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Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To provide for the distribution of certain surplus commodities to needy persons in the United States, by use of a stamp plan.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That in order to promote the general welfare, raise the levels

4 of health and of nourishment for needy persons whose incomes

5 prevent them from enjoying adequate diets, and to remove

6 the specter of want, malnutrition, or hunger in the midst of

7 mountains of surplus food now accumulating under Govern-

8 ment ownership in warehouses and other storage facilities;

9 and to stimulate employment in the woolen-textile industry;

10 the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the

11 "Secretary") is hereby authorized and directed to promul-

1 gate and put into operation, as quickly as possible, a program
2 to distribute to needy persons, and needy persons whose sole
3 source of income is a pension, or a benefit payment under the
4 Old Age and Survivors Insurance Program of the Social
5 Security System, in the United States through a stamp
6 system: (a) a portion of the surpluses of food commodities
7 acquired and being stored by the Federal Government by
8 reason of its price-support operations or other purchase pro-
9 grams, and (b) woolen garments manufactured in the United
10 States.

11 SEC. 2. In carrying out such program, the Secretary
12 shall—

13 (1) distribute surplus food made available by the
14 Secretary for distribution under this program only when
15 requested to do so by a State or political subdivision
16 thereof;

17 (2) issue, or cause to be issued, pursuant to section
18 3 (a), food stamps redeemable by eligible needy persons
19 for such types and quantities of surplus food as the
20 Secretary shall determine;

21 (3) distribute surplus food in packaged or other
22 convenient form on the local level at such places as he
23 may determine;

24 (4) establish standards under which, pursuant to
25 section 3 (a), the welfare authorities of any State or

1 political subdivision thereof may participate in the food
2 stamp plan for the distribution of surplus foods to the
3 needy;

4 (5) issue, or cause to be issued, pursuant to section
5 3 (b) stamps redeemable by eligible needy persons, and
6 needy persons whose sole source of income is a pension,
7 or a benefit payment under the Old Age and Survivors
8 Insurance Program of the Social Security System for
9 such types of woolen garments as the Secretary by regu-
10 lation shall direct; and

11 (6) make such other rules and regulations as he
12 may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

13 SEC. 3. The Secretary shall—

14 (a) issue, to each welfare department or equivalent
15 agency of a State or political subdivision requesting the
16 distribution of surplus food under section 2 (1), food
17 stamps for each kind of surplus food to be distributed, in
18 amounts based on the total amount of surplus food to
19 be distributed and on the total number of needy persons
20 in the various States and political subdivisions eligible
21 to receive such food. The food stamps shall be issued
22 by each such welfare department or equivalent agency
23 to needy persons receiving welfare assistance, or in need
24 of welfare assistance but ineligible because of State or
25 local law, and shall be redeemable by such needy per-

sons at local distribution points to be determined by the Secretary under section 2 (3).

(b) issue, to each welfare department or equivalent agency of a State or political subdivision requesting the distribution of woolen garments under section 2 (5), stamps for each kind of woolen garments which the Secretary shall have by regulation approved, in amounts equalling $33\frac{1}{3}$ per centum of the total amount of old age and survivors insurance benefit payments made to the requesting State in the preceding calendar year. The Director of a State welfare department or equivalent agency of a State or political subdivision receiving such stamps shall distribute them to any individual applicant in an amount which is not greater than $33\frac{1}{3}$ per centum of the annual pension, or benefit payment, which the applicant receives.

SEC. 4. Surplus food distributed under this Act shall be in addition to, and not in place of, any welfare assistance (financial or otherwise) granted needy persons by a State or any political subdivision thereof.

SEC. 5. In any one calendar year the Secretary is authorized to distribute surplus food and woolen garments under this Act of a value of up to \$2,000,000,000.

SEC. 6. The distribution of surplus food to needy persons in the United States under this Act shall be in place of dis-

1 tribution to such needy persons under section 32 of the Act
2 entitled "An Act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment
3 Act, and for other purposes", approved August 24, 1935
4 (7 U. S. C., sec. 612c), as amended, and section 416 of the
5 Agricultural Act of 1949. Distribution of surplus food under
6 this Act shall be subject to the same system of priorities as
7 is presently provided for in such sections.

8 SEC. 7. For the purposes of this Act, a needy person
9 is anyone receiving welfare assistance (financial or other-
10 wise) from the welfare department or equivalent agency of
11 any State or political subdivision thereof, or who is, in the
12 opinion of such agency or agencies, in need of welfare as-
13 sistance but is ineligible to receive it because of State or local
14 law.

15 SEC. 8. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated,
16 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
17 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
18 this Act.

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