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Offered by Chairman Conaway

(page numbers refer to the copy of the Rules of the Committee from the 113th Congress at the Member's desks)

The Rules of the Committee on Agriculture for the 113th Congress are amended as follows:

(1) Rule II (a), "Regular Meetings", on page 2 line 1, after "*Regular Meetings.—*" strike

"(1)."

(2) Rule II (a), "Regular Meetings", on page 2 line 8 strike "This paragraph shall not apply to meetings of any Subcommittee."

(3) Rule VI, "Power to Sit and Act; Subpoena Power", on page 9 strike Rule VI and insert the following:

"RULE VI.—POWER TO SIT AND ACT.

For the purpose of carrying out any of its function and duties under House Rules X and XI, the Committee and each of its subcommittees is authorized to sit and act at such times and places within the United States whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned and to hold such hearings.

RULE VII.—SUBPOENAS AND OATHS.

(a) Issuance of Subpoenas.—In accordance with clause House Rule XI, clause 2(m), a subpoena may be authorized and issued by a majority of the Committee or by the Chairman in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member. Such consultation shall occur at least 24 hours in advance of a subpoena being issued under such authority. Authorized subpoenas shall

be signed by the Chairman of the Committee or by any Member designated by the Committee.

(b) Oaths.—The Chairman of the Committee, or any member of the Committee designated by the Chairman, may administer oaths to any witnesses.”

and renumber the rules accordingly. In addition, in the rules, strike each reference to a renumbered rule and insert (in each instance) the redesignated rule number.

(4) Rule VIII (a), “Hearing Procedures” (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), page 10 line 5 after “See” strike “paragraph (a) of”.

(5) Rule VIII (d), “Hearing Procedures” (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), page 11 line 4 after “days before” insert “the”.

(6) Rule VIII, “Hearing Procedures” (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), page 12 strike paragraph(d)(2) and insert “As noted in paragraph (b) of Committee Rule VII, the Chairman of the Committee or any Member designated by the Chairman, may administer an oath to any witness.”

(7) Rule VIII, “Hearing Procedures” (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), page 12 strike paragraph(d)(3) and insert

“To the greatest extent practicable, each witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity shall include with the written statement of proposed testimony:

(i) a curriculum vitae;

(ii) disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof)

received during the current calendar year or either of the 2 preceding calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness; and

(iii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy of witnesses, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than 1 day after the witness appears.”

(8) Rule IX(b)(9), “The Reporting of Bills and Resolutions, Content of Reports” (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), on page 16 line 5 after “see” insert “House”.

(9) In the rules, strike “supplemental, minority, or additional” each place it appears and insert (in each instance) “supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting”.

(10) Rule X, “Other Committee Activities” (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), strike paragraph (i)(1) and insert:

“Not later than January 2 of each odd-numbered year, the Committee shall submit to the House a report on the activities of the Committee. After adjournment *sine die* of the last regular session of a Congress, or after December 15 of an even-numbered year, whichever occurs first, the Chair may file the report, a copy of which shall be made available to each Member of the Committee for at least 7 calendar days, with the Clerk of the House at any time.”

(11) Rule XI, “Subcommittees” (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), strike paragraph (c) and insert:

“Jurisdiction.—Each Subcommittee shall have the following general jurisdiction and number of Members:

General Farm Commodities and Risk Management (___ members, ___ majority and ___ minority) - Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodities including barley, cotton, cottonseed, corn, grain sorghum, honey, mohair, oats, other oilseeds, peanuts, pulse crops, rice, soybeans, sugar, wheat, and wool; the Commodity Credit Corporation; risk management policies and statutes, including Federal Crop Insurance; producer data and privacy issues.

Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit (___ members, ___ majority and ___ minority) - Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodity exchanges; agricultural credit; rural development; energy; rural electrification.

Conservation and Forestry (___ members, ___ majority and ___ minority) - Policies and statutes relating to resource conservation, forestry, and all forests under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture.

Nutrition (___ members, ___ majority and ___ minority) - Policies and statutes relating to nutrition, including the Supplemental Nutrition

Assistance Program and domestic commodity distribution and consumer initiatives.

Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research (___ members, ___ majority and ___ minority) - Policies, statutes, and markets relating to horticulture, including fruits, vegetables, nuts, and ornamentals; bees; and organic agriculture; policies and statutes relating to marketing and promotion orders; pest and disease management; bioterrorism; adulteration and quarantine matters; research, education, and extension; and biotechnology.

Livestock and Foreign Agriculture (___ members, ___ majority and ___ minority) - Policies, statutes, and markets relating to all livestock, poultry, dairy, and seafood, including all products thereof; the inspection, marketing, and promotion of such commodities and products; aquaculture; animal welfare; grazing; foreign agricultural assistance and trade promotion.