

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. EMANUEL OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle E of title I, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 1512. PREVENTION OF DECEASED PERSONS RECEIV-**
2 **ING PAYMENTS UNDER FARM COMMODITY**
3 **PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS
5 MADE TO DECEASED PERSONS.—The Secretary of Agri-
6 culture shall—

7 (1) undertake a study to identify any estate of
8 a deceased person that continued to receive pay-
9 ments under this title for more than two crop years
10 after the death of the person; and

11 (2) submit a report containing the results of
12 the study to Congress.

13 (b) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall issue regu-
14 lations that specify deadlines by which a legal entity must
15 notify the Secretary of any change in ownership of such
16 entity, including the death of a person with a direct or
17 indirect ownership interest in the entity, that may affect
18 the entity's eligibility to receive payments or other benefits
19 under this title. The Secretary may deny the issuance of

1 such payments or benefits to an entity that fails to comply
2 with such regulations.

3 (c) RECOUPMENT.—If the Secretary determines that
4 the estate of a deceased person failed to timely notify the
5 Farm Service Agency of the death, the Secretary shall re-
6 coup the erroneous payments made on behalf of the de-
7 ceased person. The Secretary shall withhold payments that
8 would otherwise be made under this title to farming oper-
9 ations in which the deceased person was actively engaged
10 in farming before death until the funds have been re-
11 couped.

12 (d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall, twice a
13 year, reconcile individual tax identification numbers with
14 the Internal Revenue Service for recipients of payments
15 under this title to determine recipients' living status.