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Bill language for Senator Baldwin:

On page 7 of the bill, line 14, strike “28,656,000” and insert “22,906,000”

On page 20 of the bill, line 17, strike “226,387,000” and insert “231,387,000”

On page 20 of the bill, line 22, strike “12,000,000” and insert “17,000,000”

On page 20 of the bill, line 24, strike “11,250,000” and insert “16,250,000”

Bill language for Senator Reed:

On page 16 of the bill, line 17, strike “1,176,171,000” and insert “1,176,596,000” and strike “8,464,000” and insert “8,889,000”

Bill language for Senator Shaheen:

On page 41 of the bill, line 19, strike “1,000” and insert “5,000”

Bill language for Senators Manchin and Heinrich:

On page 46 of the bill, line 2, strike “254,013,000” and insert “254,338,000”

On page 46 of the bill, line 3, strike “222,013,000” and insert “226,338,000”

Report language for Senator Hagerty:

On page 10 of the report, in the paragraph titled “Voting-Related Activities”, before “The Committee directs”, insert the following:

The Committee notes that the Department has not yet provided the briefing required under this heading in the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 118-42.

Report language for Senator Baldwin:

On page 13 of the report, under “Agriculture Buildings and Facilities”, strike “29,156,000” and insert “22,906,000”

On page 14 of the report, under “Committee Recommendations”, strike “29,156,000” and inserts “22,906,000”

Report language for Senator Shaheen:

On page 37 of the report, after the paragraph “Agriculture Defense in Poultry” insert the following:

Agroacoustics. —The Committee recognizes the growing field of acoustics and the many positive impacts it may have in agriculture, particularly with respect to pest management. The Committee encourages AFRI to prioritize funding for agroacoustics in its basic and applied research program, as well as through the Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement Grants.

Report language for Senator Reed:

On page 44 of the report, in the APHIS header, strike “1,176,171,000” and insert “1,176,596,000”

On page 45 of the report, under Committee Recommendations, strike “1,176,171,000” and insert “1,176,596,000” and strike “8,464,000” and insert “8,889,000”

On page 46 of the report, in the table, strike “8,464” and insert “8,889” and strike “1,176,171” and insert “1,176,596”

Report language for Senator Hagerty:

On page 46 of the report, after the table insert the following:

Advocating for Reciprocity.—The Committee recognizes that the Chinese Government provides subsidies and incentives for Chinese companies that give them an unfair advantage over U.S.-based agricultural companies without reciprocal treatment or access to China’s market. Therefore, the Committee directs the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to report on all “Confirmation Request” or “Regulatory Status Review” submissions by any entity subject to the ownership, or control, of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) over the past five fiscal years. Additionally, the Committee directs the Secretary of Agriculture to report to Congress on whether the PRC has abided by the agricultural biotechnology commitments made under the Phase One economic and trade agreement signed by the United States and the PRC on January 15, 2020.

Report language for Senator Baldwin:

On page 55 of the report, in the header under “Agricultural Marketing Service”, strike “226,387,000” and insert “231,387,000”

On page 56 of the report under “Committee Recommendations” strike “226,387,000” and insert “231,387,000” and in the second paragraph strike “12,000,000” and insert “17,000,000”

On page 56 of the report, after the paragraph “Cattle Contract Library” insert the following:

Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives.—The Committee is concerned about the uptake of existing resources directed to dairy farmers for the purpose of mitigating the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza in dairy cows. The Committee urges AMS to direct Commodity Credit Corporation investments into innovative and existing dairy programs that capture both dairy farmers and dairy processors through the Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives.

Report language for Senator Manchin:

On page 59 of the report, at the appropriate place insert the following:

West Virginia Apple Surplus.—The Committee directs AMS to initiate a study focusing on the surplus of apples in West Virginia, resulting from insufficient refrigerated storage capacity within processing facilities. AMS shall submit a report within 180 days, encompassing its findings and recommendations to prevent future surpluses. Additionally, the USDA should include an analysis in the report if there have been notable increases in foreign apple imports into the United States, with special attention to imports from China.

Report language for Senator Heinrich:

On page 59 of the report, after “Sugar Inspection” insert the following:

Wild Game Processing Technical Assistance.—The Committee recognizes the important role of wild game processing in rural food supply chains, especially in the business models of small and very-small processors. The Committee encourages AMS to expand the scope of the existing Meat and Poultry Processing Capacity – Technical Assistance Program to include assistance for processors interested in opening or expanding facilities that conduct custom-exempt wild game processing.

Report language for Senator Fischer:

On page 66 of the report, after the paragraph “Communication”, insert the following:

Emergency Conservation Program.— The Committee is encouraged by the Department’s work to provide advance cost-share payments under the emergency conservation loan program and emergency forest restoration program. The committee encourages USDA to further expand advance cost share payments as well as clarify that wildfires which are not caused naturally but the spread of the wildfire is due to natural causes or which are caused by the federal government

are eligible for the program. Additionally, the Department should explore flexibility in the timeline for utilizing funding to implement necessary conservation work following a disaster.

Report language for Senator Collins:

On page 68 of the report, before “Aquaculture Training” insert the following:

Agricultural Production and Farms.— The Committee is concerned about the loss of agricultural production and farms, particularly in the New England. Within 180 days of enactment, FSA is directed to provide a report to the Committee on what factors are leading to agricultural production and farm loss in New England, to include historical and projected data on acreage and crops types.

Report language for Senator Shaheen:

On page 79 of the report, in the paragraph “SNOTEL”, after Northeast, insert the following: “and to begin implementation of this expansion”.

Report language for Senators Shaheen, Manchin, and Heinrich:

On page 93 of the report, in the header under “Rural Community Facilities Program Account”, strike “254,013,000” and insert “254,338,000”

On page 93 of the report under “Committee Recommendations” strike “254,013,000” and insert “254,338,000”, and strike “222,013,000” and insert “226,338,000”

On page 194 of the report, in the table titled “Rural Community Facilities Program Account”, under “Committee Recommendation”, strike “222,013” and insert “226,338”, for “Community facilities grants” strike “5,000” and insert “1,000”, and strike “254,013” and insert “254,338”

Report language for Senator Murkowski:

On page 96 of the report, strike the paragraph “High Energy Costs Grants” and insert the following:

High Energy Cost Grants.—The Committee directs the Rural Utilities Service to permit the repair or replacement of bulk fuel storage tanks under the High Energy Cost Grants program. The Committee notes that such fuels are the only source of electricity generation in certain rural and Native communities where energy costs are excessively high and there is a significant deferred maintenance cost for Bulk Fuel in Tribal communities. The longstanding purpose of the program is to assist families and individuals in communities with extremely high per-household energy costs that are 275 percent of the national average or higher. The Committee directs the Secretary to make \$2,000,000 available for Indian Tribes for the repair or replacement of bulk fuel storage tanks under the Grants program, in addition to providing no less than fiscal year2024 levels for the Denali Commission.

Report language for Senator Durbin:

On page 124, strike “\$2,000,000 for Tobacco Taskforce”. After “research at NCTR” insert the following:

The Committee also includes \$2,000,000 for FDA to support its participation on the recently created multi-agency task force to combat the illegal distribution and sale of unauthorized e-cigarettes.

Report language for Senator Manchin:

On page 125 of the report, after the paragraph “Advanced Manufacturing Technologies” insert the following:

Advisory Committee Conflicts of Interest.—The Committee remains concerned with the Food and Drug Administration’s conflict of interest rules as it pertains to advisory committees. The 2023 External Review of FDA Regulation of Opioid Analgesics Final Report noted the need for the FDA to address “concerns about inappropriate industry influence on agency decision-making”. Current conflict of interest guidance is intended to show FDA’s policies behind financial interests held by advisory committee membership and Government employees participating in advisory committee meetings. They do not specifically address industry influence, impact of this guidance on participation in meetings, or enforcement ability of conflict of interest guidance. For this reason, the Committee looks forward to continue engaging with the Government Accountability Office as they review this issue as mandated in the fiscal year 2024 report.

Report language for Senator Coons:

On page 128 of the report, before the paragraph “Bicillin” insert the following:

Bacterial Endotoxin Testing.— The Committee directs the FDA to continue to be an active participant with the US Pharmacopeia (USP) as they finalize chapter <86>. The Committee requests a written update within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

Report language for Senator Hagerty:

On page 139 of the report, after “Oversight Activities” insert the following:

Oversight on FDA Inspections.—The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) often takes several cycles of review to approve drugs and biologics that are safe and effective. Pharmaceuticals or biologics often take several review cycles to be approved due to questions about the quality of their manufacturing, which often takes place overseas. The Committee directs the FDA to submit a report of the impact of the location of

manufacturing sites, and FDA’s ability to conduct inspections, on the rate of first cycle approvals.

Report language for Senator Hagerty:

On page 142 of the report, before the paragraph “Promoting Domestic Manufacturing” insert the following:

Prioritizing U.S. Biomanufacturing.—The Committee directs the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prioritize applications or supplements that identify new domestic or allied manufacturing facilities for essential medicines as identified by FDA and/or products experiencing domestic shortages. FDA should prioritize inspections of new U.S. manufacturing facilities and newly identified U.S. manufacturing facilities for FDA approved products.

Report language for Senator Hagerty:

On page 143 of the report, before the paragraph “Smoking Cessation” insert the following:

Securing Medical Supply Chains.—The Committee direct the FDA, in coordination with national security agencies, to prioritize supply chain security and national security when evaluating all applications throughout the new drug development and approval lifecycle.

Report language for Senator Murkowski:

On page 144 of the report, in the paragraph “State and Local Programs” strike “The Committee expects FDA to maintain current funding levels for state and local programs.” and insert “The Committee provides no less than the fiscal year 2024 level for the Field Operations Programs for state and local programs.”

Report language for Senator Manchin:

On page 145 of the report, before “Sunscreen” insert the following:

Study on Opioid Prescribing.—The Committee remains concerned with the ongoing opioid abuse epidemic, and effort to provide treatment for those impacted. As such, the Committee directs the FDA to review current opioid prescribing practices, including the total number of opioids prescribed in a calendar year. The purpose of the study is to show the number of opioids prescribed, excluding opioids prescribed for treatment of pain related to cancer or cancer treatment, patients participating in hospice, or a patient with respect to whom the prescriber of the applicable opioid determines that other non-opioid pain management treatments are inadequate or inappropriate.

Report language for Senator Hagerty:

On page 147 of the report, before “Valley Fever” insert the following:

Transparency for Imaging Technology.—Foreign adversaries are pursuing the collection and exploitation of Americans’ sensitive health data through medical equipment. Therefore, the Committee directs FDA to provide a report regarding the authorization of all medical imaging technology for sale into the United States from entities that are based in a territory of a foreign adversary, as defined in 15 CFR § 7.4, or under the jurisdiction of a foreign adversaries’ laws or regulations, to the degree that FDA has the information and based on the most current information in FDA’s databases of premarket authorizations and Establishment Registration & Device Listings. “Medical imaging technology” refers to any device, software, or other technology intended for use in medical imaging, including but not limited to X-ray, MRI, CT, ultrasound, and other diagnostic or therapeutic imaging modalities.

Report language for Senator Murkowski:

On page 157 of the report, in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items”, strike the row titled “Valdez Emergency Services Radio Communications Infrastructure Replacement”; in the table at the appropriate place insert the following:

Rural Community Facilities Program	Heavy Equipment Improving Rural Community Conditions	Alaska Municipal League	4,200,000	Murkowski
Rural Community Facilities Program	Houston Alaska Fire Station 9-3 Public Works Shared Facility	City of Houston	1,950,000	Murkowski

Report language for Senator Shaheen:

On page 157 of the report, in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items”, for the project titled “Luna County Early Childhood project”, strike “4,500,000” and insert “3,000,000”; for the project titled “Estancia Town Hall project”, strike “2,263,000” and insert “1,513,000”

On page 157 of the report, in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” insert the following in the appropriate place:

Rural Community Facilities Program	Walpole Village School	The Walpole Foundation	2,250,000	Shaheen
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Report language for Senator Heinrich:

On page 157 of the report, in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending Items” insert the following in the appropriate place:

Rural Community Facilities Program	Communications Equipment for Rio Arriba Firefighters	Rio Arriba County	1,100,000	Heinrich
Rural Community Facilities Program	Expanding Nutrition Security and Strengthening the Rural Economy	Community Outreach and Patient Empowerment	488,000	Heinrich
Rural Community Facilities Program	Medically Tailored Meal Delivery	Meals on Wheels New Mexico	61,000	Heinrich
Rural Community Facilities Program	Conservation Career and Cultural Preservation Center	Conservation Legacy	263,000	Heinrich
Rural Community Facilities Program	Project Venture Camp Site	National Indian Youth Leadership Project	110,000	Heinrich
Rural Community Facilities Program	Red River Public Safety Equipment Upgrade	Town of Red River	228,000	Heinrich

Report language for Senator Sinema:

On page 157 of the report, in the table title “Congressionally Directed Spending Items”, strike the rows titled “Bisbee Fire Truck” and “Navajo Nation Animal Shelter”; in the table at the appropriate place insert the following:

Rural Community Facilities Program	Emergency Community Resilience Center	Hawaii Community Foundation	2,515,000	Schatz, Sinema
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Report language for Senator Manchin:

On page 157 of the report, in the table title “Congressionally Directed Spending Items”, insert the following in the appropriate place:

Rural Community Facilities Program	Town of Delbarton Municipal Complex	Town of Delbarton	225,000	Capito, Manchin
Rural Community Facilities Program	Savas-Kostas Theater	Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation	300,000	Capito, Manchin
Rural Community Facilities Program	Snowshoe Resort Town Hall/Ranger Station	Snowshoe Resort Community District	300,000	Capito, Manchin
Rural Community Facilities Program	Ravenswood Firehouse	City of Ravenswood	1,000,000	Capito, Manchin

Rural Community Facilities Program	Health and Wellness Center	McDowell County Commission	675,000	Capito, Manchin
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