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NMPF URGES HOUSE TO GIVE FARM BILL FINAL APPROVAL Kind Amendment Voted Down; Congress Now Considering Fate of Entire Bill

ARLINGTON, VA – The National Milk Producers Federation urged members of the House of Representatives Friday to vote for the final approval of the Farm Bill later today, after members rejected an alternative approach last night that would have radically restructured agricultural programs.

A final vote on the bill is expected today, following consideration of a variety of amendments. NMPF urged members to “stay focused on the big picture, which is that this bill is crucial to the health of dairy farmers, rural communities, and everyone who benefits from the nutrition programs in the bill,” said Jerry Kozak, President and CEO of NMPF.

An alternative approach to the Farm Bill, offered as an amendment by Rep. Ron Kind, was resoundingly rejected Thursday night by a margin of 117-309. Kozak said that the bipartisan majority that came together in that strong show of support for the Agriculture Committee’s bill should also carry the farm legislation to approval.

“The Agriculture Committee has crafted a wide-ranging package designed to appeal to a variety of constituents, and House members need to approve that legislation today,” Kozak said.

The National Milk Producers Federation, based in Arlington, VA, develops and carries out policies that advance the well being of dairy producers and the cooperatives they own. The members of NMPF’s 32 cooperatives produce the majority of the U.S. milk supply, making NMPF the voice of nearly 50,000 dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies.

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