Senate Ag Committee approves changes in Farm Credit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry recently approved legislation broadening the lending authority and giving greater flexibility to the Farm Credit System; the major credit source for U.S. farmers.

The legislation is the first major revision of the Farm Credit System since 1971. The System provides about a third of the credit needs of American agriculture—including individual farmers and rural cooperatives with an annual loan volume of more than \$50 billion.

The System, which is organized as cooperatives and receives no tax funding, includes the Federal Land Banks, which make longterm farm real estate loans; the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, which make intermediate-term operating loans thrugh Production Credit Associations; and Banks for Cooperatives, which lend to farmer cooperatives. Federal Land Banks and Production Associations to finance processing and marketing

The bill would lower to 60 percent the minimum membership of a cooperative who must be farmers to be eligible to borrow from Banks for Cooperatives. The current farmer-member minimum is 80 percent, except for rural electric and telephone co-ops where the requirement is 70 percent.

Another major provision of the bill would permit Federal Land Banks to make loans for more than 85 percent but not greater than 100 percent of the appraised value of farm real estate when these loans are guaranteed by a Federal agency, such as Farmers Home Administration, or by a State Government.

The bill would also broaden the authority of Federal Land Banks and Production Credit Associations to finance processing and marketing activities and facilities directly related to an agricultural or aquatic producer's operations and those of other bona fide producers. Such loans could be made if the applicant's operation supplies at least 20 percent of the quantity of the commodity to be processed or marketed.

In a major new authority for the Farm Credit System, the bill would authorize Banks for Cooperatives to finance agricultural export transactions in which U.S. cooperatives are major beneficiaries.

Banks for Cooperatives would be permitted to make deposists in foreign banks, receive and hold credit balances from banks and borrowers, buy and sell bankers acceptances, buy time drafts payable by foreign buyers of farm products, take part in currency exchange and make loans to facilitate transactions of borrowing cooperatives.

The bill would also authorize Farm Credit System banks and associations to sell to their members, on an optional basis, certain types of insurance, including credit life and disability insurance in amounts necessary to cover loan commitments and multiple-peril crop and livestock insurance.

The bill would expand aquatic financing by the Farm Credit System by allowing Federal Land Banks to make long-term loans to producers and harvesters of aquatic products. It also would clarify that cooperatives solely engaged in furnishing aquatic business services are eligible to borrow from Banks for Cooperatives.

Another provision would encourage cooperation between Farm Credit System institutions and commercial banks by authorizing Federal Land Banks to participate in loans with lenders outside the

System and by authorizing Production Credit Associations to issue participation certificates to commercial bankers and other lenders. This would streamline a program under which PCAs participate in farm loans originated by commercial banks.

FCA names Madero to general counsel

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Frederick R. Medero, currently the director of the securities disclosure division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, will become general counsel for the Farm Credit Administration on June 2.

The FCA is the independent Federal agency that supervises, examines, and regulates the Farm Credit System, whose 37 banks and 930 associations last year served nearly a million farmers and ranchers and 3,500 cooperatives with \$60 billion in credit.

In making the announcement, FCA Governor Donald E. Wilkinson said Medero would direct the Office of the General Counsel in performing legal services for the Federal Farm Credit Board, the governor and members of the FCA staff. He also will consult with and coordinate the work of attorneys employed by the Farm Credit Banks.

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