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To form the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

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Ms. FOXX (for herself, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. KILMER, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. BUDD, Mr. KIND, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. COOPER, Mr. LATTA, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. PERRY, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. BANKS, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOHMERT, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BIGGS, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, and Mr. SCHNEIDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To form the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fair Sugar Policy Act
5 of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUGAR PROGRAM.**

2 Section 156(a) of the Federal Agriculture Improve-
3 ment and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272(a)) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
6 end; and

7 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “2019
8 through 2023 crop years.” and inserting the fol-
9 lowing: “2019 and 2020 crop years; and

10 “(6) 18.75 cents per pound for raw cane sugar
11 for each of the 2021 through 2025 crop years.”.

12 **SEC. 3. FLEXIBLE MARKETING ALLOTMENTS FOR SUGAR**
13 **REPEALED AND REFORM OF TARIFF RATE**
14 **QUOTAS.**

15 Part VII of subtitle B of title III of the Agricultural
16 Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359aa et seq.) is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 **“PART VII—ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF RATE**
19 **QUOTAS**

20 **“SEC. 359a. TARIFF RATE QUOTAS.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—At the beginning of each quota
22 year, the Secretary shall establish the tariff-rate quotas
23 for raw cane sugar and refined sugar at a level that is
24 not less than the minimum level necessary to comply with
25 obligations under international trade agreements that
26 Congress has approved.

1 “(b) ADJUSTMENT.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (a),
3 the Secretary shall adjust the tariff-rate quotas for
4 raw cane sugar and refined sugar to provide ade-
5 quate supplies of sugar at reasonable prices in the
6 domestic market.

7 “(2) ENDING STOCKS.—Subject to paragraphs
8 (1) and (3), the Secretary shall establish and adjust
9 tariff-rate quotas so that the ratio of sugar stocks
10 to total sugar use at the end of each quota year
11 shall be approximately 15.5 percent.

12 “(3) MAINTENANCE OF REASONABLE PRICES
13 AND AVOIDANCE OF FORFEITURES.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may es-
15 tablish a different target percentage for the
16 ratio of ending stocks to total use described in
17 paragraph (2) if the Secretary determines the
18 different target percentage is necessary to pre-
19 vent—

20 “(i) unreasonably high prices; or

21 “(ii) forfeitures of sugar pledged as
22 collateral for a loan under section 156 of
23 the Federal Agriculture Improvement and
24 Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272).

1 “(B) ANNOUNCEMENT.—The Secretary
2 shall publicly announce an establishment of a
3 target percentage under this paragraph.

4 “(4) CONSIDERATIONS.—In establishing tariff-
5 rate quotas under subsection (a) and making adjust-
6 ments under this subsection, the Secretary shall con-
7 sider the impact of the quotas on consumers, work-
8 ers, businesses (including small businesses), and ag-
9 ricultural producers.

10 “(c) TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF QUOTAS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To promote the full use of
12 the tariff-rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined
13 sugar established or adjusted under subsection (a)
14 or (b), respectively, the Secretary shall promulgate
15 regulations that provide that a country that has
16 been allocated a share of the quotas may temporarily
17 transfer all or part of the share to another country
18 that has also been allocated a share of the quotas.

19 “(2) TRANSFERS VOLUNTARY.—A transfer
20 under this subsection shall be valid only on vol-
21 untary agreement between the transferor and the
22 transferee, consistent with procedures established by
23 the Secretary.

24 “(3) TRANSFERS TEMPORARY.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A transfer under this
2 subsection shall be valid only for the duration
3 of the quota year during which the transfer is
4 made.

5 “(B) FOLLOWING QUOTA YEAR.—No
6 transfer under this subsection shall affect the
7 share of the quota allocated to the transferor or
8 transferee for the following quota year.”.

9 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM**
10 **FOR BIOENERGY PRODUCERS.**

11 Section 9010 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
12 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8110) is repealed.

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