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“EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN FURNISHING FEED AND SEED

“(d) The Secretary is authorized in connection with any major disaster determined by the President to warrant assistance by the Federal Government under Public Law 875, Eighty-first Congress (42 U. S. C. 1855), as amended, to furnish to established farmers, ranchers, or stockmen feed for livestock or seeds for planting for such period or periods of time and under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may determine to be required by the nature and effect of the disaster. The Secretary may utilize the personnel, facilities, property, and funds of any agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, including Commodity Credit Corporation, for carrying out these functions and shall reimburse the agencies so utilized for the value of any commodities furnished which are not paid for by the farmers or ranchmen, and for costs and administrative expenses necessary in performing such functions.”

AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING PROVISIONS

(B) The last sentence of subsection (a) is designated as subsection (e) and a comma and the word “reimbursement”, shall be inserted after the word “loans” where it first appears in said subsection.

(C) The letter “(a)” in the last clause of subsection (b) is deleted, the subsection is redesignated as subsection (f), and there shall be added at the end thereof the following new sentence: “There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the revolving fund such additional sums as the Congress shall from time to time determine.”

SEC. 2. Loans under this Act shall be secured by the personal obligation and available security of the producer or producers, and in the case of loans to corporations or other business organizations, by the personal obligation and available security of each person holding as much as 10 per centum of the stock or other interest in the corporation or organization.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

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Eighty-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Saturday, the third day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three*

An Act

To amend the Act of April 6, 1949, to provide for additional emergency assistance to farmers and stockmen, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of April 6, 1949 (63 Stat. 43), as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

(A) After the second sentence of subsection (a) add the following new subsections:

"ECONOMIC DISASTER LOANS

"(b) The Secretary is authorized in connection with any major disaster determined by the President to warrant assistance by the Federal Government under Public Law 875, Eighty-first Congress (42 U. S. C. 1855), as amended, to make loans to established farmers and stockmen for any agricultural purpose in the area covered by the determination of the President, if the Secretary finds that an economic disaster has also caused a need for agricultural credit that cannot be met for a temporary period from commercial banks, cooperative lending agencies, the Farmers' Home Administration under its regular loan programs, or other responsible sources. The loans shall be made at such rates of interest and on such general terms as the Secretary shall prescribe for such area.

"SPECIAL LIVESTOCK LOANS

"(c) For a period of two years from the effective date of this subsection loans for \$2,500 or more may be made to established producers and feeders of cattle, sheep, and goats (not including operators of commercial feed lots) who have a good record of operations, but are unable temporarily to get the credit they need from recognized lenders and have a reasonable chance of working out of their difficulties with supplementary financing. The loans may be made on such security as the borrower has available and for the time reasonably required by the needs of the borrower but not exceeding, in the first instance, a period of three years. The creditors of the applicant will not be asked to subordinate their indebtedness but must be willing to work with the borrower to the extent of executing standby agreements for such periods of time as is reasonably necessary to give the borrower a chance to substantially improve his situation. The loans shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum and shall be made on such other terms and conditions as the Secretary shall prescribe. The loans shall be subject to approval by a special committee appointed by the Secretary to serve for the particular area as determined by the Secretary. Loans exceeding \$50,000 shall also be approved by the Secretary. The committee shall consist of at least three members appointed by the Secretary from local persons having recognized knowledge of the livestock industry. The committee shall perform such additional functions under this Act, including general direction of the servicing of the loans, as the Secretary may prescribe. The members shall serve at such compensation as the Secretary shall determine not exceeding \$25 for each day spent on the work of the committee and shall be entitled to receive transportation costs and per diem in accordance with standard Government travel regulations.

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