
Bill for Emergency Food Relief For Presentation in United States Congress

In view of the catastrophic starvation which now faces more than 90 million people in many countries who are in peril of immediate death, and in view of the already massive loss of life which threatens immediately the well-being and existence of every human being in the world, the following emergency measures to relieve famine and expand food production are hereby enacted by the Congress of the United States.

I. Congress will ~~immediately authorize~~ the Emergency Famine Relief. An Emergency Relief Administration is hereby empowered to use existing provision of PL 480 to immediately purchase 10 million tons of grains suitable for human consumption from the reserves of trading companies and farmers. Existing government reserves must also be used for famine relief. The Emergency Relief Administration is to organize and fund the dispatch of this aid to the famine stricken areas of Bangladesh, India, the Sahel, East Africa and Central America. Such aid is to be dispatched as rapidly as is physically possible. It is to be dispatched without regard to the financial conditions of the recipient governments, political agreements, or previously existing arrangements.

II. Congress will empower the Emergency Relief Administration to consult with other governments with the aim of arranging further aid to famine-stricken areas.

III. Congress will ensure that the special purchases of the Emergency Relief Administration are made at the market price from farmers and at the fixed price of \$2.00 per bushel from major grain trading companies.

IV. Congress will exact penalties against hoarding. Any official of any grain trading or food processing corporations who either refuses to sell grain at the set price or who conceals the amount of grain in their possession, or who buys grain beyond immediate needs with the intent to force prices upwards, are guilty of the crime of hoarding and speculation. They are directly responsible for the loss of life resulting from these illegal actions.

The United States Justice Department is hereby empowered to set up appropriate thorough inspection and investigation services, in cooperation with the Emergency Relief Administration to enforce this law. Those found guilty of hoarding or speculation are to be sentenced to death or imprisoned for life.

V. Congress shall use its powers to immediately expand fertilizer production.

A. Under the powers of the Defense Production Act of 1950, the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce shall order the fertilizer companies to expand production to full capacity.

B. A Government Fertilizer Industry is hereby established with the immediate task of increasing fertilizer capacity in the United States by 50 million tons within the next two years. Under the Defense Production Act, the GFI is to have full power to purchase all necessary capital equipment and materials and employ whatever labor is required to achieve this goal.

VI. Congress will ensure the credit supply required to expand food production. Credit at interest rates not exceeding 2 percent per annum are to be allocated by the Farm Credit Administration to all farmers in the amounts necessary for purchase of all fertilizer, fuels, seed, and agricultural equipment necessary for full agricultural production.

VII. Congress hereby declares a moratorium on the payment of debt service on all farm debt in the United States, effective immediately. Furthermore, all debts owed to the United States government and to private individuals and corporations by the governments, private individuals, and corporations of the continents of Asia, Africa and Latin America are hereby suspended.

VIII. Congress empowers the Emergency Relief Administration to appropriate an initial \$5 billion. An initial appropriation of \$4 billion is to be made to the Government Fertilizer Industry.