

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

Title VII – General Provisions

(Including [Rescissions]Cancellations and Transfers of Funds)

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

SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations made available to the Department of Agriculture in this Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year [2026]2027 does not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased in fiscal year 2018: *Provided, That*, prior to purchasing additional motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine that such vehicles are necessary for transportation safety, to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life, property, and public safety: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may not increase the Department of Agriculture's fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary notifies in writing, [and receives approval from,] the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within[within 30 days of the notification].

Change Description

The first and second changes (lines 9 and 10) remove language restricting notification to Congress.

Section 702: Authorizes the transfer of discretionary, unobligated funds appropriated by this Act or other available unobligated discretionary balances to the Working Capital Fund (WCF) for the purpose of acquiring plant and capital equipment, and for the improvement and implementation of Department financial management, information technology, and other support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services with approval of the Agency Administrator. Amounts transferred under this authority would not be available for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of Congress are notified. In addition, language allows up to 4 percent of total annual income to the WCF for fiscal year 2027 may be retained in the Fund for fiscal year 2027, to remain available until expended, to be used for the acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and for the improvement and implementation of Department financial management, information technology, and other support systems or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center, the amounts reserved are not available for obligation without notification to the Appropriations Committees. Funds available for investment from among the equity accounts of the Department’s WCF may be allocated among the activities the WCF supports for any purpose relating to information technology modernization.

1 SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may
 2 transfer unobligated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this Act or any other
 3 available unobligated discretionary balances that are remaining available of the Department of
 4 Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund[for the acquisition of]to acquire and improve property,
 5 [plant and]equipment and [for the improvement, delivery, and implementation of
 6 Department financial, and administrative information technology services, and]other support
 7 systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology
 8 services, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the
 9 Department of Agriculture, such transferred funds to remain available until expended:
 10 *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be
 11 transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency
 12 administrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds transferred to the Working Capital
 13 Fund pursuant to this section shall be available for obligation without written notification to
 14 [and the prior approval of]the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress:
 15 *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or made available to the

16 Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to make
 17 any changes to the Department's National Finance Center without written notification to [and
 18 prior approval of]the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress[as required
 19 by section 716 of this Act]: [*Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act
 20 or made available to the Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available for obligation
 21 or expenditure to initiate, plan, develop, implement, or make any changes to remove or
 22 relocate any systems, missions, personnel, or functions of the offices of the Chief Financial
 23 Officer and the Chief Information Officer, co-located with or from the National Finance Center
 24 prior to written notification to and prior approval of the Committee on Appropriations of both
 25 Houses of Congress and in accordance with the requirement of section 716 of this Act:
 26]*Provided further*, That [the National Finance Center Information Technology Services Division
 27 personnel and data center management responsibilities, and control of]any functions,
 28 missions, and systems for [current and future human resources management and integrated
 29 personnel and]payroll systems[(PPS)] and functions provided by the Chief Financial Officer
 30 and the Chief Information Officer shall remain in the National Finance Center and under the
 31 management responsibility and administrative control of the National Finance Center:
 32 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial Officer
 33 shall actively market to existing and new Departments and other government agencies
 34 National Finance Center shared services including, but not limited to, payroll[,] and financial
 35 management[, and human capital shared services] and allow the National Finance Center to
 36 perform technology upgrades: *Provided further*, That of annual income amounts in the
 37 Working Capital Fund of the Department of Agriculture [allocated for]attributable to the
 38 amounts in excess of the true costs of the shared services provided by the National Finance
 39 Center, the Secretary shall reserve not more than 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition
 40 of [capital] services and equipment, including equipment for the improvement, delivery, and
 41 implementation of financial, administrative, and information technology services, and other
 42 systems of the National Finance Center or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost of the
 43 National Finance Center: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved shall be
 44 available for obligation unless the Secretary submits written notification of the obligation to the
 45 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That the
 46 limitations on the obligation of funds pending notification to Congressional Committees shall
 47 not apply to any obligation that, as determined by the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a
 48 declared state of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of the National Finance
 49 Center; or to evacuate employees of the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue
 50 operations of the National Finance Center.

Change Description

The first change (lines 4) provides the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out the programs of the Department in the most efficient and effective manner.

The second change (line 14) provides that the Committees on Appropriations of Congress only be notified in advance of funds being available for obligation. The Department will continue its policy of informing the Congress in sufficient time as required.

The third change (line 18) removes language referencing another general provision which is proposed for removal.

The fourth thru ninth change (lines 19 to 35) provides the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out the programs of the Department in the most efficient and effective manner.

The tenth change (line 37 and 40) allows for the National Finance Center to plan for a 4 percent profit to allow for the replacement or acquisition of services and equipment to improve service delivery.

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 Rural Development Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans program account and the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account 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 program account, the Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans program account, and the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

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 notification 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.

Change Description

This change (line 7) removes language restricting notification to Congress.

Section 707: Allows funds made available in a fiscal year for the Agricultural Management Assistance Program to remain available until expended to cover obligations made in the same fiscal year 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: Continues language to expand eligibility for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development (RED) Grants program to former RUS borrowers and entities.

SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any former Rural Utilities Service 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 313B(a) of such Act in the same manner as a borrower under such Act.

Section 709: Allows up to \$20 million of unobligated balances from the Farm Service Agency and Farm Production and Conservation Business Center Salaries and Expenses accounts to be used for information technology expenses through 2028.

SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, under the headings "Farm Service Agency—Salaries and Expenses" and "Farm Production and Conservation Business Center—Salaries and Expenses", 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] each of the respective headings in this Act shall remain available through September 30, [2027]2028, for information technology expenses.

Change Description

The first and second changes (lines 2, 3, 4, and 6) revise language to specify that the limitation of carryover funding is for both the Farm Service Agency and the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center.

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. 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: Continues language providing the authority to use Commodity Credit Corporation funds provided for certain Farm Bill programs for technical assistance and administrative expenses related to those programs and excludes programs for which indefinite amounts are provided, with regard to the limitations contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

SEC. 711. In the case of each program established or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79) or by a successor to that Act, 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 spending limit of \$2.9 million for activities related to all Federal Advisory Committee Act committees of the Department.

SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act, not more than \$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.

Section 713: Continues language restricting the use of funding for computer networks unless it blocks pornography.

SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

Section 714: Allows the Agricultural Marketing Service to retain unobligated balances until expended for Section 32 purposes, with up to \$350 million of balances allowed for direct payments to reestablish farmers' purchasing powers. The total Section 32 spending cap for 2021 is \$1.67 billion. Commodity Purchase Services, administrative funds, is to be funded at \$40.97 million.

SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section 14222 of Public Law 110-246 (7 U.S.C. 612c-6; in this section referred to as "section 14222"), 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 section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section referred to as "section 32") in excess of [~~\$1,716,293,000~~]\$1,714,000,000 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—\$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—\$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Purchases—[~~\$40,971,000~~]\$41,862,000: *Provided*, That, of the total funds made available in the matter preceding this proviso that remain unobligated on October 1, [~~2026~~]2027, such unobligated balances shall carryover into fiscal year [~~2027~~]2028 and shall remain available until expended for any of the purposes of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Secretary of Agriculture provides written notification of the expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Provided further*, That, with the exception of any available carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32, 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 to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

Section 715: 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 the budget submission.

[SEC. 715. 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 2021 appropriations Act.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 715. The 2027 Budget includes appropriation request for funds under current law.

Section 716: Requires written notification to and approval from Congress 30 days in advance of reprogramming of funds, interchanges, new Greenbook charges, or Economy Act ("reimbursable") agreements under certain circumstances; for actions that increase or decrease funding for a major capital investment, realign or reorganize an entity involving five or more employees; contracts out or privatizes any functions currently performed by federal employees; or for carrying out activities not described in the budget request.

[SEC. 716.

(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 or the Secretary of Health and Human Services (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 or the Secretary of Health and Human Services (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 or the Secretary of Health and Human Services 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 or the Secretary of Health and Human Services 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.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 716. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out the programs of the Department in the most efficient and effective manner. The Department will continue its policy of informing the Congress in sufficient time of any reprogramming plans.

Section 717: Allows the Secretary to assess a one-time fee for any guaranteed business and industry loan of up to 3 percent of the guaranteed principal portion of the loan.

SEC. [717]715. 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 718: Prohibits the use of USDA funds to transmit or otherwise make available to any non-USDA employee reports, questions, or responses to questions requested for the appropriations hearing process.

[SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, 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, or non-Farm Credit Administration employee.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 718. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 719: Prohibits the use of appropriated 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 that the prepackaged story was prepared or funded by the Department of Agriculture.

[SEC. 719. 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 pre-packaged 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.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 719. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 720: Requires reimbursements for USDA employees detailed for more than 60 days in a fiscal year.

[SEC. 720. 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.]

Change Description

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

Section 721: Requires a spending plan by program, project, and activity no later than 30 days after enactment for all funds, including appropriated user fees.

[SEC. 721. 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, 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. As defined in the report accompanying this Act, for all amounts made available by this Act and prior appropriations Acts that remain available for obligation, including appropriated user fees and loan authorizations: *Provided*, That such obligations shall include breakdowns of estimated obligations for each such program, project, or activity by fiscal quarter, source appropriation,

and the number of full-time equivalent positions supported: *Provided further*, That such obligation plan shall serve as the baseline for reprogramming notifications for the purpose of section 716 of this Act.]

Change Description

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

Section 722: Requires law to allow or require electronic distribution for drug or biological product subject to Exemptions and Consideration for Certain Drugs, devices, and biological products be distributed to professionals.

[SEC. 722. 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.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 722. This change is requested to provide the Food and Drug Administration the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 723: Continues to exclude incarcerated prison populations for the purposes of determining program eligibility or level of program assistance for Rural Development Programs.

SEC. [723]716. For the purposes of determining eligibility or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated prison populations.

Section 724: 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. [724]717. For loans and loan guarantees that do not require budget authority and for which 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 725: Limits the use of refunds or rebates from credit card purchases to the acquisition and improvement of property and equipment for the improvement and implementation of Department financial management, information technology, and other support systems and requires advanced congressional notification.

SEC. [725]718. 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]to acquire and improve property, [plant and]equipment[;including equipment for the improvement, delivery, and implementation of Departmental financial management, information technology], and other support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative,

and information technology services, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture.

Change Description

The first change (lines 4 and 5) provides that the Committees on Appropriations of Congress only be notified in advance of funds being available for obligation. The Department will continue its policy of informing the Congress in sufficient time as required.

The second change (line 6 to 9) provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out the programs of the Department in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 726: Prohibits FNS from implementing and executing final food stocking requirements at approved SNAP retailers, until the Secretary amends the definition of the term "variety," to increase the number of acceptable, qualifying items in each staple food category beyond the number and "variety" currently included in the final rule published on December 15, 2016. Until such time, FNS shall apply the requirements regarding acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to SNAP retailers that were in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

[SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the "variety" requirements of the final rule entitled "Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)" published by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agriculture amends the definition of the term "variety" as defined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, and "variety" as applied in the definition of the term "staple food" as defined in section 271.2 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the number of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each staple food category so that the total number of such items in each staple food category exceeds the number of such items in each staple food category included in the final rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amendments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regarding acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79).]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 728. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 727: Allows section 502 single family housing guaranteed loan program to operate similar to FHA and VA home loan guarantees, allowing lenders to issue loan guarantees on behalf of the Federal government.

SEC. [727]719. 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 729: Restricts usage of funds to propose, finalize, or implement any regulation which disseminates a new user fee pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701.

SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be available for the United States Department of Agriculture to propose, finalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date of the enactment of this Act.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 728. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 729: Authorizes FSIS to charge establishments for overtime and holiday inspections subject to Poultry Products Inspection Act, Federal Meat Inspection Act, and Egg Production Inspection Act by eliminating the current limitations imposed on the agency in assessing fees for inspection services provided outside of an establishment's approved inspection shifts. These funds remain available until expended to fund all costs associated with FSIS inspections.

SEC. [729]720. Notwithstanding any provision of law that regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and holiday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge establishments subject to the inspection requirements of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et seq., the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et seq., and the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided outside of an establishment's approved inspection shifts, and for inspection services provided on Federal holidays: *Provided*, That any sums charged pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay under section 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided further*, That sums received by the Secretary under this paragraph shall, in addition to other available funds, remain available until expended to the Secretary without further appropriation for the purpose of funding all costs associated with FSIS inspections.

Section 730: Authorizes FSIS to charge establishments for overtime and holiday inspections subject to Poultry Products Inspection Act, Federal Meat Inspection Act, and Egg Production Inspection Act by eliminating the current limitations imposed on the agency in assessing fees for inspection services provided outside of an establishment's approved inspection shifts. These funds remain available until expended to fund all costs associated with FSIS inspections.

SEC. [730]721. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

(1) 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; and

(2) promptly make publicly available the final reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

(b) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under its international trade agreements.

Section 731: Prohibits funding a public water or wastewater system unless all iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States. The Secretary may waive this requirement under certain conditions.

[SEC. 731. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid waste management programs authorized by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States.

(2) In this section, the term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the Secretary of Agriculture (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") or the designee of the Secretary finds that—

(1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest;

(2) iron and steel products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or

(3) inclusion of iron and steel products produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

(c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the designee shall make available to the public on an informal basis a copy of the request and information available to the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and shall allow for informal public input on the request for at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the request and accompanying information available by electronic means, including on the official public Internet Web site of the Department.

(d) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

(e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of the funds appropriated in this Act for "Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account" for carrying out the provisions described in subsection (a)(1) for management and oversight of the requirements of this section.

(f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a project for which the engineering plans and specifications include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited by such subsection if the plans and specifications have received required approvals from State agencies prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

(g) For purposes of this section, the terms "United States" and "State" shall include each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally recognized Indian Tribe.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 731. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 732: Prohibits the use of funds to influence Congressional action on legislation or appropriation matters other than to communicate with Members or officials of Congress as authorized by law.

[SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 732. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 733: Requires that at least 10 percent of the direct loans and grants for various Rural Development Programs, be allocated for assistance in persistent poverty counties (counties that have 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the Economic Research Service, or any territory or possession of the U.S.), including those counties with county seats having populations within 110 percent of the authorized population limit.

[SEC. 733. Of the total amounts made available by this Act for direct loans and grants under the following headings: "Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account"; "Rural Housing Service—Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants"; "Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants"; "Rural Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program Account"; "Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural Business Program Account"; "Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Program Account"; "Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural Cooperative Development Grants"; "Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program"; "Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account"; "Rural Utilities Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications Loans Program Account"; and "Rural Utilities Service—Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program", to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 percent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in persistent poverty counties under this section, including, notwithstanding any other provision regarding population limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county that has a population that does not exceed the authorized population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section, the term "persistent poverty counties" means any county that has had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses, and 2007–2011 American Community Survey 5-year average, or any territory or possession of the United States: *Provided further*, That with respect to specific activities for which program levels have been made available by this Act that are not supported by budget authority, the requirements of this section shall be applied to such program level.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 733. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 734: Restricts funding for the Food and Drug Administration concerning exemptions in relation to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

SEC. [734]722. 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.

Section 735: Restricts the Food and Drug Administration from enforcing the final rule “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”.

[SEC. 735. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration entitled "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption", and published on November 27, 2015, and the proposed rule issued by the Food and Drug Administration pending at the Office of Management and Budget entitled "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding Produce for Human Consumption Related to Agricultural Water " (86 Fed. Reg. 69120 and 87 Fed. Reg. 42973), with respect to the regulation of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold wine grapes, hops, pulse crops, or almonds.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 735. This change is requested to provide the Food and Drug Administration the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 736: Restricts funding for the Child Nutrition Program concerning the substitution of vegetables for fruits within the school breakfast program.

SEC. [736]723. For school years [2025–2026]2026–2027 and [2026–2027]2027–2028, none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to restrict or limit the substitution of vegetable subgroup for fruits under the school breakfast program established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

Section 737: Prohibits funds from being used to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of industrial hemp in research as authorized by Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill, subtitle G of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or Section 10114 of the 2018 Farm Bill.

SEC. [737]724. 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), subtitle G of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or section 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018; or

(2) to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or outside the State in which the hemp is grown or cultivated.

Section 738: Allows the Secretary to waive the matching funds requirement for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture programs under Section 412(g) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998.

SEC. [738]725. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

Section 739: Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to be an ex officio member of CFIUS. Notification on any agricultural land transaction is to be reported to CFIUS, to the maximum extent possible, that the Secretary has reason to believe may pose a risk to the national security of the US with emphasis on foreign governments or entities of concern defined in 42 USC 19221(a) and for each person required to submit a report under AFIDA.

SEC. [739]726. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be included as a member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case basis pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.

4565(k)(2)(J)) with respect to each covered transaction (as defined in section 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4))) involving agricultural land, agriculture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry (including agricultural transportation, agricultural storage, and agricultural processing), as determined by the CFIUS Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the maximum extent practicable, notify CFIUS of any agricultural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture has reason to believe, based on information from or in cooperation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national security of the United States, with particular emphasis on covered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by foreign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a) of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

Section 740: Provides RD \$2 million, to remain available until expended, for grants to non-profit organizations that provide financial and legal services to multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate the acquisition of multi-family housing properties in areas at-risk of losing affordable housing.

[SEC. 740. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a pilot program for the Secretary to provide grants to qualified nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities to provide technical assistance, including financial and legal services, to RHS multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate property preservation through the acquisition of RHS multi-family housing properties in areas where the Secretary determines a risk of loss of affordable housing, by non-profit housing organizations and public housing authorities as authorized by law that commit to keep such properties in the RHS multi-family housing program for a period of time as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That such funds may also be used for technical assistance for non-profit organizations, public housing authorities, and private owners for the decoupling of rental assistance.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 740. This was a one-time provision.

Section 741: 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, 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. 741. 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, 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.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 741. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 742: Prohibits the use of funds to procure raw or processed poultry products imported from China for use in the school lunch program, the Child and Adult Food Care Program, the Summer Food Service Program, or the School Breakfast Program.

[SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry products or seafood 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 Care Food 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.).]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 742. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 743: Continues language stating that only a school food authority (SFA) that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, is required to comply with paid lunch equity requirements, which ensure the SFA has sufficient funds for meals served to students not eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

SEC. [743]727. For school year [2026-2027]2027-2028, only a school food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, [2025]2026, shall be required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

Section 744: Clarifies USDA's authority to set aside funds for the Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants Program.

SEC. [744]728. Any funds made available by this or any other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended, shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assessment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer such funds among appropriations of the Department of Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

Section 745: Prohibits the use of funds to reorganize an agency outside of the mission area it was located in on August 1, 2018, without specific legislation affirming the move.

[SEC. 745. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds available to the Department of Agriculture may be used to move any agency from the mission area in which it was located on August 1, 2018, to any other mission area or office within the Department in the absence of the enactment of specific legislation affirming such move.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 745. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out the programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 746: Provides authorization for NRCS to provide technical assistance for the Watershed Operations and Rehabilitation and the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

SEC. [746]729. The Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such programs pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding subsection (c) of such section.

Section 747: Continues language concerning the administration of the Re-Connect pilot program providing not more than 10 percent of the funding to communities considered Areas Rural in Character.

SEC. [747]730. In administering the pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Secretary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining entities eligible to receive assistance, consider those communities which are "Areas Rural in Character": *Provided*, That not more than 10 percent of the funds made available under the heading "Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program" for the purposes of the pilot program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–141 may be used for this purpose.

Section 748: Provides \$2 million, to remain available until expended, to implement non-renewable agreements for preservation of water bank and flooded agricultural lands.

[SEC. 748. In addition to amounts otherwise made available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$2,000,000, 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).]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 748. This was a one-time provision.

Section 749: Continues language allowing banks to help fund and support projects in rural areas for waste management, telecommunication services, and electricity generation, except for federal government projects.

SEC. [749]731. A bank referenced in 12 U.S.C. 2128 may make and participate in loans and commitments and provide technical and other financial assistance to cooperatives and any other public or private entity (except for the Federal Government) for the purpose of installing, maintaining, expanding, improving, or operating facilities in a rural area as defined in 12 U.S.C. 2128(f) for the processing or disposal of waste from any source, provision of telecommunication services, and producing electricity from any source for use or sale by the borrower.

Section 750: Includes language setting aside funding from certain RD programs for Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones.

[SEC. 750. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August 15, 2026, 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.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 750. This change is requested to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out the programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 751: Provides \$2 million, to remain available until expended, expended, to carry out no more than 10 pilot programs that provide grants for establishing programs under the Richard B.

Russell National School Lunch Act (GP 758 of PL 118-42). The report is due not later than 1 year after the conclusion of the pilot program.

[SEC. 751. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out section 758 of division B of Public Law 118-42, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purpose.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 751. This was a one-time provision.

Section 752: Prohibits the FDA from issuing or promoting new guidelines or regulations to food manufacturers of ready to eat foods for *Listeria monocytogenes* until new guidance is developed using new science available.

[SEC. 752. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any new guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufacturers of low risk ready-to-eat (RTE) foods for *Listeria monocytogenes* (Lm) until the FDA considers the available new science in developing the Compliance Policy Guide (CPG), Guidance for FDA Staff, section 555.320 *Listeria monocytogenes* regarding Lm in low-risk foods, meaning foods that do not support the growth of Lm.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 752. This change is requested to provide the Food and Drug Administration the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 753: Provides \$4 million, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for grants for Cotton Classing activities to include equipment and facilities upgrades.

[SEC. 753. For necessary expenses associated with cotton classing activities pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 55, to include equipment and facility upgrades, and in addition to any other funds made available for this purpose, there is appropriated, \$4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That amounts made available in this section shall be treated as funds collected by fees authorized under March 4, 1923, ch. 288, section 5, 42 Stat. 1518, as amended (7 U.S.C. 55).]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 753. This was a one-time provision.

Section 754: Provides \$700 thousand to cover voluntary inspection fees slaughtering or processing Bison/Buffalo on Native American owned establishments or establishments operating on tribal lands.

[SEC. 754. For an additional amount for the Office of the Secretary, \$700,000, for the Office of Tribal Relations to cover costs incurred for the slaughtering, processing, and voluntary meat inspection fees, notwithstanding the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622 et seq.) and 9 CFR part 352, for bison owned by Tribal governments (as defined by the List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131)), Tribal entities (including Tribal organizations and corporations), and Tribal members that slaughter and process bison at establishments that receive USDA voluntary inspection or state inspection.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 754. This was a one-time provision.

Section 755: Continues language allowing APHIS employees who earned premium pay be exempted from the basic pay and premium pay calculations provided the services provided they are in response to an animal disease or plant health emergency outbreak.

SEC. [755]732. If services performed by APHIS employees are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an animal disease or plant health emergency outbreak, any premium pay that is funded, either directly or through reimbursement, shall be exempted from the aggregate of basic pay and premium pay calculated under section 5547(b)(1) and (2) of title 5, United States Code, and any other provision of law limiting the aggregate amount of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar year basis.

Section 756: Continues language prohibiting inspections of horses for slaughter.

SEC. [756]733. None of the funds made available by 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 757: Provides \$2 million, to remain available until expended, for mitigation banking (Section 2103).

[SEC. 757. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out section 2103 of Public Law 115-334: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall prioritize the wetland compliance needs of areas with significant numbers of individual wetlands, wetland acres, and conservation compliance requests.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 757. This was a one-time provision.

Section 758: Provides \$3 million for RD to provide grants for shelters for domestic violence victims with pets (Section 12502).

[SEC. 758. There is appropriated \$3,000,000 for the emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assistance grant program established under section 12502(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C. 20127).]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 758. This was a one-time provision.

Section 759: Requires that USDA and HHS use the study produced by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine in establishing alcohol consumption recommendations in the 2025 Dietary Guidance for Americans.

SEC. [759]734. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) were tasked with providing findings and recommendations on alcohol consumption for the purposes of inclusion in the 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans as required by section 772 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328): *Provided*, That the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agriculture shall only consider the findings and recommendations of the NASEM report in the development of the 2025

Dietary Guidelines for Americans and further, both Secretaries shall ensure that the alcohol consumption recommendations in the 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and medical knowledge consistent with section 5341 of title 7 of United States Code.]

Section 760: Provides \$9.953 million from offsetting collections in the RED Grant account to be used for RBDG (Rural Business Development Grants).

[SEC. 760. (a) Section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c-2(a)), shall be applied for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter until the specified funding has been expended as if the following were inserted after the final period: "In addition, the Secretary shall use \$9,465,000 of the funds available to carry out this section in fiscal year 2024 for an additional amount for the same purpose and under the same terms and conditions as the Rural Business Development Grants authorized by section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)) and shall use \$9,953,000 of the funds available to carry out this section in fiscal year 2026 for an additional amount for the same purpose and under the same terms and conditions as the Rural Business Development Grants authorized by section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)).".

(b) Section 780 of division B of Public Law 118-42 and such section as continued in effect as an authority and condition under section 1101(a)(1) of Public Law 119-4 shall no longer apply.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 760. This was a one-time provision.

Section 761: Continues language regarding genetically engineered in relation to engineered animal approved prior to February 19, 2019.

SEC. [761]735. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal approved prior to the effective date of the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19, 2019) shall include the words "genetically engineered" prior to the existing acceptable market name.

Section 762: Provides \$5.25 million, to remain available until expended, for NIFA to continue the Institute for Rural Partnership's researching causes and condition of challenges facing rural areas and develop community partnerships to address such challenges. It also requires an annual report be published.

[SEC. 762. For an additional amount for the Office of the Secretary, \$5,250,000, to remain available until expended, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships as established in section 778 of Public Law 117-103: *Provided*, That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall continue to dedicate resources to researching the causes and conditions of challenges facing rural areas, and develop community partnerships to address such challenges: *Provided* further, That administrative or other fees shall not exceed one percent: *Provided further*, That such partnership shall coordinate and publish an annual report.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 762. This was a one-time provision.

Section 763: Provides \$500,000 to carry out the duties of the working group established under section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019.

[SEC. 763. There is hereby appropriated \$500,000 to carry out the duties of the working group established under section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6; 133 Stat. 89).]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 763. This was a one-time provision.

Section 764: Continues language allowing the Office of the General Counsel to enter into reimbursable agreements with USDA agencies when the level of services requested exceeds the number of hours allocated to a particular agency.

SEC. [764]736. The agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the General Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act, for costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such agencies or offices under time-limited agreements entered into with such agencies and offices: *Provided*, That such transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law.

Section 765: Amends the Multifamily Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1981 to provide authority to standardize USDA foreclosures across states, consistent with how HUD is authorized to carryout foreclosures.

[SEC. 765. Section 363 of the Multifamily Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1981 (12 U.S.C. 3702) is amended at paragraph (2)—

- (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking "and";
- (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and
- (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

"(F) section 514 or 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485).".]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 765. This was a one-time provision as it revised the authorizing language.

Section 766: Amends the language in the CF Program Account in the 2024 Continuing Appropriations Act to expand the administrative expenses to be used for funding provided by the Non-recurring Expenses Fund for Congressionally Directed Spending.

[SEC. 766. The last proviso in the second paragraph under the heading "Rural Community Facilities Program Account" in division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42) shall be amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That in addition to any other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made available under this heading, for administrative expenses for activities funded under this heading and in section 778(1).".]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 766. This was a one-time provision as it revised the authorizing language.

Section 767: Rescinds \$30 million of unobligated balances in the Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Operations account.

[SEC. 767. Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available for conservation activities under the heading "Natural Resources Conservation Service—Conservation Operations", \$30,000,000 are hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 767. This was a one-time rescission.

Section 768: Rescinds \$22 million of unobligated balances in the National Institute of Food and Agriculture Research and Education Activities account.

[SEC. 768. Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available for the "National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities", \$22,000,000 are hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 768. This was a one-time rescission.

Section 769: Rescinds \$20 million of unobligated balances in the Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program account for ReConnect funding.

[SEC. 769. Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available under the heading "Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program" for the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$20,000,000 are hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 769. This was a one-time rescission.

Section 770: Permanently rescinds \$78 million of unobligated balances in the Working Capital Fund account.

[SEC. 770. Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available in the "Working Capital Fund", \$78,000,000 are hereby permanently rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 770. This was a one-time rescission.

Section 771: Language that prohibits the use of funds to close or consolidate resources or locations of any ARS laboratories and facilities without prior notification and approval from both Houses of Congress.

[SEC. 771. None of the funds made available to the Department of Agriculture in this or any other Act may be used to close or consolidate the resources or locations of any existing Agricultural Research Service laboratories and facilities without prior notification and approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 771. This was a one-time provision.

Section 772: Continues language that requires not less than \$200 million from tobacco product user fees shall be used for enforcement activities and not less than \$2 million of that amount shall be used for a taskforce led by DOJ, DHS, and FDA.

SEC. [772]737.

(a) Of the amounts made available in this Act under the heading "Department of Health and Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Salaries and Expenses" that are derived from tobacco product user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, not less than \$200,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs for enforcement activities related to e-cigarettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery systems (in this section referred to as "ENDS"), including activities under section 801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)): *Provided*, That not less than \$2,000,000 of such amount shall be used to continue the activities of the Federal multi-agency task force led by the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the FDA to further work to bring all available criminal and civil tools to bear against the illegal manufacture, importation, distribution, and sale of e-cigarettes, vapes, and other ENDS products from the Republic of China and other foreign countries.

(b) Not later than 365 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall update the FDA document titled "Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization", published in January 2020 and updated in April 2020, to expand FDA's prioritized enforcement to flavored disposable ENDS products in addition to cartridge-based products and to define the term "disposable ENDS product."

(c) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall submit a semi-annual written report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the progress that the Center for Tobacco Products is making in removing all illegal ENDS products from the market: *Provided*, That the initial report shall be submitted not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) Section 801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)) is amended by striking "drug or device" each place it appears in the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth sentences and inserting "drug, device, or tobacco product".

(e) Within 180 days the FDA shall submit a report to the Committee of Appropriations of both Houses of Congress detailing the Agency's activities to educate retailers in determining which products are legal for sale.

Section 773: Language that requires fees derived from amounts assessed and collected in 2026 must comply with all applicable laws and authorizations and transmitted to Four Corners.

[SEC. 773.

(a) Fees derived from amounts assessed and collected for fiscal year 2026, credited under the heading "Department of Health and Human Services—Food and Drug Administration—Salaries and Expenses", and made available for expenditure under such heading must comply with

each provision contained in current user fee authorizations, appropriations Acts, and commitment letters, as transmitted from the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives regarding reauthorization of such current user fee authorizations: *Provided*, That the term current user fee authorizations means those user fees authorized at 21 U.S.C. 379h, 21 U.S.C. 379j, 21 U.S.C. 379j-42, 21 U.S.C. 379j-52, 21 U.S.C. 379j-12, 21 U.S.C. 379j-21, 21 U.S.C. 387s, 42 U.S.C. 263b, 21 U.S.C. 381, 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, 21 U.S.C. 379-j31, 21 U.S.C. 379j-62, 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), 21 U.S.C. 360eee-3(c)(1), 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-4a, and 21 U.S.C. 379j-72.

(b)

(1) Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Food and Drug Administration shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes obligation and outlay estimates and full-time equivalent (FTE) personnel staffing estimates for fiscal year 2026 for each Food and Drug Administration program that uses both general fund appropriations and funds derived from user fees: *Provided*, That such report shall include a table with separate columns for general fund appropriations and funds derived from user fees for such obligations, outlays and FTE personnel staffing: *Provided further*, That such report shall be certified by the Ombudsman of the Food and Drug Administration.

(2) The report in paragraph (1) shall be updated, certified by the Ombudsman of the Food and Drug Administration, and submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 45 days after each fiscal quarter until all such funds are expended: *Provided*, That a plan for such ongoing quarterly reporting shall be submitted with the report required by subsection (b)(1).]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 773. This was a one-time provision.

Section 774: Extends the current prohibition on requiring matching funds on grants for improvements to meat and poultry facilities to allow for interstate shipment. With the extension, the prohibition will be in place until the end of fiscal year 2027. In addition, this GP extends the authority to conduct the Livestock Mandatory Reporting program.

SEC. [774]738. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by striking "[2025]2026" and inserting "[2026]2027".

(b) Section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106-78) is amended by striking "[2025]2026" and inserting "[2026]2027".

Section 775: Continues restrictions funding for the Food and Drug Administration concerning regulations on sodium reductions until an assessment is completed on short-term sodium reduction targets.

SEC. [775]739. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used by the Food and Drug Administration to develop, issue, promote or advance any final guidelines or new regulations applicable to food manufacturers for long-term population-wide sodium reduction actions until an assessment is completed on the impact of the short-term sodium reduction targets.

Section 776: Provides \$3 million, to remain available until expended, for a pilot program for Energy Circuit Riders providing professional support to rural communities to undertake projects to save

energy and reduce emissions where recipients must serve two or more rural areas. The performance period shall be more than 3 but less than 6 years and the Federal share is not to exceed 75 percent.

[SEC. 776. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a new pilot program to support on-the-ground local Energy Circuit Riders who provide professional support to rural communities for the purpose of undertaking projects that save energy and reduce emissions: *Provided*, That for the purpose of the new pilot program, the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Rural Development, shall have the authority to provide amounts, including in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, and other financial assistance, to States, Indian Tribes, cooperative extension services, institutions of higher education, cooperatives and cooperative organizations, regional planning commissions or other public entities serving two or more rural areas: *Provided further*, That the period of performance under this pilot program shall be more than 3 but not more than 6 years: *Provided further*, That the Federal share shall not be more than 75 percent: *Provided further*, That an eligible entity using funds provided under the pilot program shall offer assistance with energy planning, energy audits, applicable Federal funding opportunities, tax incentives, project financing, grant writing, community-based capacity building, or applicable State, local, and utility-based incentives, including, as appropriate, coordinating with relevant State energy offices.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 776. This was a one-time provision.

Section 777: Provides \$3 million, to remain available until expended, for a pilot program for Energy Circuit Riders providing professional support to rural communities to undertake projects to save energy and reduce emissions where recipients must serve two or more rural areas. The performance period shall be more than 3 but less than 6 years and the Federal share is not to exceed 75 percent.

[SEC. 777. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a new pilot program to support on-the-ground local Energy Circuit Riders who provide professional support to rural communities for the purpose of undertaking projects that save energy and reduce emissions: *Provided*, That for the purpose of the new pilot program, the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Rural Development, shall have the authority to provide amounts, including in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, and other financial assistance, to States, Indian Tribes, cooperative extension services, institutions of higher education, cooperatives and cooperative organizations, regional planning commissions or other public entities serving two or more rural areas: *Provided further*, That the period of performance under this pilot program shall be more than 3 but not more than 6 years: *Provided further*, That the Federal share shall not be more than 75 percent: *Provided further*, That an eligible entity using funds provided under the pilot program shall offer assistance with energy planning, energy audits, applicable Federal funding opportunities, tax incentives, project financing, grant writing, community-based capacity building, or applicable State, local, and utility-based incentives, including, as appropriate, coordinating with relevant State energy offices.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 777. This was a one-time provision.

Section 778: Requires at least 51 percent of coffee grown in various places in Hawaii when applying 21 USC 301 et seq.

[SEC. 778. For purposes of applying the Federal Food Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), Hawaii grown or produced coffee shall contain at least 51 percent of coffee grown in Kona, Kau, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, or other areas of the State of Hawaii: *Provided*, That based on

the region it is produced or grown, the common or usual names shall be Kona Coffee, Kau Coffee, Maui Coffee, Oahu Coffee, Kauai Coffee, or Hawaii Coffee.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 778. This was a one-time provision.

Section 779: Language concerning restricting funding from any Act to close field offices or relocate employees causing field offices to have 2 or fewer employees without prior notification and approval by both Houses of Congress.

[SEC. 779. None of the funds made available for any department or agency in this or any other appropriations Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Natural Resources Conservation Service or Rural Development mission area field offices or to permanently relocate any field-based employees of those agencies that would result in an office with two or fewer employees without prior notification and approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 779. This was a one-time provision.

Section 780: Restricts usage of funding to administer or enforce "Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for Certain Foods".

[SEC. 780. No funds appropriated by this Act may be used to administer or enforce the "Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for Certain Foods", published on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 70910), or any other rule promulgated in accordance with section 204 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (21 U.S.C. 2223), prior to July 20, 2028. Further, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration shall:

- (1) Engage quarterly with the regulated entities, including farms, restaurants, retail food establishments, and warehouses distributing to retail food establishments and restaurants, to identify and implement, as appropriate, additional flexibilities for satisfying the rule's lot-level tracking requirement, as appropriate, such that regulated entities can comply with the November 21, 2022, rule consistent with section 204(d)(1)(L)(iii), which prohibits the agency from requiring product tracking to the case level.
- (2) Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the Food and Drug Administration is directed to provide industry stakeholders with recommendations for these additional flexibilities satisfying the rule's lot-level tracking requirement, as appropriate.
- (3) The FDA shall provide assistance to industry regarding how to handle food waste recovery, reclamation, intra-company transfers, customer returns under the rule and initiate a series of hypothetical data intake exercises to test the capabilities of the FDA's Product Tracing System and, upon request and as resources allow, the covered entity systems and identify any technical difficulties prior to full implementation.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 780. This was a one-time provision.

Section 781: Amends language concerning the definition of Hemp in relation to tetrahydrocannabinol concentration not to exceed 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis. FDA must provide a report to both Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 90 days of implementation.

[SEC. 781. Effective 365 days after the enactment of this Act, Section 297A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively; and

(2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a total tetrahydrocannabinols concentration (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

"(B) INCLUSION.—Such term includes industrial hemp.

"(C) EXCLUSIONS.—Such term does not include—

"(i) any viable seeds from a *Cannabis sativa* L. plant that exceeds a total tetrahydrocannabinols concentration (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of 0.3 percent in the plant on a dry weight basis; or

"(ii) any intermediate hemp-derived cannabinoid products containing—

"(I) cannabinoids that are not capable of being naturally produced by a *Cannabis sativa* L. plant;

"(II) cannabinoids that— "(aa) are capable of being naturally produced by a *Cannabis sativa* L. plant; and "(bb) were synthesized or manufactured outside the plant; or

"(III) more than 0.3 percent combined total of—

"(aa) total tetrahydrocannabinols (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid); and

"(bb) any other cannabinoids that have similar effects (or are marketed to have similar effects) on humans or animals as a tetrahydrocannabinol (as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services); or

"(iii) any intermediate hemp-derived cannabinoid products which are marketed or sold as a final product or directly to an end consumer for personal or household use; or

"(iv) any final hemp-derived cannabinoid products containing—

"(I) cannabinoids that are not capable of being naturally produced by a *Cannabis sativa* L. plant;

"(II) cannabinoids that—

"(aa) are capable of being naturally produced by a *Cannabis sativa* L. plant; and

"(bb) were synthesized or manufactured outside the plant; or

"(III) greater than 0.4 milligrams combined total per container of—

"(aa) total tetrahydrocannabinols (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid); and

"(bb) any other cannabinoids that have similar effects (or are marketed to have similar effects) on humans or animals as a tetrahydrocannabinol (as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services).

"(2) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.—The term "industrial hemp" means hemp—

"(A) grown for the use of the stalk of the plant, fiber produced from such a stalk, or any other non-cannabinoid derivative, mixture, preparation, or manufacture of such a stalk;

"(B) grown for the use of the whole grain, oil, cake, nut, hull, or any other non-cannabinoid compound, derivative, mixture, preparation, or manufacture of the seeds of such plant;

"(C) grown for purposes of producing microgreens or other edible hemp leaf products intended for human consumption that are derived from an immature hemp plant that is grown from seeds that do not exceed the threshold for total tetrahydrocannabinols concentration specified in paragraph (1)(C)(i);

"(D) that is a plant that does not enter the stream of commerce and is intended to support hemp research at an institution of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) or an independent research institute; or

"(E) grown for the use of a viable seed of the plant produced solely for the production or manufacture of any material described in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "hemp-derived cannabinoid product" means any intermediate or final product derived from hemp (other than industrial hemp), that—

"(i) contains cannabinoids in any form; and

"(ii) is intended for human or animal use through any means of application or administration, such as inhalation, ingestion, or topical application.

"(B) The term "intermediate hemp-derived cannabinoid product" means a hemp-derived cannabinoid product which—

"(i) is not yet in the final form or preparation marketed or intended to be used or consumed by a human or animal; or

"(ii) is a powder, liquid, tablet, oil, or other product form which is intended or marketed to be mixed, dissolved, formulated, or otherwise added to or prepared with or into any other substance prior to administration or consumption.

"(C) The term "container" means the innermost wrapping, packaging, or vessel in direct contact with a final hemp-derived cannabinoid product in which the final hemp-derived cannabinoid product is enclosed for retail sale to consumers, such as a jar, bottle, bag, box, packet, can, carton, or cartridge.

"(D) The term container excludes bulk shipping containers or outer wrappings that are not essential for the final retail delivery or sale to an end consumer for personal or household use.

"(E) EXCLUSION.—Such term does not include a drug that is the subject of an application approved under subsection (c) or (j) of section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355)."

(3) Within 90 days of the enactment of this act, the Food and Drug Administration, in consultation with other relevant Federal agencies, shall publish—

(A) a list of all cannabinoids known to FDA to be capable of being naturally produced by a *Cannabis sativa* L. plant, as reflected in peer reviewed literature;

(B) a list of all tetrahydrocannabinol class cannabinoids known to the agency to be naturally occurring in the plant;

(C) a list of all other known cannabinoids with similar effects to, or marketed to have similar effects to, tetrahydrocannabinol class cannabinoids; and

(D) additional information and specificity about the term "container", as defined in paragraph (3)(C).]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 781. This was a one-time provision.

Section 782: Provides \$2 million, to remain available until expended, for grants to processors of invasive, wild-caught catfish under the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program established by Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act.

[SEC. 782. In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program established pursuant to section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2) to award grants to processors of invasive, wild-caught catfish.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 782. This was a one-time provision.

Section 783: Continues language concerning definition of the term "healthy".

SEC. [783]740. (a) During the period beginning on the effective date of the final rule entitled "Food Labeling: Nutrient Content Claims; Definition of Term "Healthy"" published in the Federal Register by the Food and Drug Administration on December 27, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 106064 et seq.) and ending on the compliance date specified in such final rule (referred to in this section as the "compliance period"), a manufacturer may also continue to comply with the requirements in effect on the day before such effective date relating to an implied nutrient content claim of "healthy" made with respect to a food.

(b) In the case of a food that bears labeling making an implied nutrition content claim that the food is "healthy" during the compliance period, the manufacturer of the food shall not be directly or indirectly subject to any State law requirement relating to labeling making an implied nutrient content claim that a food is "healthy" during such period that is not identical to either—

- (1) the Federal requirements for labeling to make an implied nutrition content claim that a food is "healthy" that were in effect on the day before the effective date of such final rule; or
- (2) the updated Federal requirements specified in the final rule for such a claim.

Section 784: Rescinds \$350 million of unobligated balances in the Department of the Treasury, Treasury Forfeiture Fund account.

[SEC. 784. Of the unobligated balances available in the Department of the Treasury, Treasury Forfeiture Fund, established by section 9703 of title 31, United States Code, \$350,000,000 shall be permanently rescinded not later than September 30, 2026.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 784. This was a one-time rescission.

Section 785: Requires the FDA Commissioner to develop a report concerning costs for a proposed rule with guidance and enforcement for standards for pet and animal food labeling and ingredient regulation.

[SEC. 785. The Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration shall develop a report to determine the cost and any implications associated with efforts to issue a proposed rule and

implement FDA guidance and enforcement for setting standards for pet and animal food labeling and ingredient regulation: *Provided*, That the report shall—

- (1) cover intent for harmonization across state and Federal regulatory bodies for pet and animal food labeling and ingredients;
- (2) include timelines for developing guidelines, proposed regulations, resource and personnel needs to implement such standards, and where FDA would need additional authority to implement any proposed changes; and be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 120 days of enactment of this Act.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 785. This was a one-time provision.

Section 786: Continues language that allows for unobligated balances from funds provided in the 2017 Appropriations Act for APHIS B&F Fruit Fly rearing facilities for other facilities as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250 and 7 U.S.C. 2268a.

SEC. [786]741. Any remaining unobligated balances from amounts made available by section 743 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–31) may be used, in addition to any funds otherwise made available for such purposes, for plans, construction, repair, preventive maintenance, environmental support, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a.

Section 787: Continues language for fiscal year 2027 maximum monthly fluid milk for food packages III, IV, V, VI, and VII.

SEC. [787]742. For fiscal year [2026]2027, the maximum monthly allowances of fluid milk for the following food packages described in section 246.10(e) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, are:

- (1) For Food Package IV, 16 quarts.
- (2) For Food Package V, 22 quarts.
- (3) For Food Package VI, 16 quarts.
- (4) For Food Package VII, 24 quarts.
- (5) For Food Package III, the maximum monthly allowances of fluid milk should conform to the changes made to food packages IV, V, VI, and VII in this section.

Section 788: Includes language for study to be conducted on the feasibility of the Buy American requirement in 7 CFR 201.21(d) to the SNAP and WIC programs, including impact on agricultural economy of the US. The results of the study are to be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and House Agriculture Committee, and the Senate Agriculture, nutrition, and Forestry Committee not later than 1 year after the date of enactment.

[SEC. 788. The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

- (1) conduct a study to determine the feasibility of applying the Buy American requirement (as described in section 201.21(d) of title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2022)) to the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, and the special supplemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), including the impact applying such requirement would have on the agricultural economy of the United States; and

(2) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit the results of such study to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Agriculture Committee, and the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 788. This was a one-time provision.

Section 789: Includes language for report to be provided with the submission of the 2027 President's Budget or February 15, 2026, whichever occurs first, breaking out the projects for which funds have not yet been obligated or projects that have deobligations, an explanation of the project's obligation status, the FY in which funds were originally made, and the period of availability of the funds.

[SEC. 789. (a) The Secretary shall prepare a report by account that details the status of all projects specified in the table titled "Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending" in the explanatory statements accompanying prior year Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts, as described in section 4 in the matter preceding division A of such Acts: *Provided*, That such report shall include a breakout showing the subset of projects for which funds have not yet been obligated, or for which funds have been deobligated, an explanation for each such project's obligation status, the fiscal year in which funds were originally made available for such project, and the period of availability of such funds.

(b) The Secretary shall submit the report described in subsection (a) to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on whichever of the following first occurs—

- (1) concurrent with the department's budget request for fiscal year 2027.
- (2) February 15, 2026.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 789. This was a one-time provision.

Section 790: Includes language that requires notification to both Houses of Congress at least 3 business days prior to the cancellation of any grant, cooperative agreement, or contract award totaling \$1 million or more issued from funds made available by this or any previous Act. The notification must include the recipient, fiscal year the funds were appropriated, account, program project or activity, the title of the award, and detailed justification of the termination.

[SEC. 790. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide written notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no fewer than 3 business days in advance of termination of any grant, cooperative agreement, or contract award totaling \$1,000,000 or more issued from funds made available in this Act or any previous Act: *Provided*, That such notification shall include the recipient of the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year for which the funds for the award were appropriated, the account and program, project, or activity from which the funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a detailed justification for the termination.]

Change Description

This change deletes the entire section 790. This was a one-time provision.

Section 743: Cancels \$40 million from unobligated balances from amounts made available for the ReConnect program.

SEC. 743. Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available under the heading "Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program" for the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 114-141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$40,000,000 are hereby cancelled: *Provided*, That no amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Section 744: Restricts funding from being used to implement the final rule on visions in the WIC food packages.

SEC. 744. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement the final rule "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food Packages," published on April 18, 2024, with regard to increasing the cash value for fruits and vegetables.

Section 745: Cancels \$95 million from unobligated balances from amounts made available for the Farm Loan Immediate Relief for Borrowers with At-Risk Agricultural Operations program. These funds were originally designated for financial assistance to economically distressed farm loan borrowers. The program successfully provided support in various phases, initially addressing borrowers in default, then those who were delinquent, and subsequently assisting individuals who had utilized personal savings, such as retirement or college funds, to maintain current loan status. Given that the program has largely served its intended beneficiaries and the demand for this specific assistance has been met, these remaining funds are no longer required for their.

SEC. 745. Of the unobligated balances made available by section 22006 of Public Law 117-169, \$95,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Section 746: Cancels \$20 million from unobligated balances from amounts made available for in the Agricultural Marketing Service – Marketing Services program.

SEC. 746. Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available under the heading "Agricultural Marketing Service—Marketing Services" for the cost to continue dairy business innovation initiatives established by Public law 116-6, \$20,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.