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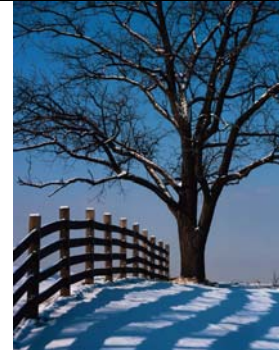
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### FROM: THE H-2AUSA FRONT DESK:

#### A New Year and a New Farm Bill?

Even as the new year begins there is movement on the Farm Bill that seems to bode well for the coming farming season: Namely, the 2007 Senate version of the Farm Bill was approved by that body on December 14, by limiting the goody-list to 20 pork barrel requests (which were completely unrelated to any agricultural interests) on each side of the Democrats and Republicans and not loading it up with items, as is the habit at the end-of-the-year. The Senate managed to put out a compromise measure at the last moment. The old 2002 farm bill expired in September and agricultural interests

have been running via extensions ever since.

So what happens now? First—some historical perspective—the House of Representatives already passed its own version of the Farm Bill—called the *Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act* back in July, 2007.

Now that the Senate has a version, both bodies must come together over a compromise measure to present to the President for veto or ratification.

However, the Senate battle over their version of the bill was not without debate, as Capital

Press.info, which represents itself as the West's Ag site reports:

"The Senate defeated the Dorgan-Grassley plan to impose stricter farm subsidy payment limits than are in the underlying bill (when several Senators rushed to the defense of their farming constituency.)

"The vote was a victory for Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., and Senate Agriculture ranking member Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., who had argued that stricter payment limits would discriminate against southern farmers because their farms are larger and their cotton and rice crops require more capital."<sup>1</sup>

As previously stated, now the two houses must come together with a compromise version to present to the President to veto or approve. It is anticipated that the President will veto the measure.

And what of the temperament of the Congress over a consolidated bill?

"The real test of whether Congress could override," according to the Capital Press, "may be whether the House finds the Senate tax provision acceptable. The House tax measure, which would forbid foreign corporations doing business in the United States from shifting profits to third countries where taxes are low, is more likely to be dropped because Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said it would interfere with U.S. treaties."<sup>2</sup>

Did you just take note of the loss of American monies to foreign interests in the preceding quote? As I said, there is much to take notice of in the Farm Bill.

Nevertheless, it is long-needed legislation.

But two key players are not happy with the Senate version of the bill; they are President Bush and his acting USDA Secretary, Chuck Conner. However, his own Republican party is pressuring the president to accept the bill in some form. But will he, is the question.

So, we are now at stage three in the passing of the Farm Bill; the House has passed one, the Senate as well. A compromise will be set by both and presented to the president—possibly in January. If vetoed, the Senate should have a majority to override. The House, maybe not. The outcome may determine if it will be a good year for U.S. agriculture or not.

<sup>1</sup>Jerry Hagstrom, "Senate margin lessens farm bill veto threat," 12/21/2007.

Capitol Press.info website at:

<http://www.capitalpress.info/main.asp?SectionID=67&SubSectionID=782&ArticleID=37843&TM=4268.795>, (accessed 12-26-07)

<sup>2</sup>Hagstrom, Ibid.



**...Important Summary...**

**H-2AUSA—Update  
Re: Waiting Period for  
Workers in Florida**

H-2A this year: Florida still has only 1 full-time and 1 part-time housing inspector who are making heroic efforts to do their jobs. The most we have had to wait is 3 weeks from the date of request.

Atlanta Department of Labor is a different matter—our average application stayed in Atlanta 57 days. This was true, even though we responded on the same day of their request and forwarded by Federal Express.

Of course, the USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) service center is responding very quickly once we got our approval from Atlanta. They responded in 10 days or less.

The appointments in Mexico at the consulates were taking 5-7 days to schedule upon request.

...Summary...

We are looking at housing inspections of 21 days, Atlanta Department of Labor-57 days, USCIS-10 days, consulates in Mexico-7 days or less. So, in our case, about 95 days total from start to finish is what we are experiencing on our labor requests in Florida.

**Tamper-Proof ID Discussed**

An idea is back once more in the news that has been hashed and re-hashed; the tamper-proof ID. Expect the same old arguments to rear up—mainly the lawyers who will present the case that it is an infringement on individual rights, an incentive not to hire legal migrant workers and that it is too selective (discriminatory) to mandate their use.

The flip side is that id's for legal visa'ed workers will help weed out the offenders who are masquerading as legal, cutting them off from jobs—making them available for Americans to fill, and severing them from social services which Americans are also paying for. Of course, it will be just another piece of federally-mandated paperwork for migrants to carry and employers to require.

Will it be worth it?  
Considering the crackdown of the government and the vitriol being stirred up by the public at large...you be the judge!

In the meantime, here's the latest ID proponent, Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky in an editorial by Bruce Schreiner of the Associated Press and reprinted in the Kentucky Post on their site:

"Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell told a farm group Saturday that the government owes it to employers to provide tamperproof identification cards

for immigrant workers so businesses are better assured of hiring people who are in the country legally.

“The Kentucky Republican said the nation’s employers will be on the front line in the fight against illegal immigration. Yet, he said, many currently face two bad options - refuse to hire someone suspected of being in the United States illegally and risk getting sued for discrimination, or employ someone who turns out to be an illegal immigrant, and then ‘you’ve got the government on your back.’

“McConnell said tamper-resistant photo IDs, complete with a fingerprint or other characteristic unique to each guest worker, would give employers greater comfort when hiring workers.”<sup>5</sup>

At H-2AUSA.com, we are for any form of identification that reduces criminalization of employers—especially in the agricultural area. Perhaps steps like this one may promote a more streamlined system of hiring and employment, and not just be another hurdle of paperwork to jump over for prospective employers of migrant workers. Here’s hoping!

<sup>5</sup>Bruce Schreiner, Associated Press- Reprinted here on: The Kentucky Post.com website. “*McConnell supports issuing ID card for immigrant workers,*” 12-10-2007. <http://news.kypost.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071210/NEWS02/712100365/1014/NEWS02>. (accessed 12-26-07)

## How Your Legislators Voted on Three Important Bills in 2007

As a public service of H2AUSA, we present the roll-call votes of two Senate measures and one House tally of three important measures, so that you, the public, may be more informed of where your legislators stand on the issues.

The first bill is the vote on the June 28, 2007 cloture vote. A ‘Yea’ vote was to continue debate and ‘Nay’ vote to end debate. 46 Senators voted ‘Yea,’ 53 ‘Nay.’ Measure failed.

The second bill is in the House. One of its provisions dealt with prohibiting USDA from using funds appropriated by the measure to provide rental housing benefits and employment assistance to illegal aliens. ‘Yeas’ were to prohibit, ‘Nays’ were not to prohibit.

The third and final bill was for the long-awaited Farm bill, which was passed, 79-14.

**U.S. Senate Roll Call Votes 110<sup>th</sup> Congress - 1<sup>st</sup> Session**

as compiled through Senate LIS by the Senate Bill Clerk under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate

**Vote Summary**

**Question:** On the Cloture Motion (Motion to Invoke Cloture on S.1639)

**Vote Number:** 235 **Vote Date:** June 28, 2007, 11:04 AM

**Required For Majority:** 3/5 **Vote Result:** Cloture Motion Rejected

**Measure Number:** [S.1639](#)

**Measure Title:** A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

**Vote Counts:** YEAs 46  
NAYs 53  
Not Voting 1

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**Alphabetical by Senator Name**

Akaka (D-HI), <b>Yea</b>	Domenici (R-NM), <b>Nay</b>	McConnell (R-KY), <b>Nay</b>
Alexander (R-TN), <b>Nay</b>	Dorgan (D-ND), <b>Nay</b>	Menendez (D-NJ), <b>Yea</b>
Allard (R-CO), <b>Nay</b>	Durbin (D-IL), <b>Yea</b>	Mikulski (D-MD), <b>Yea</b>
Barrasso (R-WY), <b>Nay</b>	Ensign (R-NV), <b>Nay</b>	Enzi (R-WY), <b>Nay</b>
Baucus (D-MT), <b>Nay</b>	Feingold (D-WI), <b>Yea</b>	Murkowski (R-AK), <b>Nay</b>
Bayh (D-IN), <b>Nay</b>	Feinstein (D-CA), <b>Yea</b>	Murray (D-WA), <b>Yea</b>
Bennett (R-UT), <b>Yea</b>	Graham (R-SC), <b>Yea</b>	Nelson (D-FL), <b>Yea</b>
Biden (D-DE), <b>Yea</b>	Grassley (R-IA), <b>Nay</b>	Nelson (D-NE), <b>Nay</b>
Bingaman (D-NM), <b>Nay</b>	Hagel (R-NE), <b>Yea</b>	Obama (D-IL), <b>Yea</b>
Bond (R-MO), <b>Nay</b>	Harkin (D-IA), <b>Nay</b>	Pryor (D-AR), <b>Nay</b>
Boxer (D-CA), <b>Yea</b>	Hatch (R-UT), <b>Nay</b>	Reed (D-RI), <b>Yea</b>
Brown (D-OH), <b>Nay</b>	Hutchison (R-TX), <b>Nay</b>	Reid (D-NV), <b>Yea</b>
Brownback (R-KS), <b>Nay</b>	Inhofe (R-OK), <b>Nay</b>	Roberts (R-KS), <b>Nay</b>
Bunning (R-KY), <b>Nay</b>	Inouye (D-HI), <b>Yea</b>	Rockefeller (D-WV), <b>Nay</b>
Burr (R-NC), <b>Nay</b>	Isakson (R-GA), <b>Nay</b>	Salazar (D-CO), <b>Yea</b>
Byrd (D-WV), <b>Nay</b>	Johnson (D-SD), <b>Nay</b>	Sanders (I-VT), <b>Nay</b>
Cantwell (D-WA), <b>Yea</b>	Kennedy (D-MA), <b>Yea</b>	Schumer (D-NY), <b>Yea</b>
Cardin (D-MD), <b>Yea</b>	Kerry (D-MA), <b>Yea</b>	Sessions (R-AL), <b>Nay</b>
Carper (D-DE), <b>Yea</b>	Klobuchar (D-MN), <b>Yea</b>	Shelby (R-AL), <b>Nay</b>
Casey (D-PA), <b>Yea</b>	Kohl (D-WI), <b>Yea</b>	Smith (R-OR), <b>Nay</b>
Chambliss (R-GA), <b>Nay</b>	Kyl (R-AZ), <b>Yea</b>	Snowe (R-ME), <b>Yea</b>
Clinton (D-NY), <b>Yea</b>	Landrieu (D-LA), <b>Nay</b>	Specter (R-PA), <b>Yea</b>
Coburn (R-OK), <b>Nay</b>	Lautenberg (D-NJ), <b>Yea</b>	Stabenow (D-MI), <b>Nay</b>
Cochran (R-MS), <b>Nay</b>	Leahy (D-VT), <b>Yea</b>	Stevens (R-AK), <b>Nay</b>
Coleman (R-MN), <b>Nay</b>	Levin (D-MI), <b>Yea</b>	Sununu (R-NH), <b>Nay</b>
Collins (R-ME), <b>Nay</b>	Lieberman (ID-CT), <b>Yea</b>	Tester (D-MT), <b>Nay</b>
Conrad (D-ND), <b>Yea</b>	Lincoln (D-AR), <b>Yea</b>	Thune (R-SD), <b>Nay</b>
Corker (R-TN), <b>Nay</b>	Lott (R-MS), <b>Yea</b>	Vitter (R-LA), <b>Nay</b>
Cornyn (R-TX), <b>Nay</b>	Lugar (R-IN), <b>Yea</b>	Voinovich (R-OH), <b>Nay</b>
Craig (R-ID), <b>Yea</b>	Martinez (R-FL), <b>Yea</b>	Warner (R-VA), <b>Nay</b>
Crapo (R-ID), <b>Nay</b>	McCain (R-AZ), <b>Yea</b>	Webb (D-VA), <b>Nay</b>
DeMint (R-SC), <b>Nay</b>	McCaskill (D-MO), <b>Nay</b>	Whitehouse (D-RI), <b>Yea</b>
Dodd (D-CT), <b>Yea</b>		Wyden (D-OR), <b>Yea</b>
Dole (R-NC), <b>Nay</b>		

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**Bill #1:<sup>6</sup>**

**A Bill to Provide for Comprehensive Immigration Reform and for Other Purposes.**

Bill #2:<sup>7</sup>

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

In July, House Democrats and Republicans went toe-to-toe over a majority ruling that wrongly killed a motion to send the fiscal year 2008 agriculture appropriations bill ([H.R. 3161](#)) back to committee. That motion would have required that, when reported back to the House floor, the bill contain provisions prohibiting USDA from using funds appropriated by the measure to provide rental housing benefits and employment assistance to illegal aliens. Initially, the motion was adopted by two votes (214-212), but after Democratic leadership broke House rules and re-opened the vote, four House Democrats were pressured by their leadership into changing their votes to "no," thus allowing the motion to be defeated by [a 212-216 margin](#). The bill subsequently passed the House by a 237-18 margin.

## FINAL VOTE RESULTS FOR ROLL CALL 814<sup>8</sup>

(Democrats in roman; Republicans in *italic*; Independents underlined)

**H R 3161** YEA-AND-NAY 2-Aug-2007 11:01 PM

**QUESTION:** On Motion to Recommit with Instructions

**BILL TITLE:** Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	PRES	<u>NV</u>
DEMOCRATIC	14	216		1
REPUBLICAN	198			4
INDEPENDENT				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>216</b>		<b>5</b>

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<i>Aderholt</i>	<i>Franks (AZ)</i>	<i>Musgrave</i>
<i>Akin</i>	<i>Frelinghuysen</i>	<i>Myrick</i>
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Gallegly</i>	<i>Neugebauer</i>
<i>Altmire</i>	<i>Garrett (NJ)</i>	<i>Nunes</i>

<i>Bachmann</i>	<i>Gerlach</i>	<i>Paul</i>
<i>Bachus</i>	<i>Giffords</i>	<i>Pearce</i>
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Gilchrest</i>	<i>Pence</i>
<i>Barrett (SC)</i>	<i>Gillmor</i>	<i>Peterson (PA)</i>
<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Gingrey</i>	<i>Petri</i>
<i>Bartlett (MD)</i>	<i>Gohmert</i>	<i>Pickering</i>
<i>Barton (TX)</i>	<i>Goode</i>	<i>Pitts</i>
<i>Bean</i>	<i>Goodlatte</i>	<i>Platts</i>
<i>Biggert</i>	<i>Granger</i>	<i>Poe</i>
<i>Bilbray</i>	<i>Graves</i>	<i>Porter</i>
<i>Bilirakis</i>	<i>Hall (TX)</i>	<i>Price (GA)</i>
<i>Bishop (UT)</i>	<i>Hastert</i>	<i>Pryce (OH)</i>
<i>Blackburn</i>	<i>Hastings (WA)</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Blunt</i>	<i>Hayes</i>	<i>Radanovich</i>
<i>Boehner</i>	<i>Heller</i>	<i>Ramstad</i>
<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Hensarling</i>	<i>Regula</i>
<i>Bono</i>	<i>Herger</i>	<i>Rehberg</i>
<i>Boozman</i>	<i>Hill</i>	<i>Reichert</i>
<i>Boren</i>	<i>Hobson</i>	<i>Renzi</i>
<i>Boustany</i>	<i>Hoekstra</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>
<i>Brady (TX)</i>	<i>Hulshof</i>	<i>Rogers (AL)</i>
<i>Broun (GA)</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Rogers (KY)</i>
<i>Brown (SC)</i>	<i>Inglis (SC)</i>	<i>Rogers (MI)</i>
<i>Brown-Waite, Ginny</i>	<i>Issa</i>	<i>Rohrabacher</i>
<i>Buchanan</i>	<i>Jindal</i>	<i>Ros-Lehtinen</i>
<i>Burgess</i>	<i>Johnson (IL)</i>	<i>Roskam</i>
<i>Burton (IN)</i>	<i>Jones (NC)</i>	<i>Royce</i>
<i>Buyer</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Ryan (WI)</i>
<i>Calvert</i>	<i>Keller</i>	<i>Sali</i>
<i>Camp (MI)</i>	<i>King (IA)</i>	<i>Saxton</i>
<i>Campbell (CA)</i>	<i>King (NY)</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>
<i>Cannon</i>	<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Sensenbrenner</i>
<i>Cantor</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Sessions</i>
<i>Capito</i>	<i>Kline (MN)</i>	<i>Shadegg</i>
<i>Carney</i>	<i>Knollenberg</i>	<i>Shays</i>
<i>Carter</i>	<i>Kuhl (NY)</i>	<i>Shimkus</i>
<i>Castle</i>	<i>LaHood</i>	<i>Shuler</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Lamborn</i>	<i>Shuster</i>
<i>Coble</i>	<i>Latham</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
<i>Cole (OK)</i>	<i>LaTourette</i>	<i>Smith (NE)</i>
<i>Conaway</i>	<i>Lewis (CA)</i>	<i>Smith (NJ)</i>
<i>Cubin</i>	<i>Lewis (KY)</i>	<i>Smith (TX)</i>
<i>Culberson</i>	<i>Linder</i>	<i>Souder</i>
<i>Davis (KY)</i>	<i>LoBiondo</i>	<i>Stearns</i>
<i>Davis, David</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>
<i>Davis, Tom</i>	<i>Lungren, Daniel E.</i>	<i>Tancredo</i>

<i>Deal (GA)</i>	<i>Mack</i>	<i>Taylor</i>
<i>Dent</i>	<i>Manzullo</i>	<i>Terry</i>
<i>Diaz-Balart, L.</i>	<i>Marchant</i>	<i>Thornberry</i>
<i>Diaz-Balart, M.</i>	<i>Marshall</i>	<i>Tiahrt</i>
<i>Doolittle</i>	<i>Matheson</i>	<i>Tiberi</i>
<i>Drake</i>	<i>McCarthy (CA)</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Dreier</i>	<i>McCaul (TX)</i>	<i>Upton</i>
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>McCotter</i>	<i>Walberg</i>
<i>Ehlers</i>	<i>McCrery</i>	<i>Walden (OR)</i>
<i>Ellsworth</i>	<i>McHenry</i>	<i>Walsh (NY)</i>
<i>Emerson</i>	<i>McHugh</i>	<i>Wamp</i>
<i>English (PA)</i>	<i>McIntyre</i>	<i>Weldon (FL)</i>
<i>Everett</i>	<i>McKeon</i>	<i>Weller</i>
<i>Fallin</i>	<i>McMorris Rodgers</i>	<i>Westmoreland</i>
<i>Feeney</i>	<i>Mica</i>	<i>Whitfield</i>
<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>Miller (FL)</i>	<i>Wicker</i>
<i>Flake</i>	<i>Miller (MI)</i>	<i>Wilson (NM)</i>
<i>Forbes</i>	<i>Miller, Gary</i>	<i>Wilson (SC)</i>
<i>Fortenberry</i>	<i>Moran (KS)</i>	<i>Wolf</i>
<i>Fossella</i>	<i>Murphy, Patrick</i>	<i>Young (FL)</i>
<i>Foxx</i>	<i>Murphy, Tim</i>	

---- NAYS 216 ---

<i>Abercrombie</i>	<i>Gutierrez</i>	<i>Oberstar</i>
<i>Ackerman</i>	<i>Hall (NY)</i>	<i>Obey</i>
<i>Allen</i>	<i>Hare</i>	<i>Olver</i>
<i>Andrews</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>Ortiz</i>
<i>Arcuri</i>	<i>Hastings (FL)</i>	<i>Pallone</i>
<i>Baca</i>	<i>Herseth Sandlin</i>	<i>Pascrell</i>
<i>Baird</i>	<i>Higgins</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Baldwin</i>	<i>Hinchey</i>	<i>Payne</i>
<i>Becerra</i>	<i>Hinojosa</i>	<i>Pelosi</i>
<i>Berkley</i>	<i>Hirono</i>	<i>Perlmutter</i>
<i>Berman</i>	<i>Hodes</i>	<i>Peterson (MN)</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Holden</i>	<i>Pomeroy</i>
<i>Bishop (GA)</i>	<i>Holt</i>	<i>Price (NC)</i>
<i>Bishop (NY)</i>	<i>Honda</i>	<i>Rahall</i>
<i>Blumenauer</i>	<i>Hooley</i>	<i>Rangel</i>
<i>Boswell</i>	<i>Hoyer</i>	<i>Reyes</i>
<i>Boucher</i>	<i>Inslee</i>	<i>Rodriguez</i>
<i>Boyd (FL)</i>	<i>Israel</i>	<i>Ross</i>
<i>Boyd (KS)</i>	<i>Jackson (IL)</i>	<i>Rothman</i>
<i>Brady (PA)</i>	<i>Jackson-Lee (TX)</i>	<i>Roybal-Allard</i>
<i>Braley (IA)</i>	<i>Jefferson</i>	<i>Ruppersberger</i>

Brown, Corrine	Johnson (GA)	Rush
Butterfield	Johnson, E. B.	Ryan (OH)
Capps	Jones (OH)	Salazar
Capuano	Kagen	Sánchez, Linda T.
Cardoza	Kanjorski	Sanchez, Loretta
Carnahan	Kaptur	Sarbanes
Carson	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Castor	Kildee	Schiff
Chandler	Kilpatrick	Schwartz
Clay	Kind	Scott (GA)
Cleaver	Klein (FL)	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Kucinich	Serrano
Cohen	Lampson	Sestak
Conyers	Langevin	Shea-Porter
Cooper	Lantos	Sherman
Costa	Larsen (WA)	Sires
Costello	Larson (CT)	Skelton
Courtney	Lee	Slaughter
Cramer	Levin	Smith (WA)
Crowley	Lewis (GA)	Snyder
Cuellar	Lipinski	Solis
Cummings	Loeb sack	Space
Davis (AL)	Lofgren, Zoe	Spratt
Davis (CA)	Lowey	Stark
Davis (IL)	Lynch	Stupak
Davis, Lincoln	Mahoney (FL)	Sutton
DeFazio	Maloney (NY)	Tanner
DeGette	Markey	Tauscher
Delahunt	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Dicks	McCollum (MN)	Tierney
Dingell	McDermott	Towns
Doggett	McGovern	Udall (CO)
Donnelly	McNerney	Udall (NM)
Doyle	McNulty	Van Hollen
Edwards	Meek (FL)	Velázquez
Ellison	Meeks (NY)	Visclosky
Emanuel	Melancon	Walz (MN)
Engel	Michaud	Wasserman Schultz
Eshoo	Miller (NC)	Waters
Etheridge	Miller, George	Watson
Farr	Mitchell	Watt
Fattah	Mollohan	Waxman
Filner	Moore (KS)	Weiner
Frank (MA)	Moore (WI)	Welch (VT)
Gillibrand	Moran (VA)	Wexler

Gonzalez	Murphy (CT)	Wilson (OH)
Gordon	Murtha	Woolsey
Green, Al	Nadler	Wu
Green, Gene	Napolitano	Wynn
Grijalva	Neal (MA)	Yarmuth

---- NOT VOTING 5 ----

Clarke	<i>Davis, Jo Ann</i>	<i>Young (AK)</i>
<i>Crenshaw</i>	<i>Johnson, Sam</i>	

Bill #3:<sup>9</sup>

## The Farm Bill

### U.S. Senate Roll Call Votes 110<sup>th</sup> Congress - 1<sup>st</sup> Session

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#### Vote Summary

**Question:** On Passage of the Bill (H.R. 2419 as Amended )

**Vote Number:** 434      **Vote Date:** December 14, 2007, 03:03 PM

**Required For Majority:** 1/2      **Vote Result:** Bill Passed

**Measure Number:** [H.R. 2419](#) (Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 )

**Measure Title:** A bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

**Vote Counts:**

YEAs	79
NAYs	14
Not Voting	7

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#### Alphabetical by Senator Name

Akaka (D-HI), **Yea**  
 Alexander (R-TN), **Yea**  
 Allard (R-CO), **Yea**  
 Barrasso (R-WY), **Yea**  
 Baucus (D-MT), **Yea**  
 Bayh (D-IN), **Yea**  
 Bennett (R-UT), **Nay**  
 Biden (D-DE), **Not Voting**  
 Bingaman (D-NM), **Yea**  
 Bond (R-MO), **Yea**  
 Boxer (D-CA), **Not Voting**  
 Brown (D-OH), **Yea**  
 Brownback (R-KS), **Yea**  
 Bunning (R-KY), **Yea**  
 Burr (R-NC), **Nay**  
 Byrd (D-WV), **Yea**  
 Cantwell (D-WA), **Yea**  
 Cardin (D-MD), **Yea**  
 Carper (D-DE), **Yea**  
 Casey (D-PA), **Yea**  
 Chambliss (R-GA), **Yea**  
 Clinton (D-NY), **Not Voting**  
 Coburn (R-OK), **Yea**  
 Cochran (R-MS), **Yea**  
 Coleman (R-MN), **Yea**  
 Collins (R-ME), **Nay**  
 Conrad (D-ND), **Yea**  
 Corker (R-TN), **Yea**  
 Cornyn (R-TX), **Yea**  
 Craig (R-ID), **Yea**  
 Crapo (R-ID), **Yea**  
 DeMint (R-SC), **Nay**  
 Dodd (D-CT), **Not Voting**  
 Dole (R-NC), **Yea**

Domenici (R-NM), **Yea**  
 Dorgan (D-ND), **Yea**  
 Durbin (D-IL), **Yea**  
 Ensign (R-NV), **Nay**  
 Enzi (R-WY), **Yea**  
 Feingold (D-WI), **Yea**  
 Feinstein (D-CA), **Yea**  
 Graham (R-SC), **Yea**  
 Grassley (R-IA), **Yea**  
 Gregg (R-NH), **Nay**  
 Hagel (R-NE), **Nay**  
 Harkin (D-IA), **Yea**  
 Hatch (R-UT), **Yea**  
 Hutchison (R-TX), **Yea**  
 Inhofe (R-OK), **Yea**  
 Inouye (D-HI), **Yea**  
 Isakson (R-GA), **Yea**  
 Johnson (D-SD), **Yea**  
 Kennedy (D-MA), **Yea**  
 Kerry (D-MA), **Yea**  
 Klobuchar (D-MN), **Yea**  
 Kohl (D-WI), **Yea**  
 Kyl (R-AZ), **Nay**  
 Landrieu (D-LA), **Yea**  
 Lautenberg (D-NJ), **Nay**  
 Leahy (D-VT), **Yea**  
 Levin (D-MI), **Yea**  
 Lieberman (ID-CT), **Yea**  
 Lincoln (D-AR), **Yea**  
 Lott (R-MS), **Yea**  
 Lugar (R-IN), **Nay**  
 Martinez (R-FL), **Yea**  
 McCain (R-AZ), **Not Voting**  
 McCaskill (D-MO), **Yea**

McConnell (R-KY), **Yea**  
 Menendez (D-NJ), **Yea**  
 Mikulski (D-MD), **Yea**  
 Murkowski (R-AK), **Yea**  
 Murray (D-WA), **Yea**  
 Nelson (D-FL), **Not Voting**  
 Nelson (D-NE), **Yea**  
 Obama (D-IL), **Not Voting**  
 Pryor (D-AR), **Yea**  
 Reed (D-RI), **Nay**  
 Reid (D-NV), **Yea**  
 Roberts (R-KS), **Yea**  
 Rockefeller (D-WV), **Yea**  
 Salazar (D-CO), **Yea**  
 Sanders (I-VT), **Yea**  
 Schumer (D-NY), **Yea**  
 Sessions (R-AL), **Yea**  
 Shelby (R-AL), **Yea**  
 Smith (R-OR), **Yea**  
 Snowe (R-ME), **Yea**  
 Specter (R-PA), **Yea**  
 Stabenow (D-MI), **Yea**  
 Stevens (R-AK), **Yea**  
 Sununu (R-NH), **Nay**  
 Tester (D-MT), **Yea**  
 Thune (R-SD), **Yea**  
 Vitter (R-LA), **Yea**  
 Voinovich (R-OH), **Nay**  
 Warner (R-VA), **Yea**  
 Webb (D-VA), **Yea**  
 Whitehouse (D-RI), **Nay**  
 Wyden (D-OR), **Yea**

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<sup>6</sup> “U.S. Senate Roll Call Votes 110<sup>th</sup> Congress - 1<sup>st</sup> Session,” at Senate.gov website at: [http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00235](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00235). (accessed 12-30-07)

<sup>7</sup> “House Debate on Appropriations Bills,” at NumbersUSA.com website at: <http://www.numbersusa.com/hottopic/houseappropri0607.html>. Last Updated: Friday, September 28, 2007. (accessed 12-30-07)

<sup>8</sup> “FINAL VOTE RESULTS FOR ROLL CALL 814,” at clerk.house.gov website at: <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2007/roll814.xml>. (accessed 12-30-07)

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