

CHAPTER 93**(HCR 42)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to direct that the 1999 burley tobacco forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) under Pub. L. No. 106-387 be destroyed and not be sold for use in the United States or any foreign market.

WHEREAS, Congress, in an effort to protect burley farmers, enacted language in Pub. L. No. 106-387 (H.R. 4461 Sec. 844) that allowed producer-owned cooperative marketing associations to forfeit burley tobacco from the 1999 crop to the CCC to fully settle any loans against that crop; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 burley tobacco crop forfeited to the CCC contains approximately 230 million pounds (green weight) of inferior burley tobacco pool stocks; and

WHEREAS, Pub. L. No. 106-387 directs that the 1999 tobacco not be sold in the U.S., but does not specify that it not be sold overseas; and

WHEREAS, the overseas sale of the 1999 pool stocks at a reduced rate would have an adverse effect on the demand for U.S. burley by flooding foreign markets with an inferior grade of U.S. tobacco and by creating a devastating economic hardship on U.S. burley tobacco farmers; and

WHEREAS, destroying the pool stocks would result in a more balanced supply and demand market for U.S. burley tobacco and would benefit all burley tobacco farmers;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The General Assembly urges Congress to direct that the 1999 burley tobacco forfeited to the CCC in Pub. L. No. 106-387 be destroyed and not be allowed to be sold for use in the United States or any foreign market.

Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Kentucky delegation to Congress and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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