

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The estimates include General Provisions language as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

Section 701: Provides authority for the purchase, replacement, and hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Sec. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law, appropriations and authorizations made for the Department of Agriculture for the current fiscal year under this Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those specifically provided for, of not to exceed [71] 52 passenger motor vehicles of which [68] 52 shall be for replacement only, and for the hire of such vehicles: *Provided*, That notwithstanding this section, the only purchase of new passenger vehicles shall be for those determined by the Secretary to be necessary for transportation safety, to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life, property, and public safety.

The first and second changes reflect agency plans for the purchase of passenger motor vehicles, including replacements.

Section 702: Authorizes the transfer of discretionary, unobligated funds appropriated by this Act or other available unobligated discretionary balances to the Working Capital Fund for the purpose of acquiring plant and capital equipment necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services with notification to the Agency Administrator and the Appropriations Committees of both Houses of Congress. In addition, language allows up to 4 percent of income for the National Finance Center (NFC) to be reserved for capital equipment or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary costs of the NFC. Except for emergencies, the amounts reserved are not available for obligation without notification to the Appropriations Committees.

Sec. 702. Notwithstanding section 1535(b) of Title 31, United States Code, work performed by the Working Capital Fund for other Federal entities on an advance or reimbursable basis shall be charged at rates which will return in full all expenses of operation of the Fund, including accrued leave, amortization of fund plant and equipment, amortization of information technology (IT) software and systems (either acquired or donated) and an amount necessary to maintain a reasonable operating reserve, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, The Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobligated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this Act or any other available unobligated discretionary balances that are remaining available of the Department of Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisition of plant and capital equipment necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services of primary benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture, such transferred funds to remain available until expended: *Provided, further*, That none of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency administrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this section shall be available for obligation without [written notification to and] the prior [approval of] notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: [*Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or made available to the Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to make any changes to the Department's National Finance Center without written notification to and prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress as required by section 717 of this Act: *Provided further*, That of annual income amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the Department of Agriculture allocated for the National Finance Center, the Secretary may reserve not more than 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition of capital equipment, including equipment for the improvement and implementation of a financial management plan, information technology, and other systems of the National Finance Center or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center:] *Provided further*, That an amount not to exceed four percent of the total annual income to the Working Capital Fund may be retained in the fund for fiscal year 2017, to remain available until expended.

to be used for the acquisition of capital equipment, and for the improvement and implementation of Department financial management, IT, and other support systems or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved shall be available for obligation unless the Secretary submits [written] notification of the obligation to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That the limitation on the obligation of funds pending notification to Congressional Committees shall not apply to any obligation that, as determined by the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a declared state of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of the National Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue operations of the National Finance Center.

The first change provides the same authority for all users, putting all customers on the same billing basis, and streamlining the agreements process.

The second and third changes requires that notification be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, rather than requiring approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, before the funds transferred to the Working Capital Fund can be available for obligation.

The fourth change deletes the previous appropriations language related to the National Finance Center and is rewritten to provide the authority to retain up to 4 percent for certain investment purpose to income earned by the Working Capital Fund. It provides the Department with similar authority to that which other participants in the financial management Federal Shared Services Provider (FSSP) program enjoy under franchise fund authority.

The fifth change modifies the language to require notification, instead of written notification, before making amounts reserved for the replacement or acquisition of capital equipment available for obligation.

Section 703: Provides that no part of any appropriation in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless otherwise specified.

Sec. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

Section 704: Limits the negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative agreements between the Department and nonprofit institutions to 10 percent of the value of the agreement.

Sec. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative agreements or similar arrangements between the United States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institutions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest between the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are provided in this Act.

Section 705: Provides that subsidy authority for certain loan programs remain available until expended to cover obligations.

Sec. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agriculture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made available in the current fiscal year shall remain available until expended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal year for the following accounts: the [Rural Development Loan Fund] Intermediary Relending program account, the Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans program account, and the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

The first change updates the name of the program.

Section 706: Prohibits the use of funds to acquire new information technology systems or significant upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), without approval of the Chief Information Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Technology Investment Review Board and Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

Sec. 706. None of the funds made available to the Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire new information technology systems or significant upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Information Officer [without written] unless notification has been transmitted to [and the prior approval of] the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding section 11319 of title 40, United States Code, none of the funds available to the Department of Agriculture for information technology shall be obligated for projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Information Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without written approval from the Chief Information Officer for projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000 based upon the performance of an agency measured against the performance plan requirements [described in the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113-235].

The first change requires that notification be transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, rather than approval, prior to any transfer of funds to the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

The second change updates the reference to the 2015 Explanatory Statement.

Section 707: Provides that fiscal year funds made available for Agricultural Management Assistance shall remain available until expended to cover obligations made in the same fiscal years but are not available for new obligations.

Sec. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in the current fiscal year shall remain available until expended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal year.

Section 708: On a yearly basis, expands eligibility under the Rural Economic Development Grants program to entities that are not current RUS borrowers.

Sec. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any former RUS borrower that has repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under such Act, shall be eligible for assistance under section 313(b)(2)(B) of such Act in the same manner as a borrower under such Act.

Section 709: Allows unobligated balances from the Farm Service Agency and Rural Development Salaries and Expenses accounts, to remain available through September 30, 2016, for information technology expenses.

[Sec. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated balances from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall remain available through September 30, 2017, for information technology expenses: *Provided*, That except as otherwise specifically provided by law, unobligated balances from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses in this Act for the Rural Development mission area shall remain available through September 30, 2017, for information technology expenses.]

This change deletes the entire section 709. See new section 722.

Section 710: Prohibits the use of funds for first-class travel that does not comply with Federal regulations on temporary duty travel allowances.

Sec. [710]709. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for first-class travel by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in contravention of sections 301-10.122 through 301-10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

Section 711: Allows the use of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds for salaries and related administrative expenses used to implement certain Farm Bill authorized programs that are funded by CCC.

Sec. [711]710. In the case of each program established or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79), other than by title I or subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for which indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that is authorized or required to be carried out using funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation—(1) such funds shall be available for salaries and related administrative expenses, including technical assistance, associated with the implementation of the program, without regard to the limitation on the total amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and (2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment for purposes of applying the limitation on the total amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in such section.

Section 712: Provides a limitation on the amount of funds that the Department is allowed to spend on advisory committees, panels, commissions, and task forces.

Sec. [712]711. Of the funds made available by this Act, not more than [\$2,000,000] \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary expenses of activities related to all advisory committees, panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with negotiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competitively awarded grants.

This change is requested to increase the authorized amount to \$2,900,000 to permit the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out the efficient operation of USDA programs. The agency funding is used to support both mandated advisory committees and discretionary committees and other group activities. These groups are needed to assist with the development of advice, program reviews, and identification of options for consideration by the Secretary.

Section 713: Keeps the cap at 30 percent for indirect costs associated with any agricultural research, education, or extension grant awarded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Sec. [713]712. None of the funds in this Act shall be available to pay indirect costs charged against any agricultural research, education, or extension grant awards issued by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture that exceed 30 percent of total Federal funds provided under each award: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 1462 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3310), funds provided by this Act for grants awarded competitively by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture shall be available to pay full allowable indirect costs for each grant awarded under section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638).

Section 714: Places limitations on the amount of funds available to carry out certain mandatory programs.

[Sec. 714. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out the following: (1) The Watershed Rehabilitation program authorized by section 14(h)(1) of the Watershed and Flood Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1012(h)(1)); (2) The Environmental Quality Incentives Program as authorized by sections 1240-1240H of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-3839aa-8) in excess of \$1,329,000,000: *Provided*, That this limitation shall apply only to funds provided by section 1241(a)(5)(C) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)(5)(C)); (3) The Biomass Crop Assistance Program authorized by section 9011 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8111) in excess of

\$3,000,000 in new obligational authority; and (4) The Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance program as authorized by section 9003 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103) in excess of \$27,000,000 of the funding appropriated by subsection (g)(1)(A)(ii) of that section for fiscal year 2016].

This change permanently deletes the entire section 714. Please see section 732.

Section 715: Lowers the cap on spending for the Section 32 program by deferring \$125,000,000 until October 1, 2017, for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and rescinds an additional \$311,000,000.

Sec. [715]713. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out a program under subsection [(b)(2)(A)(viii)] (b)(2)(A)(ix) of section 14222 of Public Law 110-246 in excess of [\$884,980,000] \$886,000,000, as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Commodities--\$465,000,000; State Option Contracts--\$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities--\$2,500,000; Administration of Section 32 Commodity Purchases--\$35,440,000: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available in this Act or any other Act shall be used for salaries and expenses to carry out in this fiscal year section 19(i)(1)(E) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended, except in an amount that excludes the transfer of \$125,000,000 of the funds to be transferred under subsection (c) of section 14222 of Public Law 110-246, until October 1, [2016] 2017: *Provided further*, That \$125,000,000 made available on October 1, [2016] 2017, to carry out section 19(i)(1)(E) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended, shall be excluded from the limitation described in subsection [(b)(2)(A)(ix)] (b)(2)(A)(x) of section 14222 of Public Law 110-246: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department of Agriculture or officer of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out clause 3 of section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1935 (Public Law 74-320, 7 U.S.C. 612c, as amended), or for any surplus removal activities or price support activities under section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act: *Provided further*, That the available unobligated balances under [(b)(2)(A)(viii)] (b)(2)(A)(ix) of section 14222 of Public Law 110-246 in excess of the limitation set forth in this section, except for the amounts to be transferred pursuant to the first proviso, are hereby permanently [rescinded] cancelled.

The first change reflects the amount available in the spending cap for the Section 32 program.

The second change defers the amount available for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program until October 1, 2017.

The third change specifies the dollar amount needed for administration of Commodity Purchase Services.

The fourth change permanently cancels Section 32 funding.

Section 716: Prohibits the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations language to Congress that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction from the previous year due to user fee proposals that have not been enacted into law prior to budget submission.

[Sec. 716. None of the funds appropriated by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations language as part of the President's budget submission to the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction from the previous year due to user fees proposals that have not been enacted into law prior to the submission of the budget unless such budget submission identifies which additional spending reductions should occur in the event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the date of the convening of a committee of conference for the fiscal year 2017 appropriations Act.]

This change deletes the entire section 716. The 2017 budget includes appropriations requests for funds under current law. Legislative proposals for user fees that will be sent to Congress will not impact 2017 budget requests.

Section 717: Requires advanced written notification to Congress for certain changes in programs, organizations, or funding.

[Sec. 717. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act, or provided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as authorized by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Department of Agriculture, through use of the authority provided by section 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public Law 89-106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that-- (1) creates new programs; (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity; (3) increases funds or personnel by any means for any project or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted; (4) relocates an office or employees; (5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities; or (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or activities presently performed by Federal employees; unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be) notifies in writing and receives approval from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or the use of such authority. (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or provided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure for activities, programs, or projects through a reprogramming or use of the authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, that-- (1) augments existing programs, projects, or activities; (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any existing program, project, or activity, or numbers of personnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or (3) results from any general savings from a reduction in personnel which would result in a change in existing programs, activities, or projects as approved by Congress; unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (as the case may be) notifies in writing and receives approval from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of such funds or the use of such authority. (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall notify in writing and receive approval from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress before implementing any program or activity not carried out during the previous fiscal year unless the program or activity is funded by this Act or specifically funded by any other Act. (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or provided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for--(1) modifying major capital investments funding levels, including information technology systems, that involves increasing or decreasing funds in the current fiscal year for the individual investment in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost, whichever is less; (2) realigning or reorganizing new, current, or vacant positions or agency activities or functions to establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity with five or more personnel; or (3) carrying out activities or functions that were not described in the budget request; unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for these purposes. (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission receives from the Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress written or electronic mail confirmation of receipt of the notification as required in this section.]

This change deletes the entire section 717. The Department will continue its policy of informing the Congress in sufficient time of any reprogramming plans.

Section 718: Continues the one-time fee on business and industry guaranteed loans at 3 percent.

Sec. [718]714. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount that does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal portion of the loan.

Section 719: Prohibits the use of USDA funds to transmit or otherwise make available to any non-USDA employee questions or responses to questions requested for the appropriations hearing process.

[Sec. 719. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available reports, questions, or responses to questions that are a result of information requested for the appropriations hearing process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-Department of Health and Human Services, non-Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or non-Farm Credit Administration employee.]

This change deletes the entire section 719. This change is requested in order to permit the Executive Branch to carry out programs in the most efficient manner.

Section 720: Prohibits the use of funds to produce any prepackaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution in the United States unless the story includes a clear notification within the text or audio that indicates the prepackaged story was prepared or funded by the Department of Agriculture.

[Sec. 720. Unless otherwise authorized by existing law, none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used by an executive branch agency to produce any prepackaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution in the United States unless the story includes a clear notification within the text or audio of the prepackaged news story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or funded by that executive branch agency.]

This change deletes the entire section 720. This change is requested in order to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 721: Provides that USDA employees cannot be detailed for more than 60 days in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency or office is reimbursed for the period of the assignment.

[Sec. 721. No employee of the Department of Agriculture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the period of assignment.]

This change deletes the entire section 721. This change is requested in order to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out the programs of the Department in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 722: Prohibits using appropriated funds for making nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for mohair.

[Sec. 722. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who provide nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for mohair under section 1201 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79).]

This change deletes the entire section 722. Nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for mohair are covered by the 2014 Farm Bill.

Section 723: Requires the Department to submit a spending plan to Congress.

[SEC. 723. Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a detailed spending plan by program, project, and activity for all the funds made available under this Act including appropriated user fees, as defined in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act).]

This change deletes the entire section 723. The Department will continue its policy of informing the Congress if warranted.

Section 724: Requires that PL 480 Title II funds may only be used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate monitoring and controls, as determined by the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inappropriate purposes.

[Sec. 724. Funds made available under title II of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate monitoring and controls, as determined by the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inappropriate purposes.]

This change deletes the entire section 724. This provision is unduly restrictive in the administration of P.L. 480 Title II emergency assistance. Frequently, such assistance must be provided in uncertain and extremely difficult situations, where it can be problematic to monitor the delivery of the assistance. The Administrator of USAID must have maximum flexibility in the administering of this program in such circumstances.

Section 725: Provides funds for direct reimbursement payments to geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers to transport an agricultural commodity or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity as authorized in Section 1606 of the 2014 Farm Bill.

[Sec. 725. There is hereby appropriated \$1,996,000 to carry out section 1621 of Public Law 110-246.]

This change deletes the entire section 725. The Budget does not include funding for this program.

Section 726: Expands the pilot program currently in effect to increase the effectiveness of the section 502 single family direct loan program in States and communities currently not served under the existing pilot program.

[SEC. 726. The Secretary shall establish an intermediary loan packaging program based on the pilot program in effect for fiscal year 2013 for packaging and reviewing section 502 single family direct loans. The Secretary shall enter into agreements with current intermediary organizations and with additional qualified intermediary organizations, The Secretary shall work with these organizations to increase effectiveness of the section 502 single family direct loan program in rural communities and shall set aside and make available from the national reserve section 502 loans an amount necessary to support the work of such intermediaries and provide a priority for review of such loans.]

This change deletes the entire section 726. This was a one-time provision in 2016.

Section 727: Allows the Secretary to increase the program level by not more than 25 percent for loans and loan guarantees that do not require budget authority. Prior to implementing the increase, the Secretary is required to provide written notification at least 15 days in advance.

SEC. [727]715. For loans and loan guarantees that do not require budget authority and the program level has been established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may increase the program level for such loans and loan guarantees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*, That prior to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Secretary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in advance.

Section 728: Provides funding for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, the Emergency Forestry Restoration Program, and the Emergency Conservation Program.

[Sec. 728. There is hereby appropriated for the “Emergency Watershed Protection Program”, \$157,000,000, to remain available until expended; for the “Emergency Forestry Restoration Program”, \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended; and for the “Emergency Conservation Program”, \$108,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That \$37,000,000 made available for the “Emergency Watershed Protection Program”; \$2,000,000 made available for the “Emergency Forestry Restoration Program”; and \$91,000,000 made available for the “Emergency Conservation Program” under this section are for necessary expenses resulting from a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), and are designated by the Congress as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.]

This change deletes the entire section 728. This provision provided one-time funding in 2016.

Section 729: Limits the use of rebates from credit card purchases to those allowed for WCF balances and requires advanced congressional notification and approval.

[SEC. 729. None of the credit card refunds or rebates transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to section 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107–76) shall be available for obligation without written notification to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for obligation only for the acquisition of plant and capital equipment necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services of primary benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture.]

This change deletes the entire section 729. This change is requested in order to permit the Executive Branch to carry out programs in the most efficient manner.

Section 730: Restricts processed poultry products imported from China from being served in the Child Nutrition Programs.

[Sec. 730. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to procure processed poultry products imported into the United States from the People's Republic of China for use in the school lunch program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Food Care Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1766), the Summer Food Service Program for Children under section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).]

This change deletes the entire section 730. Provisions of the Buy American Act restrict the Department’s ability to procure products from China for the Child Nutrition Programs.

Section 731: Allows the Secretary to provide potable water for an additional 120 days through the Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program to communities with inadequate water supplies due to a natural disaster.

Sec. [731]716. In response to an eligible community where the drinking water supplies are inadequate due to a natural disaster, as determined by the Secretary, including drought or severe weather, the Secretary may provide potable water through the Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program for an additional period of time not to exceed 120 days beyond the established period provided under the Program in order to protect public health.

Section 732: Continues language maintaining matching requirements for AFRI funds in effect before changes in the 2014 Farm Bill.

Sec. [732]717. Funds provided by this or any prior Appropriations Act for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under 7 U.S.C. 450i(b) shall be made available without regard to section 7128 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 3371 note), under the matching requirements in laws in effect on the date before the date of enactment of such section: *Provided*, That the requirements of 7 U.S.C. 450i(b)(9) shall continue to apply.

Section 733: Continues language allowing States to grant schools an exemption from the whole grain requirements from the date of enactment through the 2016-2017 school year and prohibiting implementation of any regulations that would require a reduction in the quantity of sodium contained in federally reimbursed meals and snacks below the first of three targets over 10 years until scientific research establishes the reduction is beneficial for children.

[Sec. 733. (a) For the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act through school year 2016-2017, with respect to the school lunch program established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or the school breakfast program established under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) and final regulations published by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on January 26, 2012 (77 Fed. Reg. 4088 et seq.), the Secretary shall allow States to grant an exemption from the whole grain requirements that took effect on or after July 1, 2014, and the States shall establish a process for evaluating and responding, in a reasonable amount of time, to requests for an exemption: *Provided*, That school food authorities demonstrate hardship, including financial hardship, in procuring specific whole grain products which are acceptable to the students and compliant with the whole grain-rich requirements: *Provided further*, That school food authorities shall comply with the applicable grain component or standard with respect to the school lunch or school breakfast program that was in effect prior to July 1, 2014. (b) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to implement any regulations under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296), or any other law that would require a reduction in the quantity of sodium contained in federally reimbursed meals, foods, and snacks sold in schools below Target 1 (as described in section 220.8(f)(3) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations)) until the latest scientific research establishes the reduction is beneficial for children.]

This change deletes the entire section 733. This provision should be deleted since current regulations concerning meal standards and requirements are based on the recommendations of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences as required by the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010.

Section 734: Includes new language that prohibits the release or implementation of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans unless the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services ensure that revisions are based on significant scientific agreement and are limited in scope to nutrition and dietary information.

[Sec. 734. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to release or implement the final version of the eighth edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, revised pursuant to section 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341), unless the

Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services ensure that each revision to any nutritional or dietary information or guideline contained in the 2010 edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and each new nutritional or dietary information or guideline to be included in the eighth edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans—(1) is based on significant scientific agreement; and (2) is limited in scope to nutritional and dietary information.]

This change deletes the entire section 734. This change is requested in order to permit the Executive Branch to carry out programs in the most efficient manner.

Section 735: Appropriates \$1 million for a study by the National Academy of Medicine on the establishment of the Advisory Committee for the Dietary Guidelines Americans and the subsequent development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

[Sec 735. (a) Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall engage the National Academy of Medicine to conduct a comprehensive study of the entire process used to establish the Advisory Committee for the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the subsequent development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, most recently revised pursuant to section 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341). The panel of the National Academy of Medicine selected to conduct the study shall include a balanced representation of individuals with broad experiences and viewpoints regarding nutritional and dietary information. (b) The study required by subsection (a) shall include the following: (1) An analysis of each of the following: (A) How the Dietary Guidelines for Americans can better prevent chronic disease, ensure nutritional sufficiency for all Americans, and accommodate a range of individual factors, including age, gender, and metabolic health. (B) How the advisory committee selection process can be improved to provide more transparency, eliminate bias, and include committee members with a range of viewpoints. (C) How the Nutrition Evidence Library is compiled and utilized, including whether Nutrition Evidence Library reviews and other systematic reviews and data analysis are conducted according to rigorous and objective scientific standards. (D) How systematic reviews are conducted on longstanding Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations, including whether scientific studies are included from scientists with a range of viewpoints. (2) Recommendations to improve the process used to establish the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and to ensure the Dietary Guidelines for Americans reflect balanced sound science. (c) There is hereby appropriated \$1,000,000 to conduct the study required by subsection (a).]

This change deletes the entire section 735. This provision provided one-time funding in 2016.

Section 736: Rescinds the unobligated balances from the Common Computing Environment.

[Sec. 736. The unobligated balances identified by the Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 12X0113 are rescinded.]

This change deletes the entire section 736. This provision provided a one-time rescission in 2016.

Section 737: New language is included that requires FNS to coordinate its 2016 Research and Evaluation plan with the Research, Education and Economics mission area and to submit the plan to Congress for a 30 day review period.

[Sec. 737. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Food and Nutrition Service, to commence any new research and evaluation projects until the Secretary submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a research and evaluation plan for fiscal year 2016, prepared in coordination with the Research, Education, and Economics mission area of the Department of Agriculture, and a period of 30 days beginning on the date of the submission of the plan expires to permit Congressional review of the plan.]

This change deletes the entire section 737. This change is requested in order to permit the Executive Branch to carry out programs in the most efficient manner.

Section 738: Rescinds \$13 million of unobligated balances in the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program.

[Sec. 738. Of the unobligated prior year funds identified by Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 12X1980 where obligations have been cancelled, \$13,000,000 is rescinded.]

This change deletes the entire section 738. This provision provided a one-time rescission in 2016.

Section 739: Rescinds unobligated balances from the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program; Resource Conservation and Development Program; Healthy Forests Reserve Program; Rural Business Investment Program; Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities Grants Program; Nutrition Programs Administration; and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.

[Sec. 739. The unobligated balances identified by the Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 12X3318, 12X1010, 12X1090, 12X1907, 12X0402, 12X3508, and 12X3322 are rescinded.]

This change deletes the entire section 739. This provision provided one-time rescissions in 2016.

Section 740: Allows producers to receive certificates in lieu of marketing loan gains or loan deficiency payments starting with the 2015 crop marketing year. Certificates would not be subject to payment limits.

[Sec. 740. Section 166 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7286) is amended—(1) by striking "and title I of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008" both places it appears and inserting "title I of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, and Subtitle B of title I of the Agricultural Act of 2014"; and (2) by amending paragraph (3) of subsection (c) to read as follows: "(3) Application of Authority.—Beginning with the 2015 crop marketing year, the Secretary shall carry out paragraph (1) under the same terms and conditions as were in effect for the 2008 crop year for loans made to producers under subtitle B of title I of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.)."]

This change deletes the entire section 740. This provision makes changes to permanent law and does not need to be repeated.

Section 741: Appropriates \$5 million (in addition to \$25 million of regular appropriations) to provide competitive grants to State agencies to purchase equipment needed for the school breakfast program. Also appropriates \$7 million (in addition to \$16 million of regular appropriations) for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Demonstration Program.

[Sec. 741. (a) There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000 to provide competitive grants to State agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and schools to purchase the equipment needed to serve healthier meals, improve food safety, and to help support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the school breakfast program, to remain available until expended. (b) There is hereby appropriated \$7,000,000 to carry out section 749(g) of the Agriculture Appropriations Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–80), to remain available until expended.]

This change deletes the entire section 741. This provision provided one-time increases in 2016.

Section 742: Rescinds \$20 million in Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations unobligated balances that had not been designated by Congress as an emergency recipient or for disaster relief requirement.

[Sec. 742. Of the unobligated balances identified by the Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 12X1072, \$20,000,000 is hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement or for disaster relief requirement pursuant to a Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.]

This change deletes the entire section 742. This provision provided a one-time rescission in 2016.

Section 743: Allows the section 502 single family housing guaranteed loan program to be a direct endorsement program similar to FHA guarantees and VA home loan guarantees. This provision will allow lenders to issue the loan guarantees on behalf of the Federal government.

Sec. [743]718. In carrying out subsection (h) of section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1490p-2) with respect to loans guaranteed under such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

Section 744: Appropriates \$8 million to implement the Rural Energy Savings Program in fiscal year 2016 as authorized by Section 6407 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act.

[Sec. 744. There is hereby appropriated \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Provided*, That the Secretary launch the program authorized by this section during the 2016 fiscal year and that it be carried out through the Rural Utilities Service: *Provided further*, That, within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on how the Rural Utilities Service will implement section 6407 during the 2016 fiscal year.]

This change deletes the entire section 744. This provision provided a one-time increase in 2016.

Section 745: Appropriates \$2.4 million from unobligated EWP balances to be used for any disaster occurring in fiscal years 2016 or 2017.

[Sec. 745. Of the unobligated balances of appropriations in Public Law 108–199, Public Law 109–234, and Public Law 110–28 made available for the "Emergency Watershed Protection Program", \$2,400,000 shall be available for the purposes of such program for any disaster occurring fiscal year 2016 or fiscal year 2017, and shall remain available until expended.]

This change deletes the entire section 745. The Budget does not include funding for this program.

Section 746: Restricts funding for the Food and Drug Administration to allow or require drug information intended for a doctor to be distributed electronically rather than on paper, unless a Federal Law is enacted to allow or require electronic distribution.

[Sec. 746. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement any rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing or requiring information intended for a prescribing health care professional, in the case of a drug or biological product subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be distributed to such professional electronically (in lieu of in paper form) unless and until a Federal law is enacted to allow or require such distribution.]

This change deletes the entire section 746. The provision applies to 2016 funds provided to the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 747: Restricts funding for the Food and Drug Administration to implement, administer or enforce the final rule entitled "Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments for a certain period of time.

[Sec. 747. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the final rule entitled "Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments" published by the Food and Drug Administration in the Federal Register on December 1, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 71156 et seq.) until the later of—(1) December 1, 2016; or (2)

the date that is one year after the date on which the Secretary of Health and Human Services publishes Level 1 guidance with respect to nutrition labeling of standard menu items in restaurants and similar retail food establishments in accordance with paragraphs (g)(1)(i), (g)(1)(ii), (g)(1)(iii), and (g)(1)(iv) of section 10.115 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations.]

This change deletes the entire section 747. The provision applies to 2016 funds provided to the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 748: Appropriates \$250 million for both emergency and non-emergency purposes involving conflicts in the Middle East and other urgent food needs. Bill language is included that makes \$20 million available to reimburse CCC for the release of the commodities through the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust.

[Sec. 748. In addition to funds appropriated in this Act, there is hereby appropriated \$250,000,000, to remain available until expended, under the heading "Food for Peace Title II Grants": *Provided*, That the funds made available under this section shall be used for the purposes set forth in the Food for Peace Act for both emergency and non-emergency purposes: *Provided further*, That the funds made available by this section used for emergency programs may be prioritized to respond to emergency food needs involving conflict in the Middle East and to address other urgent food needs around the world: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under this section, \$20,000,000 shall be used to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for the release of eligible commodities under section 302(f)(2)(A) of the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust Act (7 U.S.C. 1736f-1).]

This change deletes the entire section 748. This provision provided a one-time increase in 2016.

Section 749: Restricts funding for the Food and Drug Administration from conducting research on a human embryo that is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification.

[Sec. 749. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowledge receipt of a submission for an exemption for investigational use of a drug or biological product under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submission shall be deemed to have not been received by the Secretary, and the exemption may not go into effect.]

This change deletes the entire section 749. The provision applies to 2016 funds provided to the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 750: Restricts funding for the Food and Drug Administration from the distribution, sale, or receipt of dried spent grain byproducts of the alcoholic beverage production process, irrespective of whether such byproducts are solely intended for use as animal feed.

[Sec. 750. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement or enforce any provision of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (Public Law 111–353), including the amendments made thereby, with respect to the regulation of the distribution, sale, or receipt of dried spent grain byproducts of the alcoholic beverage production process, irrespective of whether such byproducts are solely intended for use as animal feed.]

This change deletes the entire section 750. The provision applies to 2016 funds provided to the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 751: Allow \$220 million of unobligated balances made available in fiscal year 2015 to be used for management information systems, including electronic benefit transfer systems and activities within WIC in fiscal year 2016.

[Sec. 751. (a) Of the unobligated balances from amounts made available in fiscal year 2015 for the supplemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), \$220,000,000 are hereby rescinded. (b) In addition to amounts provided elsewhere in this Act, there is hereby appropriated for "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children", \$220,000,000, to remain available until expended, for management information systems, including WIC electronic benefit transfer systems and activities.]

This change deletes the entire section 751. This provision provided a one-time use of WIC unobligated balances for WIC management information systems in 2016.

Section 752. Requires the establishment of a prioritization process for APHIS to conduct audits or reviews of countries or regions that have received animal health status recognitions to export animals or animal products to the U.S.

[Sec. 752. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—(1) within 4 months of the date of enactment of this Act, establish a prioritization process for APHIS to conduct audits or reviews of countries or regions that have received animal health status recognitions by APHIS and provide a description of this process to the Committee on Appropriations of the House, Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, Committee on Agriculture of the House, and Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; (2) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates the following factors in the country or region being audited, as applicable: (A) veterinary control and oversight; (B) disease history and vaccination practices; (C) livestock demographics and traceability; (D) epidemiological separation from potential sources of infection; (E) surveillance practices; (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and (G) emergency preparedness and response. (3) promptly make publicly available the final reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant to subsection (2); and (b) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under its international trade agreements.]

This change deletes the entire section 752. This change is requested in order to permit the Executive Branch to carry out programs in the most efficient manner.

Section 753: Prevents APHIS from conducting activities or incurring expenses related to issuance or renewal of licenses to class B dealers who sell dogs and cats for use in research, experiments, teaching, or testing.

[Sec. 753. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to carry out any activities or incur any expense related to the issuance of licenses under section 3 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2133), or the renewal of such licenses, to class B dealers who sell dogs and cats for use in research, experiments, teaching, or testing.]

This change deletes the entire section 753. Through regulatory oversight of Class B dealers, APHIS ensures that the acquisition and disposition of animals is done humanely and in accordance with the regulations. APHIS requires Class B dealers adhere to strict recordkeeping, including disclosing the type and number of animals purchased and sold annually, as well as a holding period to assure that stolen pets are not being sold for research. Of the 763 Class B dealers registered with APHIS, three buy and sell random-source dogs and cats for research purposes. Without continued regulatory oversight, APHIS would be unable to assure the health and well-being of these animals.

Section 754: Prohibits partially hydrogenated oils as defined by the Food and Drug Administration as being deemed unsafe or adulterated until the compliance date is specified in the order published by the Food and Drug Administration.

[Sec. 754. No partially hydrogenated oils as defined in the order published by the Food and Drug Administration in the Federal Register on June 17, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 34650 et seq.) shall be deemed unsafe within the meaning of section 409(a) and no food that is introduced or delivered for introduction into

interstate commerce that bears or contains a partially hydrogenated oil shall be deemed adulterated under sections 402(a)(1) or 402(a)(2)(C)(i) by virtue of bearing or containing a partially hydrogenated oil until the compliance date as specified in such order (June 18, 2018).]

This change deletes the entire section 754. The provision applies to 2016 funds provided to the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 755: Requires the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services to implement their respective responsibilities concerning catfish inspections as stated in law, regulations, or guidance.

[Sec. 755. Notwithstanding any other provision of law—(1) the Secretary of Agriculture shall implement section 12106 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 and the amendments made by such section (21 U.S.C. 601 note; Public Law 113–79), including any regulation or guidance the Secretary of Agriculture issues to carry out such section or the amendments made by such section; and (2) the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall implement section 403(t) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343(t)), including any regulation or guidance the Secretary of Health and Human Services issues to carry out such section.]

This change deletes the entire section 755. This change is requested in order to permit the Executive Branch to carry out programs in the most efficient manner.

Section 756: Provides funds to FSA for a pilot program to demonstrate new technologies that increase the rate of growth of re-forested hardwood trees on private non-industrial forest lands, enrolling lands on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

[Sec. 756. There is hereby appropriated \$600,000 for the purposes of section 727 of division A of Public Law 112-55.]

This change deletes the entire section 756. The Budget does not include funding for this program.

Section 757: Provides \$4 million to implement non-renewable agreements for flooded agricultural lands under the Water Bank Act. The Water Bank Act authorizes annual payments for 10-year contracts to preserve, restore, or improve to protect migratory waterfowl nesting and breeding areas on privately-owned ranches and farms.

[Sec. 757. In addition to amounts otherwise made available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended, to implement non-renewable agreements on eligible lands, including flooded agricultural lands, as determined by the Secretary, under the Water Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301-1311).]

This change deletes the entire section 757. The Budget does not include funding for this program.

Section 758: Sets aside funding from certain RD programs for REAP Zones until August 15, 2016, to equal the amount last obligated for REAP Zones under each program.

[Sec. 758. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August 15, 2016, an amount of funds made available in title III under the headings of Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants, Rural Housing Assistance Grants, Rural Community Facilities Program Account, Rural Business Program Account, Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account, and Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account, equal to the amount obligated in REAP Zones with respect to funds provided under such headings in the most recent fiscal year any such funds were obligated under such headings for REAP Zones.]

This change deletes the entire section 758. This was a one-time set aside in 2016.

Section 759: Allows the Department to exclude beef and pork from COOL requirements.

[Sec. 759. (a) Section 281 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638) is amended—(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (7); (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (8), and (9) as paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7), respectively; and (3) in paragraph (1)(A) (as so redesignated)—(A) in clause (i), by striking “beef,” and “, pork,”; and (B) in clause (ii), by striking “ground beef,” and “, ground pork,”. (b) Section 282 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638a) is amended—(1) in subsection (a)(2)—(A) in the heading, by striking “beef,” and “pork,”; (B) by striking “beef,” and “pork,” each place it appears in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D); and (C) in subparagraph (E)—(i) in the heading, by striking “beef, pork,”; and (ii) by striking “ground beef, ground pork,” each place it appears; and (2) in subsection (f)(2)—(A) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C); and (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively.]

This change deletes the entire section 759. This provision amends permanent law and does not need to be repeated.

Section 760: Allows the Rural Housing Service access to the IRS database to verify the income of applicants seeking assistance from the rental assistance program, single family housing loan program and the very low-income housing repair program.

[Sec. 760. The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary’s designees are hereby granted the same access to information and subject to the same requirements applicable to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as provided in section 453 (j) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C 653(j)) and section 6103 (l)(7)(D)(ix) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 6103 (l)(7)(D)(ix)) to verify the income for individuals participating in sections 502, 504, 521 and 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472, 1474, 1490a, and 1490r).]

This change deletes the entire section 760. The Administration is proposing legislation to provide authority that would allow the Rural Housing Service access to the IRS database to verify the income of applicants seeking assistance from the rental assistance program, single family housing loan program and the very low-income housing repair program. A multi-agency proposal is being requested that would change the authorizing language of the Social Security Act to provide this authority.

Section 761: Prohibits the Food and Drug Administration from allowing into interstate commerce any food that contains genetically engineered salmon until labeling guidelines are established and a program is implemented.

[Sec. 761. (a) During fiscal year 2016, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall not allow the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of any food that contains genetically engineered salmon until FDA publishes final labeling guidelines for informing consumers of such content; and (b) Of the amounts made available to the Food and Drug Administration, Salaries and Expenses, not less than \$150,000 shall be used to develop labeling guidelines and implement a program to disclose to consumers whether salmon offered for sale to consumers is a genetically engineered variety.]

This change deletes the entire section 761. The provision applies to 2016 funds provided to the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 762: Allows the Secretary to charge a fee for lenders to access the Guaranteed Underwriting System in connection with the lenders’ participation in loan guarantee programs of the Rural Housing Service. The fees may be used for administrative expenses of the Rural Housing Service Loan Guarantee Programs and cannot exceed \$50 per loan.

Sec. [762]719. The Secretary may charge a fee for lenders to access Department loan guarantee systems in connection with such lenders' participation in loan guarantee programs of the Rural Housing Service: Provided, That the funds collected from such fees shall be made available to the Secretary without further appropriation and such funds shall be deposited into the Rural Development Salaries and Expense Account and shall remain available until expended for obligation and expenditure by the Secretary for administrative

expenses of the Rural Housing Service Loan Guarantee Program in addition to other available funds: Provided further, That such fees collected shall not exceed \$50 per loan.

Section 763: Prohibits any funds from being used to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use in industrial hemp research as authorized by Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill.

Sec. [763]720. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used—(1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940); or (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of industrial hemp that is grown or cultivated in accordance with subsection section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, within or outside the State in which the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated.

Section 764: Appropriates \$5.5 million to APHIS for one-time control and management and associated activities directly related to a multi-agency response and the funds will remain available until expended.

[Sec. 764. For an additional amount for "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses", \$5,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2017, for one-time control and management and associated activities directly related to the multiple-agency response to citrus greening.]

This change deletes the entire section 764. This provision provided a one-time increase in 2016.

Section 765: Amends Section 529(b)(5) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act making the program available until September 30, 2016.

[Sec. 765. Section 529(b)(5) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360ff(b)(5)) is amended by striking "the last day" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "September 30, 2016.".]

This change deletes the entire section 765. The provision applies to 2016 funds provided to the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 766: Requires that only "Pollock harvested in the State waters of Alaska can be referred to as "Alaskan Pollock" or "Alaska Pollock"

[Sec. 766. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of applying the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.)—(1) the acceptable market name of *Gadus chalcogrammus*, formerly known as *Theragra chalcogramma*, is "pollock"; and (2) the term "Alaskan Pollock" or "'Alaska Pollock'" may be used in labeling to refer solely to "pollock" harvested in the State waters of Alaska or the exclusive economic zone (as that term is defined in section 3 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802)) adjacent to Alaska.]

This change deletes the entire section 766. The provision applies to 2016 funds provided to the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 767: Prohibits inspection of horses for slaughter.

Sec. [767]721. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of personnel—(1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603); (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or (3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation).

Section 722: Allows unobligated balances from the Farm Service Agency and Rural Development Salaries and Expenses accounts, to remain available through September 30, 2018, for information technology expenses.

Sec. 722. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, unobligated balances from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency and the Rural Development mission area shall remain available through September 30, 2018, for information technology expenses.

Section 723: Rescinds unobligated balances from the Community Facility Loan Program; Rural Housing Assistance Grants Program; Rural Business Program; Rural Cooperative Development Grants Program; and the Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband Program.

Sec. 723. The unobligated balances identified by each of the following Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbols, and in the following amounts, respectively, are hereby permanently cancelled: 12X1951, \$620,161.89; 12X1953, \$2,302,342.75; 12X1902, \$352,323.31; 12X1900, \$16,452.44; and 12X1232, \$529,310.95: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

Section 724: Rescinds unobligated balances from offsetting collections in the Community Facility Loans Program; Multi-family Housing Revitalization Program; Mutual and Self Help Housing Grants Program; Rural Business Program; Rural Cooperative Development Grants Program; Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband Program; and the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program.

Sec. 724. The unobligated balances resulting from offsetting collections identified by Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbols 12X1951, 12X2002, 12X2006, 12X1902, 12X1900, 12X1232, and 12X1980, respectively, are hereby cancelled: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

Section 725: Provides authority to make rural communities with populations up to 20,000 persons to be eligible for the Water and Waste Disposal Guaranteed Program.

Sec. 725. For the purpose of water and waste disposal guaranteed loans provided under paragraphs (1) and (24) of section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1) and 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(24)), the terms "rural" and "rural areas" mean a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of no more than 20,000 inhabitants.

Section 726: Provides authority to make transfer funds between programs within the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account.

Sec. 726. The Secretary may transfer funds between programs within the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account: Provided, That such transfers include those between any loans and grants and any funds unobligated from prior year appropriations for each account.

Section 727: Provides authority to use Emergency Conservation Program Funding designated for response to disasters with Stafford Act declaration to be used for response to all disasters.

Sec 727. Amounts made available under this or any prior Act to provide assistance under the emergency conservation program established under title IV of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture for expenses under that program related to recovery efforts in response to natural disasters.

Section 728: Provides authority to use Emergency Forestry Program Funding designated for response to disasters with Stafford Act declaration to be used for response to all disasters.

Sec. 728. Amounts made available under this or any prior Act to provide assistance under the emergency forest restoration program authorized under 16 U.S.C. 2206 shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture for expenses under that program related to recovery efforts in response to natural disasters.

Section 729: Lifts the four-year term-limit on Senior Scientific Advisors in the Office of the Chief Scientist.

Sec 729. Notwithstanding section 251(e)(3)(C) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6971(e)(3)(C)), funds made available to the Office of the Chief Scientist pursuant to section 251(e)(4)(A) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6971(e)(4)(A)) shall be used to pay for the salaries and related administrative expenses of Division Chiefs without any limitation on the term of service.

Section 730: Any person who exports a food, drug, animal drug, or device may request that the Secretary certify in writing that the exported food, drug, animal drug, or device meets specific requirements under 21 USC. This is called the export certification fee and it had been capped at \$175. This removes the \$175 cap and replaces it with a formula for calculating a new export certification fee for each fiscal year. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is required to publish this new export certification fee in the Federal Register 60 days before it takes effect.

Sec. 730. Section 801(e)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(e)(4)) is amended—(a) in subparagraph (B) by striking "but shall not exceed \$175 for each certification" and inserting "in an amount specified in subparagraph (E)"; and (b) by adding after subparagraph (D) the following new subparagraphs: "(E) The fee for each written export certification issued by the Secretary under this paragraph shall not exceed—(i) \$600 for fiscal year 2017; and (ii) for each subsequent fiscal year, the prior fiscal year maximum amount multiplied by the inflation adjustment under section 379j(c)(2)(C) of this title, applied without regard to the limitation in clause (ii)(II) of such subparagraph. (F) The Secretary shall, for each fiscal year, publish in the Federal Register a notice of the export certification fee under this paragraph for such year, not later than 60 days before such fee takes effect."

Section 731: Allows funds appropriated by the 2017 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act to carry out Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to be deemed to be expended for the purposes of the minimum level of non-emergency food assistance for P.L. 480 Title II.

Sec. 731. Funds appropriated by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017 to carry out Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 which are made available through grants or cooperative agreements to strengthen food security in developing countries and which are consistent with the goals of Title II of the Food for Peace Act may be deemed to be expended on nonemergency food assistance for the purposes of section 412(e) of the Food for Peace Act, 7 U.S.C. 1736f(e).

Section 732: Permanently cancels \$54 million from the Watershed Rehabilitation Program.

Sec. 732. Of the funds available under sections 14(h)(1)(A) through 14(h)(1)(G) for fiscal year 2017, \$54,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled.