

Cindy Hyde-Smith

AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To make available food supply chain and agriculture pandemic response funding to fish and shellfish producers, processors, and distributors.

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To provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. HYDE-SMITH to the amendment (No. 891) proposed by Mr. SCHUMER

Viz:

1 In section 1001 (relating to food supply chain and
2 agriculture pandemic response), strike subsection (b) and
3 insert the following:

4 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
6 shall use the amounts made available pursuant to
7 subsection (a)—

8 (A) to purchase food and agricultural com-
9 modities, including farm-raised fish and wild
10 fish and shellfish eligible for purchase under the
11 Section 32 program;

1 (B) to purchase and distribute agricultural
2 commodities (including fresh produce, dairy,
3 eggs, meat, farm-raised fish, and wild fish and
4 shellfish) to individuals in need, including
5 through delivery to nonprofit organizations and
6 through restaurants and other food-related enti-
7 ties, as determined by the Secretary, that may
8 receive, store, process, and distribute food
9 items;

10 (C) to make grants and loans for small or
11 midsized food processors or distributors (includ-
12 ing facilities and vessels that process farm-
13 raised fish and wild fish and shellfish in ful-
14 filling Section 32 contracts), farmers markets,
15 producers, or other organizations to respond to
16 COVID-19, including for measures to protect
17 workers against COVID-19;

18 (D) to make loans and grants and provide
19 other assistance to maintain and improve food
20 and agricultural supply chain resiliency; and

21 (E) to make payments to agricultural pro-
22 ducers for necessary expenses related to losses
23 of crops (including quality losses and crops pre-
24 vented from planting), milk, trees, bushes, and
25 vines—

1 (i) that occurred in calendar year
2 2020 as a consequence of high winds or
3 derechos, hurricanes, tropical storms,
4 floods, tornadoes, wildfires, excessive mois-
5 ture, and extreme drought; and

6 (ii) that occurred in calendar year
7 2021 as a consequence of Winter Storms
8 Uri and Viola (including freeze), including
9 such losses to cooperatives due to power
10 outages and power curtailments (in the
11 same manner as disaster assistance pro-
12 vided to cooperatives for 2018 and 2019
13 losses).

14 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

15 (A) FARM-RAISED FISH.—The term “farm-
16 raised fish” has the meaning given the term in
17 section 60.106 of title 7, Code of Federal Regu-
18 lations (as in effect on the date of enactment of
19 this Act).

20 (B) SECTION 32.—The term “Section 32”
21 has the meaning given the term in section
22 250.2 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations
23 (as in effect on the date of enactment of this
24 Act).

1 (C) WILD FISH AND SHELLFISH.—The
2 term “wild fish and shellfish” has the meaning
3 given the term in section 60.133 of title 7, Code
4 of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date
5 of enactment of this Act).