

Rouzer Amendment to HR. 7606

Would require the Special Investigator to request an economic analysis from the USDA Office of the Chief Economist on the costs and benefits of upcoming Packers and Stockyards rules and to publicly post the results of such analysis 90 days prior to the rules being officially proposed.

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OFFERED BY Mr. Rouzer

Page 3, after line 15, insert the following:

1 “(e) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF REGULATIONS.—Not
2 less than 90 days prior to the publication of any proposed
3 rules regarding the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921,
4 including the use of poultry grower ranking systems, un-
5 fair practices and undue preferences under the Act, and
6 the scope of violations under the Act as it relates to a
7 showing of harm or likely harm to competition, the Office
8 of the Special Investigator for Competition and Enforce-
9 ment Matters established under subsection (a) shall re-
10 quest from the Office of the Chief Economist an economic
11 analysis analyzing the costs and benefits, including the
12 costs and benefits for producers and consumers and ex-
13 pected litigation costs for industry and the Department
14 of Agriculture, of any such proposals, accounting for cur-
15 rent industry practices and market conditions, and make
16 the analysis and a summary of such analysis publicly
17 available on the Department website and in the Federal
18 Register.”.

