

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 706

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should enact legislation to provide direct emergency assistance to American farmers who were adversely affected by natural disasters and unforeseen production costs during the 2005 crop year.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2006

Mr. BERRY (for himself, Mr. ROSS, Mr. BONNER, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MELANCON, Ms. HERSETH, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. KIND, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. LEACH, Mr. FORD, and Mr. CLAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should enact legislation to provide direct emergency assistance to American farmers who were adversely affected by natural disasters and unforeseen production costs during the 2005 crop year.

Whereas the hurricanes and drought of 2005 caused significant and widespread damage to the agricultural economy of the United States;

Whereas American farmers were forced to pay record prices for production inputs, such as fertilizer, natural gas and diesel fuels;

Whereas predetermined market prices prevent American farmers from passing unexpected input costs on to consumers;

Whereas many American farmers are struggling financially and lender concern is escalating;

Whereas protecting domestic agricultural production is a matter of national security; and

Whereas it is vital for American farmers and rural communities to realize that Congress understands their plight and is prepared to provide relief: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that—

3               (1) Congress should promptly enact agricultural  
4       disaster assistance legislation to assist American  
5       farmers who were adversely affected by natural dis-  
6       asters and unforeseen production costs during the  
7       2005 crop year; and

8               (2) this legislation should give farmers a choice  
9       of a supplemental direct payment under section  
10       1103 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment  
11       Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7913) or disaster payments  
12       based on yield loss.

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