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To appropriate sums for the Secretary of Agriculture to provide block grants to States for losses of revenue as a consequence of certain freezes or cold weather conditions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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. This Act may be cited as the “Florida
4 Freeze Disaster Assistance Act”.

5 SEC. 2. The following sums are appropriated, out of
6 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
7 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, for an ad-
8 ditional amount for “Agricultural Programs—Office of

1 the Secretary”, \$3,500,000,000, to remain available until
2 expended, for the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in
3 this section as the “Secretary”) to provide assistance in
4 the form of block grants to States for losses of revenue,
5 quality, or production of crops (including crops prevented
6 from planting), trees, bushes, and vines, as a consequence
7 of a freeze or cold weather condition: *Provided*, That such
8 assistance shall include compensation to producers for
9 losses of multi-year crops: *Provided further*, That such
10 funds shall be made available exclusively for losses occur-
11 ring in counties that received a disaster designation for
12 freeze and related cold weather conditions issued by the
13 Secretary on March 4, 2026: *Provided further*, That such
14 funds shall be made available upon the request of a State
15 department of agriculture, or other appropriate State
16 agency, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*,
17 That not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
18 of this Act, and for each fiscal quarter thereafter until
19 the amounts provided under this section are expended, the
20 Secretary shall submit a report to the Committees on Ap-
21 propriations of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
22 ate describing the implementation of assistance provided
23 pursuant to this section: *Provided further*, That such
24 amount is designated by Congress as being for an emer-
25 gency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of

1 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
2 of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i)).