 2004 crop of Flue-cured and Burley tobacco, which, if permitted to occur, would mean economic ruin for tobacco farmers and their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2003

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. GOODE) 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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MARKETING**
4 **QUOTA FOR 2004 CROP OF FLUE-CURED AND**
5 **BURLEY TOBACCO AT 2003 LEVEL.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the
7 2004 crop year, the Secretary of Agriculture shall estab-

1 lish and maintain the national marketing quota for Flue-
2 cured and Burley tobacco at the 2003 level.

3 **SEC. 2. FORFEITURES OF FLUE-CURED AND BURLEY**
4 **TOBACCO.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—This section shall apply notwith-
6 standing sections 106 through 106B of the Agricultural
7 Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1445 through 1445–2).

8 (b) LOAN FORFEITURE.—A producer-owned coopera-
9 tive marketing association may fully settle, without further
10 cost to the association, a loan made for the 2004 crop
11 of Flue-cured and Burley tobacco by forfeiting to the Com-
12 modity Credit Corporation the Flue-cured or Burley to-
13 bacco covered by the loan regardless of the condition of
14 the tobacco.

15 (c) TREATMENT OF CCC LOSSES.—Any losses to the
16 Commodity Credit Corporation as a result of the forfeiture
17 of tobacco under subsection (b)—

18 (1) shall not be charged to the No Net Cost To-
19 bacco Account; and

20 (2) shall not affect the amount of any assess-
21 ment imposed against Flue-cured or Burley tobacco
22 under sections 106 through 106B of the Agricultural
23 Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1445 through 1445–2).

24 (d) TREATMENT OF FORFEITED TOBACCO.—Tobacco
25 forfeited under subsection (b) shall not be—

1 (1) counted for the purpose of determining the
2 Flue-cured or Burley tobacco quota for any year
3 pursuant to section 319 of the Agricultural Adjust-
4 ment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1314e); or

5 (2) sold for use in the United States, except
6 that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
7 Commodity Credit Corporation, directly or through
8 the use of United States leaf dealers, may market
9 the forfeited tobacco outside the United States.

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