

PRINCETON MODEL CONGRESS

Committee:

Principal Author:

Bill No:

Delegation:

Title of Bill:

An Act to Reduce Government Subsidy Spending

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PRINCETON MODEL CONGRESS

1 Preamble: Whereas \$114,024,265,743 billion has been appropriated to the U.S. Department
2 of Agriculture (USDA) over the past seven years for subsidies, and since 10% of the total
3 USDA subsidy payment recipients were paid 65% of the total USDA subsidies in 2002, and
4 since subsidized farm operations drove small farmers off their land to cause a 15% decline
5 in the number of farmers from 1987 to 1997, and since the 1994 Uruguay Round Agreement
6 on Agriculture established parameters for freer worldwide trade,

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8 SECTION 1: This act may be cited as, "Freedom to Farm bill."
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10 SECTION 2: Individual farmers, farming corporations or corporate entities shall not receive
11 subsidies if that person or entity makes less than 80% of their income from
12 agricultural operations
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14 SECTION 3: There shall be a limit of total subsidies per person per year of \$150,000.
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16 SECTION 4: A farming commission shall be created by the USDA to assess--

17 Sub-SECTION A: The concentration of the subsidy payments.

18 Sub-SECTION B: How subsidies influence productivity.

19 Sub-SECTION C: The influence of subsidies on--

20 (A) Rural Poverty

21 (B) Agricultural Growth

22 (C) Foreign trade
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24 SECTION 5: There shall be an expansion of the quota buy-out program set by the 2002
25 Farm Bill.

26 Sub-SECTION A: The industries subject to the quota buy-out program are the
27 corn, wheat, rice and sugar industries.

28 Sub-SECTION B: The USDA will create and implement a buy-out program that
29 will completely abolish quotas in these industries over the 5 years following the
30 passage of this bill.
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32 SECTION 6: This bill shall go into effect 91 days after passage.
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