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    UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
       BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
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IN RE:
                        : Docket Nos.
ORANGES, GRAPEFRUIT, : AO-13-0163;
TANGERINES, AND TANGELOS : FV-13-905-1;
(CITRUS) GROWN IN FLORIDA : AMS-FV-12-0069
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           Wednesday, April 24, 2013
           Florida Department of Agriculture
           and Consumer Services
            500 3rd Street NW
           Winter Haven, Florida 33881
      The above-captioned rulemaking hearing
was held pursuant to notice at 9:00 a.m.
BEFORE:
      JILL CLIFTON, Administrative Law Judge
     US Department of Agriculture
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PRESENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE USDA:

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MR. MARC McFETRIDGE

MS. MELISSA SCHMAEDICK

MS. MICHELLE SHARROW

MS. JENNIE VARELA

MS. KATHLEEN BRIGHT

MR. COREY ELLIOTT

MR. CHRISTIAN NISSEN

MS. DOLORES LOWENSTINE

ON BEHALF FLORIDA CITRUS:

MR. ARTHUR B. CHADWELL

MR. GEORGE F. HAMNER

MR. PETER CHAIRES

DR. FRED GMITTER, JR.

OTHER APPEARANCES:

MR. PAUL GENKE

MR. EMERY SMITH

MR. LINDSAY RALEY

MR. SCOTT McCLURE

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2	(9:00 a.m.)
-	JUDGE CLIFTON: This record is
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4	being made in Winter Haven, Florida on April
5	24, a Wednesday, 2013. My name is Jill
6	Clifton, I'm a United States Administrative
7	Law Judge and I'm here to conduct the
8	rulemaking hearing. What that means is I'm
9	the monitor to keep everyone's opportunity to
10	present evidence, open so that we have a full
11	record, and then after the hearing, to certify
12	what the evidence is. There are two kinds:
13	testimony and exhibits.
14	If you have an exhibit and you
15	want it marked as part of the evidence, it
16	being admitted as an exhibit makes it
17	evidence. Many people want also to read their
18	exhibit so that, if someone is searching the
19	transcript of the hearing, the same ideas are
20	there as well in the exhibit. It's perfectly
21	fine to have your evidence presented both
22	those ways, both as a written copy that is

marked and accepted as an exhibit, and as
 something that you read aloud so that it would
 be in the transcript.

I want to cover a few housekeeping 4 5 things before I have you introduce yourselves. And when I have you introduce yourselves, I'd 6 7 like you to spell your name. Now, there will 8 be some redundancy here because when you come to testify, I'd like you to say who you are 9 10 and spell your name again. But I'd much 11 rather have it done too often than not often 12 enough. And as you can imagine, typing the 13 transcript from this town meeting atmosphere 14 is somewhat difficult, because each time the speaker needs to be identified. 15

All right. So, the first thing
I'd like to do is read into the record the
heading caption and docket numbers. United
States Department of Agriculture, Before the
Secretary of Agriculture, in re: Oranges,
Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos (Citrus)
Grown in Florida, AMAA, Docket Nos. A0-13-

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1	0163; FV-13-905-1; AMS-FV-12-0069. I did not
2	recite where the hyphens are because the court
3	reporter has the written copy.
4	When you're citing from your own
5	prepared statement, you may want to put in
6	little punctuation marks, or not, just
7	depending on how you want to clarify what
8	you're presenting.
9	All right. With regard to this
10	transcript that is being prepared, the
11	original copy, the first copy is a high-priced
12	one under a contract with Neal Gross whereby
13	the first copy is the market price copy, and
14	USDA AMS pays for that. Thereafter, the
15	additional copies are at a very inexpensive
16	rate. And if any of you wants to order a
17	copy, you may do it so long as you order it
18	from the court reporter while we're still here
19	and get the bargain rate.
20	The bargain rate is about 5 cents
21	a page. And you could order just your own
22	testimony, or just the testimony of a certain
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1	witness you wanted, or the whole thing. And
2	if you also want an accompanying DVD or CD,
3	that's \$300. There's usually a separate one
4	for each day of the hearing. And that's
5	searchable and you can specify what language
6	you want it in such as WordPerfect plus PDF
7	plus Microsoft Word, whatever you want. So,
8	be thinking about whether you want to order
9	any transcript of your own, and if so, let me
10	help you fill out the form so that it's clear
11	that you're getting the USDA contract rate for
12	that because the form itself doesn't provide
13	that.
14	Now, you've all been warned not to
15	participate in ex parte communication with
16	USDA officials. I want all of the USDA people
17	to identify themselves. You can talk with
18	them about the procedures here, about timing
19	of witnesses, about anything like that. You
20	can talk with them about anything that's of
21	interest, sports, weather, law enforcement,
22	anything like that. What you may not do is

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1	try to influence them in any way as to how
2	their decisions should be made. So, you have
3	to be very careful if you're trying to talk
4	about the marketing order or your experience
5	under it because it just would be perceived
6	that you are trying to influence them.
7	So, I want now oh, before I do
8	this, I like mobile phones, I think you should
9	have yours with you. If you have not yet put
10	it on vibrate or silent, please do that.
11	Sometimes you'll have to take a call and
12	you'll need to go out to do that, but I don't
13	want anyone to feel you're not allowed to use
14	your mobile phone. Just make it so it doesn't
15	interrupt.
16	All right. I'm a USDA employee,
17	an Administrative Law Judge who is assigned to
18	USDA to do USDA cases. So, every case I hear
19	has USDA involved in some way or another.
20	I'd like now for the rest of the
21	people in this room who work for the United
22	States Department of Agriculture to locate

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1	near a microphone to identify yourself.
2	Mr. Hill, would you begin?
3	MR. HILL: Yes, my name is Brian
4	Hill,
5	B-r-i-a-n H-i-l-l. I'm with the Office of the
6	General Counsel and I'm representing the
7	Agricultural Marketing Service.
8	MR. McFETRIDGE: I am Marc
9	McFetridge, M-a-r-c M-c-F-e-t-r-i-d-g-e. I'm
10	with the Ag Marketing Service, Fruit and
11	Vegetable Programs, Promotion and Economic
12	Division.
13	MS. SCHMAEDICK: My name is
14	Melissa Schmaedick, M-e-l-i-s-s-a, Schmaedick,
15	S-c-h-m-a-e-d-i-c-k. I am with the USDA
16	Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and
17	Vegetable Programs. I am a Senior Marketing
18	Specialist.
19	MS. SHARROW: My name is Michelle
20	Sharrow, Michelle, M-i-c-h-e-l-l-e, Sharrow,
21	S-h-a-r-r-o-w. And I am the Rulemaking Branch
22	Chief with AMS Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

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1	MS. VARELA: My name is Jennie
2	Varela, J-e-n-n-i-e, V-a-r-e-l-a. I am with
3	AMS, Agricultural Marketing Service,
4	representing the Southeast Marketing Field
5	Office.
6	MS. BRIGHT: I'm Kathleen Bright,
7	K-a-t-h-l-e-e-n B-r-i-g-h-t. I am also a
8	Senior Marketing Specialist, I am with the
9	Marketing Order and Agreement Division as
10	well.
11	JUDGE CLIFTON: Are there any
12	other USDA employees here?
13	MR. ELLIOTT: Yes. Yes, ma'am.
14	My name is Corey Elliott, I'm a USDA Marketing
15	Specialist representing the Southeast
16	Marketing Field Office. Again, Corey Elliott,
17	C-o-r-e-y E-l-l-i-o-t-t.
18	MR. NISSEN: My name is Christian
19	Nissen, C-h-r-i-s-t-i-a-n N-i-s-s-e-n. I am
20	the Regional Director of the Southeast
21	Marketing Field Office.
22	MS. LOWENSTINE: I'm Dolores

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1	Lowenstine, D-o-l-o-r-e-s L-o-w-e-n-s-t-i-n-e.
2	And I'm the Marketing Assistant with the
3	Southeast Marketing Field Office.
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Are
5	there any other USDA employees in the room?
6	All right. Those of you who are
7	normally officed in Washington, DC, please
8	raise your hand. All right. Those of you who
9	are normally in Florida, I think those of you
10	who introduced yourselves last are, and who is
11	seated at this front table is normally here?
12	All right, Ms. Varela. All right. And those
13	of you who are normally officed in Utah,
14	please raise your hand.
15	And in what locales have you
16	participated in rulemaking hearings, Ms.
17	Schmaedick?
18	MS. SCHMAEDICK: This is Melissa
19	Schmaedick. I have participated in roughly a
20	dozen rulemaking hearings in Florida, Oregon,
21	Washington, California, and then most recently
22	across the United States for the leafy green

Page 13 1 marketing agreement hearings. 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Now, 3 part of this, and I'm going to have those who 4 are not USDA employees who are here introduce 5 themselves next, part of this is a practice on where we need to be for these microphones to 6 7 be effective. So, I'm going to go off record 8 just a moment. 9 (Off the record.) 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. We're 11 back on record at 9:12. I'd now like to turn 12 to the table of Florida citrus people located 13 to my right and have each of you introduce 14 yourselves similarly. 15 MR. CHADWELL: My name is Arthur 16 Chadwell, A-r-t-h-u-r C-h-a-d-w-e-l-l. I'm 17 the Manager of the Citrus Administrative 18 Committee. 19 MR. HAMNER: My name is George 20 Hamner, Jr., G-e-o-r-g-e H-a-m-n-e-r, Jr., Jr. And I'm a grower-shipper here in Florida. 21 22 MR. CHAIRES: My name is Peter

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1	Chaires, P-e-t-e-r C-h-a-i-r-e-s. I'm
2	Executive Vice President of Florida Citrus
3	Packers.
4	DR. GMITTER: My name is Fred
5	Gmitter, Jr. Fred, F-r-e-d, Gmitter, G-m-i-t-
6	t-e-r, Jr. I'm a Professor at the University
7	of Florida, Citrus Research and Education
8	Center in Lake Alfred.
9	JUDGE CLIFTON: Good. And those
10	of you who are not seated at that table but
11	are involved in Florida citrus, would each of
12	you come to the podium and identify yourself
13	and spell your name at this time?
14	MR. GENKE: My name is Paul Genke,
15	P-a-u-l G-e-n-k-e. And I'm Director of Sales
16	and Marketing for the Packers of Indian River
17	in Vero Beach, Florida.
18	MR. SMITH: My name is Emery
19	Smith, E-m-e-r-y S-m-i-t-h. I work for Ben
20	Hill Griffin, Inc., a grower-shipper here in
21	Florida.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: Would you spell

1your first name again for me?2MR. SMITH: Emery, E-m-e-r-y.3JUDGE CLIFTON: E-r-y. I knew4that was something I didn't quite catch, thank5you.6MR. RALEY: Good morning. My name7is Lindsay Raley, L-i-n-d-s-a-y R-a-l-e-y.8I'm President and Chairman of the Board of9Dundee Citrus Growers Association and10Treasurer of the Citrus Administrative11Committee. Thank you.12MR. McCLURE: Good morning. I'm13Scott McClure, S-c-o-t-t M-c-C-l-u-r-e. I'm14the Research and Training Specialist for the15Division of Fruit and Vegetables.16JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Hill, I'd like17now to turn the meeting over to you for18whatever you would like to present at this19time.20MR. HILL: It's not much, so don't21Worry about it. The first thing, first, we'd22like to mark some exhibits for addition to the		Page 15
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22 like to mark some exhibits for addition to the	21	worry about it. The first thing, first, we'd
	22	like to mark some exhibits for addition to the

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1	record, the first one being the publication of
2	the notice of the hearing in the Federal
3	Register. We can mark that as Exhibit No. 1.
4	(Whereupon Exhibit No. 1
5	was marked for
6	identification.)
7	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes. Now, I'm
8	just going to receive a copy but I'm going to
9	leave all the marking to the USDA team. And
10	so, Mr. Hill, this is just to be marked as EX-
11	1?
12	MR. HILL: Yes, I believe so.
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, EX-1
14	for Exhibit 1. And all the exhibits, no
15	matter who they come from, will just be in
16	sequential order.
17	MR. HILL: Right. And the second
18	one I would also like to mark Exhibit No. 2
19	is a true copy of the notice of hearing to
20	interested persons.
21	(Whereupon Exhibit No. 2
22	was marked for
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Page 17 1 identification.) 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, Mr. Hill, 3 there are extra copies of these in the back, 4 is that correct? If someone wants one and 5 didn't get one? MR. HILL: We could make some. 6 7 I'm not sure how many copies we have right 8 now. We have ten maybe, well, these we only 9 have five but we can make more copies if need 10 be. 11 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. Well, there are still some back there. If there is anyone 12 13 who wants a copy of these and doesn't have it, 14 they're just back there with that wonderful 15 grapefruit juice and orange juice that we 16 have. 17 MR. HILL: The third exhibit would 18 be the press release. 19 And the fourth exhibit would be a 20 certificate of officials notified, the Governor of Florida, would be No. 4. 21 If there is no objection, I'd like 22

Page 18 1 these three admitted to the record. 2 (Whereupon Exhibit Nos. 3 3 and 4 were marked for identification.) 4 5 JUDGE CLIFTON: Is there any objection to these four exhibits being 6 7 admitted into evidence? There is none. Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4 are hereby admitted 8 9 into evidence. 10 (Whereupon Exhibit Nos. 11 1, 2, 3 and 4 were 12 received into evidence.) MR. HILL: So, at this point, we'd 13 14 like to call our first and only witness for 15 now which would be Marc McFetridge. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. And if 17 you're seated at one of these two tables 18 closest to me, you're welcome to stay in place 19 to testify. Or if you would prefer, you can 20 come to the witness stand to my left. It's 21 your option. 22 Mr. McFetridge, please be seated

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1	elsewhere. You went in a seated position.
2	Please raise your right hand.
3	Whereupon,
4	MARC McFETRIDGE
5	was called as a witness and, having been first
6	duly sworn, was examined and testified as
7	follows:
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: Please begin by
9	stating and spelling your name.
10	THE WITNESS: My name is Marc
11	McFetridge,
12	M-a-r-c M-c-F-e-t-r-i-d-g-e.
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. Mr.
14	Hill, you may proceed.
15	EXAMINATION
16	BY MR. HILL:
17	Q Okay. Hello, how are you doing
18	this morning?
19	A I'm doing well.
20	Q Very well, good. Okay, let's get
21	right into this then.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, there are
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Page 20 1 copies for the rest of us so. 2 MR. HILL: Right. 3 BY MR. HILL: 4 Q We do have the copies of both your 5 testimony and some charts, is that correct? That is correct. 6 Α MR. HILL: I'm going to let these 7 8 be handed out very quickly. 9 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. 10 BY MR. HILL: 11 0 While we're waiting for that, can 12 you just tell us once again, you've already mentioned it, but who do you work for? 13 I work for the Ag Marketing 14 Α 15 Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Promotion and Economic Division. 16 I'm an 17 agricultural economist. 18 And how long have you been doing 0 19 that? I have been an economist for over 20 Α 21 three years now. 22 With the --Q

Page 21 1 Α With USDA, yes. 2 Okay. And right now we're handing Q 3 out some documents. One is your testimony and the other is some charts that you prepared? 4 5 That is correct. Α And you did prepare both of these 6 Q 7 personally? 8 Α Yes. 9 Q Okay. And in your preparation, 10 you did not prepare them to take a side, is 11 that correct? 12 That is correct. Α And you're not making, there is 13 0 14 nothing, you're not making anything off of 15 this, it's not personal for you? 16 No, it is not. Α 17 Okay. If you can go ahead, you Q 18 can go ahead and start then. 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: Let me know which 20 is which as far as numbers please. 21 MR. HILL: Let's go ahead and mark 22 the testimony as Exhibit No. 5 if we could,

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1	which would leave the charts as Exhibit No. 6.
2	(Whereupon Exhibit Nos.
3	5 and 6 were marked for
4	identification.)
5	BY MR. HILL:
6	Q And to those, okay, you can begin.
7	A My name is Marc McFetridge. I've
8	worked for the US Department of Agriculture
9	(USDA) since 2006. I worked for the Marketing
10	Order Administration Division from July 2006
11	through December 2009. From December 2009 to
12	the present, I've worked with the Promotion
13	and Economic Division as an agricultural
14	economist. And my duties include preparing
15	economic and statistical analyses which are
16	used by government officials to help
17	administer federal programs for Fruits and
18	Vegetable Programs. All this part of my work
19	is related to the Federal Marketing Order
20	issues.
21	I received a Bachelor's degree in
22	Agriculture Business Management in 2001 from

Page 23 1 Oregon State University, and a Master's degree 2 in Agricultural and Resource Economics in 2004 3 from Oregon State University. 4 Concerning the various proposed 5 amendments, the Department takes a neutral position. For the hearing on Florida citrus, 6 7 I've prepared a report titled "US and Florida Citrus Crop Years 2000-01 through 2011-12." 8 9 The data source is the National Agricultural 10 Statistics Service (NASS USDA). 11 The purpose of the report is to introduce US government data and other 12 13 relevant information into the hearing record. 14 JUDGE CLIFTON: Let me stop you 15 there. Let's go off record. 16 (Off the record.) 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. We're 18 back on record at 9:23. Thank you, you may 19 resume, Mr. McFetridge. 20 THE WITNESS: These graphs are 21 intended to be used by all parties involved in 22 the hearing in discussion and analyzing the

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1	merits of the various proposed amendments. In
2	the report, graphs are shown for US. Data for
3	tangelos was only available from Florida, and
4	Florida for oranges, grapefruit, tangelos,
5	tangerines, and mandarins in bearing acres.
6	The graphs on pages 3 through 6
7	show the total bearing acres. For oranges,
8	bearing acres reached a high during the 2000-
9	01 crop year at 818,700 acres for the total US
10	and 605,000 acres for Florida. Since the
11	JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, let me make
12	sure those numbers are right. So, the first
13	number of acres that you said is printed in
14	this transcript at 818,700?
15	THE WITNESS: Yes.
16	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. And
17	the second number you said will be printed in
18	the transcript as 605,000?
19	THE WITNESS: That is correct.
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, thank
21	you.
22	THE WITNESS: Would it be easier

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1	for me just to read out the numbers instead of
2	trying to
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: No, you did fine.
4	It's just that it's tricky when you hear it,
5	trying to figure out how to type it. So, just
6	if you need to clarify as you go on or expand
7	on what you say, you may, and you do not have
8	to stick exactly to the script.
9	THE WITNESS: All right. Since
10	the 2000-01 crop year, bearing acres for
11	oranges have decreased 24 percent and 28
12	percent for the total US and Florida,
13	respectively. For grapefruit, bearing acres
14	reached a high for the 2000-01 crop year at
15	145,200 acres for the total US, and 107,800
16	acres for Florida. Since the 2000-01 crop
17	year, bearing acres for grapefruit have
18	decreased 49 percent and 58 percent for the
19	total US and Florida, respectively. For
20	tangelos, bearing acres reached a high for the
21	2000-01 crop year at 10,800 acres for Florida.
22	Note NASS, the National Agricultural Statistic

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Service, publishes data only for Florida on
 tangelos, so no data for total US will be
 available.

Since the 2000-01 crop year, 4 5 bearing acres for tangelos have decreased 62 percent. For tangerines and mandarins, 6 7 bearing acres reached a high for the 2011-12 8 crop year at 52,600 acres for the total US, 9 and reached a high for Florida at 25,500 acres 10 during the 2000-01 crop year. Note, NASS 11 published aggregated data combining tangerines 12 and mandarins. Since the 2000-01 crop year, 13 bearing acres for tangerines and mandarins 14 have increased 32 percent for the total US but 15 has decreased 53 percent for Florida. 16 Average yield. The graphs on 17 pages 7 through 10 show the average yield. 18 For oranges, the average yield reached a high 19 during the 2003-04 crop year at 382 and 428 20 boxes per acre for the total US and Florida, 21 respectively. The net pounds per box for 22 oranges in California is 80, for Florida it's

Page 27 1 90, Texas 85; grapefruit in California is 80, 2 Florida it's 85, Texas 80; tangerines, mandarins in Arizona and California is 80, and 3 Florida is 95. That is the definition of how 4 5 boxes is represented from NASS. The ten-year average yield for 6 7 oranges for the total US is 325 boxes per 8 acre, and 338 boxes per acre for Florida. For 9 grapefruit, the average yield reached a high 10 during the 2006-07 crop year for total US at 11 463 boxes per acre, and Florida reached a high 12 during the 2003-04 crop year at 497 boxes per 13 The ten-year average yield for acre. 14 grapefruit for the total US is 398 boxes per 15 acre, and 412 boxes per acre for Florida. For 16 tangelos, the average yield reached a high 17 during the 2007-08 crop year at 288 boxes per 18 acre. 19 The ten-year average yield for 20 tangelos is 211 boxes per acre. For tangerines and mandarins, the average yield 21 22 reached a high during the 2010-11 crop year at

Page 28 1 322 and 363 boxes per acre for the total US 2 and Florida, respectively. The ten-year 3 average yield for tangerines and mandarins for the total US is 265 boxes per acre and 298 4 5 boxes per acre for Florida. Total utilized production. The 6 7 graphs on pages 11 through 14 show the total utilized production. Utilized production is 8 9 defined as amount of crops sold plus the 10 quantity used at home or held in storage 11 represents utilized production. For oranges, 12 the total utilized production reached a high 13 during the 2003-04 crop year at 295 million 14 boxes and 242 million boxes for the total US 15 and Florida, respectively. 16 Since the 2000-01 crop year, total 17 utilized production for oranges has decreased 18 27 percent and 34 percent for the total US and 19 Florida, respectively. For grapefruit, the 20 total US utilized production reached a high 21 during the 2000-01 crop year at 59.8 million 22 boxes, and Florida reached a high during the

Page 29 1 2001-02 crop year at 46.7 million boxes. 2 Since the 2000-01 crop year, total utilized 3 production for grapefruit has decreased 53 percent and 59 percent for the total US and 4 5 Florida, respectively. For tangelos, the total utilized 6 7 production reached a high during the 2002-03 crop year at 2.4 million boxes. 8 Since the 9 2000-01 crop year, the total utilized 10 production for tangelos has decreased 45 11 percent. For tangerines and mandarins, the 12 total utilized production reached a high during the 2010-11 crop year at 15.6 million 13 14 boxes, and Florida reached a high point during 15 the 2001-02 crop year at 6.6 million boxes. 16 Since the 2000-01 crop year, total utilized 17 production for tangerines and mandarins has 18 increased 82 percent for total US but has 19 decreased 23 percent for Florida. 20 Equivalent packinghouse door 21 The graphs on pages 15 through 18 returns. 22 show the equivalent packinghouse door returns,

Page 30 1 also referred to as prices received by NASS reports the prices in terms of 2 growers. 3 equivalent packinghouse door returns. The packinghouse door is generally referred to as 4 5 the point of first sale. Packinghouse door prices are calculated by subtracting cost 6 7 incurred through the packinghouse from the 8 freight onboard price. These costs may 9 include sorting, grading, packing, cooling, et 10 cetera. 11 FOB or freight on board prices is 12 defined as the commercial price term that 13 signifies a contractual agreement between a 14 buyer and a seller to have the subject of a 15 sale delivered to a destination price usually 16 either --17 JUDGE CLIFTON: Read that again 18 please, Mr. McFetridge. 19 THE WITNESS: Sure. You want me 20 to start from the beginning? 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: How about seller 22 to have the subject?

Page 31 1 THE WITNESS: Signifies a 2 contractual agreement between a buyer and a 3 seller to have a subject of a sale delivered to a destination place, usually either the 4 5 place of shipment or the place of destination without expense to the buyer. This term 6 7 indicates delivery will be made on board or 8 into a carrier by the shipper without charge. 9 For oranges, the prices received 10 by growers reached a high during the 2006-07 11 crop year at \$17.45 per box for fresh oranges 12 for the total US, and \$15.99 per box for fresh 13 oranges for Florida. The processed prices 14 were \$11.48 per box for total US and \$12.80 15 per box for Florida. The ten-year average 16 price received by growers for fresh oranges is 17 \$12.59 per box for the total US and \$9.89 per 18 box for Florida. The ten-year average price 19 received by growers for processed oranges is 20 \$7.48 and \$7.95 for total US and Florida, 21 respectively.

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JUDGE CLIFTON:

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So, Mr.

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1	McFetridge, these last two figures were \$7.48?
2	THE WITNESS: Yes.
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: And \$7.95?
4	THE WITNESS: That's correct.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, thanks.
6	THE WITNESS: For grapefruit, the
7	prices received by growers reached a high
8	during the 2004-05 crop year at \$21.06 per box
9	for fresh grapefruit for the total US and
10	\$21.89 per box for fresh grapefruit for
11	Florida. And processed prices reached a high
12	during the 2011-12 crop year for the total US
13	at \$6.77 per box, and during the 2004-05 crop
14	year for Florida at \$8.07 per box.
15	The ten-year average price
16	received by growers for fresh grapefruit is
17	\$11.91 per box for total US and \$12.11 per box
18	for Florida. The ten-year average price
19	received by growers for processed grapefruit
20	is \$4.11 and \$4.81 for the total US and
21	Florida, respectively.
22	For tangelos, the prices received

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1	by growers reached a high for fresh and
2	processed tangelos during the 2011-12 crop
3	year at \$16.45 per box and \$10.00 per box.
4	The ten-year average price received by growers
5	for fresh tangelos is \$11.29 per box, and
6	\$4.62 per box for processed tangelos.
7	For tangerines and mandarins, the
8	prices received by growers reached a high
9	during 2011-12 crop year at \$26.68 per box of
10	fresh tangerines and mandarins for the total
11	US, and Florida reached a high during the
12	2006-07 crop year at \$19.50 per box of fresh
13	tangerines and mandarins. Processed prices
14	for tangerines and mandarins reached a high
15	during the 2006-07 crop year at \$6.61 per box
16	and \$9.89 per box for total US and Florida,
17	respectively.
18	The ten-year average price
19	received by growers for fresh tangerines and
20	mandarins is \$20.70 per box for total US and
21	\$16.27 per box for Florida. The ten-year
22	average price received by growers for

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1	processed tangerines and mandarins is \$3.34
2	and \$4.87 for the total US and Florida,
3	respectively.
4	Total value production. The
5	graphs on pages 19 through 22 show the total
6	value production. For oranges, the total
7	value production reached a high during the
8	2011-12 crop year for the total US at over
9	\$2.3 billion. And the total value production
10	reached a high for Florida during the 2006-07
11	crop year at almost \$1.6 million.
12	MR. HILL: Can you repeat that
13	number one more time? 1.6?
14	THE WITNESS: Sure, \$1.6 million.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: Is it million or
16	billion?
17	THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry, it's
18	billion.
19	I'm getting towards the end. My eyes are
20	getting a little fuzzy.
21	MR. HILL: So, it's \$1.6 billion?
22	THE WITNESS: \$1.6 billion. The
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1	ten-year average value production for oranges
2	for the total US is slightly over \$1.9
3	billion, and \$1.24 billion for Florida. For
4	grapefruit, the total value production reached
5	a high during the 2004-05 crop year for the
6	total US at over \$383 million, and the total
7	value production reached a high point for
8	Florida during the 2003-04 crop year at \$225
9	million. The ten-year average value
10	production for grapefruit for the total US is
11	almost \$296 million, and \$195 million for
12	Florida.
13	For tangelos, the total value
14	production reached a high during the 2011-12
15	crop year at over \$14.3 million. The ten-year
16	average value production for tangelos is \$9.9
17	million.
18	For tangelos and tangerines, the
19	total value production
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: Wait a minute.
21	Start that sentence again please.
22	THE WITNESS: For tangerines and

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1	mandarins, the total value production reached
2	a high during the 2011-12 crop year for the
3	total US at over \$351 million, and total value
4	production reached a high for Florida during
5	the 2001-02 crop year at \$76 million. The
6	ten-year average value production for
7	tangerines and mandarins for the total US is
8	almost \$189 million, and \$63.8 million for
9	Florida.
10	BY MR. HILL:
11	Q Thank you very much for this. And
12	just one more comment. I just want to make
13	clear that you prepared this for anyone to use
14	at this hearing, and not for a particular
15	size, is that correct?
16	A That is correct. I've also
17	included in my chart, there is a page, I
18	believe 23 that has just some definitions for
19	boxes that I've also covered in my testimony,
20	so they can be a standalone piece if need be.
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: I'd like you to
22	read that into the record. It's very helpful.
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Page 37 1 THE WITNESS: Sure. 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: Do you have it? Ι 3 think it is 23 of your chart. 4 THE WITNESS: Sure. 5 JUDGE CLIFTON: And before you do that, in this last section, when you were 6 7 referring to these values of production, if 8 you didn't say dollars, we know you were 9 talking about dollars. For example, 189 10 million was \$189 million? 11 THE WITNESS: That's correct. 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. All right, 13 go ahead then with page 23 of your Exhibit 6. 14 So, it is entitled THE WITNESS: 15 End Notes. The first end note is citrus crop 16 year, begins with the bloom of the first year 17 listed and ends with the harvest year with the 18 year harvest is completed. 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: So, it ends with 20 the year that harvest is completed, and we don't know what month because it varies? 21 22 That is correct. THE WITNESS:

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1	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. And same
2	with the bloom, we don't know what month
3	because it varies?
4	THE WITNESS: That's correct.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay.
6	THE WITNESS: Second end note,
7	boxes, net pounds per box for oranges in
8	California is 80, for Florida it's 90, for
9	Texas 85; for grapefruit in California it's
10	80, Florida 85, Texas is 80; for tangerines
11	and mandarins in Arizona and California it is
12	80, and in Florida it's 95.
13	Looks like I have a typo, it
14	should be utilized production, and that's
15	defined as the difference between total and
16	utilized production which is marketable fruit
17	not harvested for economic or natural reasons,
18	and harvested fruit not sold or utilized is
19	utilized production.
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: I don't think
21	that's what you meant.
22	THE WITNESS: Let's see here.

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1	Looks like there's another typo in that one,
2	that's not correct. Is that what you're
3	referring to, Judge?
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: Well, look at the
5	whole thing and decide how it should read and
6	tell us.
7	THE WITNESS: All right. Well,
8	let me refer back to my testimony now. I
9	believe my testimony actually should be the
10	correct one. I believe I made an error and
11	did not carry over the definition from my
12	testimony to my graphs and charts. So,
13	actually
14	JUDGE CLIFTON: Well, now are you
15	sure? Because the way you've got it here
16	looks right to me without changing. In other
17	words, it looks to me like you're properly
18	defining unutilized production.
19	THE WITNESS: Oh, that's where,
20	unutilized production, yes, it actually should
21	be. That's where the error is. It should
22	have been utilized production and not

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1	unutilized production.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: Well, I don't
3	know. Let me read it just the way you have it
4	and tell me if this is right.
5	THE WITNESS: All right.
6	JUDGE CLIFTON: Unutilized
7	production. The difference between total and
8	utilized production which is marketable fruit
9	not harvested for economic or natural reasons,
10	and harvested fruit not sold or utilized is
11	unutilized production.
12	THE WITNESS: Yes, that would be
13	the correct definition. But I believe I made
14	an error and I copied down the definition for
15	unutilized production instead of putting in
16	utilized production. That's where my error
17	was. So, that definition is correct, just
18	when I was going through and editing my end
19	notes, I believed I looked at the wrong entry
20	from NASS as their definitions and put in
21	unutilized instead of the next or previous
22	entry which should have been utilized

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1	production. Because if we look on page
2	BY MR. HILL:
3	Q 3? 3 to 4?
4	A So, it would have been for total
5	utilized production which begins on page 11
6	through page 14, I was putting in the utilized
7	production because that's what was titled in
8	the graph instead of unutilized production.
9	So, that was my error that I made.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. So, the
11	definition that you show on page 23 is
12	correct.
13	THE WITNESS: It is a correct
14	definition.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: And what you want
16	to do is you want to add one for us, another
17	end note that will be the definition of
18	utilized production.
19	THE WITNESS: Yes.
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: Will you need to
21	go to a computer to do that where it's
22	explained in some website?

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1	THE WITNESS: It's in my
2	testimony, I have utilized production defined,
3	and so I could just read that in if possible.
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, that's
5	great. Tell us what page of your testimony.
6	THE WITNESS: So, on page 3,
7	bottom, last sentence begins, "Utilized
8	production is defined as the amount of a crop
9	sold plus the quantities used at home or held
10	in storage represents utilized production."
11	JUDGE CLIFTON: Very good.
12	MR. HILL: So, your Honor, should
13	we add that as End Note 6? Or just read that
14	onto the record?
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: You know, it's up
16	to you all. For the reviewer of all these
17	documents, it really would be nice if it is
18	added as End Note 6. It really would be
19	helpful. So, let's have Mr. McFetridge, at a
20	break, retrieve the copy from Kathleen Bright
21	because that will be the record copy and it
22	will be from that copy that postings are made

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1	to the website. For the rest of us here, we
2	don't so much need our copies changed. But
3	that would be great.
4	THE WITNESS: Yes, no problem.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, good. All
6	right, so we interrupted you. So, you were
7	about to go on to your next end note.
8	THE WITNESS: Yes. End note for
9	packinghouse door price. Packinghouse door is
10	generally referred to as a point of first
11	sale. Packinghouse door prices are calculated
12	by subtracting costs incurred through the
13	packinghouse from the freight on board price
14	or FOB. These costs may include sorting,
15	grading, packing, cooling, et cetera.
16	And then my fifth end note was the
17	freight on board price (FOB), that's defined
18	as a commercial price term that signifies a
19	contractual agreement between a buyer and a
20	seller to have a subject of a sale delivered
21	to a designated place, usually either the
22	place of shipment or the place of destination

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without expense to the buyer. This term
indicates delivery will be made on board or
into a carrier by the shipper without charge.
The abbreviation FOB is usually followed by a
shipping point or destination. Reports from
fresh fruit sales organizations and from
citrus packers provide data for an average FOB
price.
MR. HILL: I would like to move
Exhibit No. 5 which is his written testimony
into evidence if there is no problem with
that.
JUDGE CLIFTON: Is there any
objection to the admission into evidence of
Exhibit 5? There is none. Exhibit 5 is
admitted.
(Whereupon Exhibit No. 5
was received into
evidence.)
MR. HILL: And I'm sorry.
JUDGE CLIFTON: And I'd like to
wait until he has made the correction to 6 and

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1	then have him again testify and read that into
2	the record, and then we'll deal with that one.
3	MR. HILL: That's good. That's
4	what I was going to ask if you wanted to.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: Very good. All
6	right. Do you have any other questions, Mr.
7	Hill, of this witness at this time?
8	MR. HILL: I'm going to defer to
9	Melissa if she has any questions.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: Ms. Schmaedick?
11	MS. SCHMAEDICK: This is Melissa
12	Schmaedick. Can you hear me?
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes.
14	EXAMINATION
15	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
16	Q This is Melissa Schmaedick. Good
17	morning, Mr. McFetridge.
18	A Good morning.
19	Q Thank you for your testimony. I
20	just have a couple of questions for you. For
21	charts 1 through 15, you referred to total
22	bearing acres, total yield, so on and so

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1	forth.
2	A Yes.
3	Q When you use the term total, does
4	that total include, for example, bearing acres
5	of fresh oranges that are used as fresh
6	product as well as oranges that are used as a
7	processed product?
8	A That is correct. It could include
9	both fresh and processed.
10	Q Okay, so they're aggregated
11	together in the tables?
12	A Yes.
13	Q And then for tangelos, you
14	mentioned that NASS only carries data for
15	Florida. Can you explain why only Florida is
16	represented in NASS data?
17	A I can't speak specifically, but I
18	believe it is for confidentiality purposes.
19	Other states that produce tangelos, it could
20	be such a small quantity that if published
21	then competitors could know what they're doing
22	and it would be an unfair advantage to them.

Page 47 1 So, to your knowledge, is there 0 2 any other commercial production of tangelos in the United States? 3 4 Α I'm not sure. 5 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. Those are my questions. 6 7 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, Ms. Schmaedick. Mr. Hill, do you have any further 8 9 questions of Mr. McFetridge at this time? 10 MR. HILL: I do not, your Honor. 11 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Does 12 anyone else at USDA have any further questions of Mr. McFetridge at this time? 13 14 (No response.) 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, then 16 I'd invite the industry to ask, if any of you 17 have any questions. So, if you do, just get 18 my attention and I'll call on you. 19 (No response.) 20 JUDGE CLIFTON: Well done, Mr. 21 McFetridge. You may step down. I'd like to 22 take a comfort break at this time. Let's take

Page 48 1 ten minutes and reconvene at three minutes after 10:00. 2 3 (Short recess.) 4 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. We're 5 back on record at 10:05. Let's see, where were we? We were about to start with what, 6 7 Mr. Hill? MR. HILL: Well, I think we have 8 9 finished. We don't have any more witnesses. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. No 11 other witnesses from USDA? 12 MR. HILL: No, your Honor. 13 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. And 14 when do you want to recall Mr. McFetridge to 15 talk about the addition to that exhibit? 16 MR. HILL: Okay, we're just 17 waiting to print this, so if you can give me 18 one moment? 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: Oh, you're doing 20 it very formally. I expected just a handwritten thing. All right, well, let's 21 22 just keep going and we'll come back to that

Page 49 1 later then. 2 MR. HILL: I guess we will do the 3 handwritten so we can, yes, we do have a copy here. 4 She has a handwritten copy. JUDGE CLIFTON: Oh, good. 5 Let's leave Mr. McFetridge in place where he is. 6 7 And Mr. McFetridge, you remain sworn. Looking 8 at your Exhibit 6, what have you added? 9 I have added on page THE WITNESS: 10 23 in the End Notes a number 6 footnote for 11 utilized production which is defined as the 12 amount of crop sold plus the quantity used at 13 home or held in storage represents utilized 14 production. 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: Excellent, thank 16 you. And Mr. Hill? 17 MR. HILL: And I would like to go 18 ahead and enter that into the record as 19 evidence, as an exhibit. 20 JUDGE CLIFTON: Is there any 21 objection to the admission into evidence of 22 Exhibit 6? There is none. Exhibit 6 is

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1	admitted into evidence. Thank you.
2	All right. Now, who will be the
3	first person to testify? I'm going to say
4	from the industry, referring to citrus
5	industry.
6	Oh, you want me to go by the
7	written sheet that I already have. Very good.
8	Then I would call Mr. Chadwell and ask him
9	please to be seated so that I can swear him in
10	and then I'll have him identify himself.
11	Would you raise your right hand
12	please?
13	(Whereupon Exhibit No. 6
14	was received into
15	evidence.)
16	Whereupon,
17	ARTHUR B. CHADWELL
18	was called as a witness and, having been first
19	duly sworn, was examined and testified as
20	follows:
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Please state and
22	spell your name.
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1	THE WITNESS: Arthur Chadwell, A-
2	r-t-h-u-r C-h-a-d-w-e-l-l.
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. You
4	may proceed.
5	THE WITNESS: Thank you. I have
6	my testimony in three exhibits that I would
7	like to enter.
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. First,
9	how many copies do you have that you want to
10	give away?
11	THE WITNESS: I have ten if
12	needed.
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: Excellent. My
14	priority is, the number one is the one that
15	Kathleen Bright will keep, just the record
16	copy. Then I want one to look at, and I want
17	the court reporter to have one to look at.
18	And from there, I would think you would get
19	one to Ms. Schmaedick and one to Mr. Hill.
20	And how many have I named? About five of
21	them?
22	THE WITNESS: Five copies.

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1	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. And
2	then with regard to the other five, I have no
3	priority and you may proceed as you wish. And
4	let's go off record while the documents are
5	distributed.
6	(Off the record.)
7	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. We're
8	back on record at 10:11. Mr. Chadwell, you
9	may proceed.
10	THE WITNESS: Okay. First, I
11	would like to enter two exhibits, or three
12	depending. The first exhibit is a Citrus
13	Industry Glossary. It's terms that are
14	commonly used in our industry.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: I think you're
16	wonderful. This is great to have this. All
17	right, let's call that Exhibit 7. Exhibit 7
18	is the Citrus Industry Glossary.
19	And what, describe for us what the
20	tables are if you will.
21	(Whereupon Exhibit No. 7
22	was marked for

Page 53 1 identification and 2 received into evidence.) 3 THE WITNESS: Okay. The next 4 exhibit I have produced, four tables. Table 5 1 is for oranges, early midseason in navels, Valencia and late type oranges. 6 It's a ten-7 year average of bearing acreage, production, 8 boxes per acre, percent fresh utilization, 9 percent processed utilization, on tree return 10 for fresh, on tree for processed, combined on 11 tree, and a total value per acre. And Table 12 1 is for oranges. Table 1-A, I broke out navel 13 14 oranges on their own and it's the same ten 15 seasons, bearing acreage, production, boxes per acre, fresh utilization, processed 16 17 utilization, on tree fresh, on tree processed, 18 combined on tree, total revenue per acre. 19 Table 2, white and red grapefruit, 20 ten seasons, bearing acreage, production, boxes per acre, fresh utilization, processed 21 22 utilization, on tree return fresh, on tree

Page 54 1 return processed, combined on tree, total 2 revenue per acre. 3 Table 3, Temple oranges and 4 tangelos, Temple oranges ten seasons. It must 5 be noted that after the '05-'06, we quit as an industry recording Temples, so that's limited 6 7 there but it's the same seasons, bearing 8 acreage, production, boxes per acre, fresh 9 utilization, processed utilization, on tree 10 fresh, on tree processed, combined on tree, 11 and the total acre. Then tangelos, ten 12 seasons, bearing acreage, production, boxes 13 per acre, percent fresh, percent processed 14 utilization, on tree fresh, on tree processed, 15 combined on tree, and total revenue per acre. 16 Table 4 is tangerines, early 17 tangerines which consist of Fallglo and 18 Sunburst, ten seasons, bearing acreage, 19 production per season, boxes per acre, fresh 20 utilization, processed utilization, on tree fresh, on tree processed, combined on tree, 21 22 and the total revenue.

Page 55 1 Honey tangerines, ten seasons, 2 bearing acreage, production, boxes per acre, 3 fresh utilization, fresh processed, fresh on 4 tree, processed on tree, combined on tree, 5 total revenue per acre. And then also is Table 5 which is 6 7 utilized in the testimony. And what I did on Table 5, it is specialty citrus. Specialty 8 citrus are tangelos, Temples and tangerines 9 10 combined, and we're going to utilize that as 11 fresh specialty citrus. And we have for the 12 1987-88 season, the 1997-98, and the 2011-12 13 by variety the bearing acreage, production, 14 boxes, utilization fresh/processed, and total 15 processed. And this is just to break these 16 varieties up for information. 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, all of these 18 tables that you've just identified, were you 19 wanting to capture information for Florida 20 production? 21 THE WITNESS: This is all Florida. 22 JUDGE CLIFTON: All Florida.

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1	THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: Excellent. Who
3	double checked you getting these numbers off
4	the NASS statistics? Anyone? Did anyone
5	double check you to make sure you got the
6	right numbers here?
7	THE WITNESS: Just my assistant
8	who works with me, I mean but we work everyday
9	with NASS numbers. We have a close working
10	relationship and we utilize NASS numbers in
11	addition to our numbers that we generate to do
12	reporting. So, we are in daily contact with
13	FASS, Florida Agricultural Statistics Service,
14	and we provide them information mainly from
15	the fresh because we're fresh oriented, and
16	they provide us processed. But we work
17	together with FASS to produce reports for the
18	State of Florida.
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: Excellent. So,
20	your office is really a very reliable place to
21	gather this information?
22	THE WITNESS: Correct. And these,

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1	and we'll get into this later, and all these
2	numbers are certified numbers through the
3	Inspection Service. And so, we have fresh,
4	our fresh numbers, we don't post those until
5	they are certified by the Florida Department
6	of Agriculture. So, everything here is
7	certified by the state, and then it's a
8	combination of FASS reporting and our
9	reporting.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: Very, very
11	helpful. All right, shall I mark these tables
12	as Exhibit 8? And Mr. Chadwell, is there
13	anything else you want to tell us about these
14	tables that I have marked as Exhibit 8 before
15	I see if there is any objection to this being
16	admitted as an exhibit?
17	(Whereupon Exhibit No. 8
18	was marked for
19	identification.)
20	THE WITNESS: No. And not only in
21	my testimony but in some of the others, we
22	will refer at points in times to those tables

Page 58 1 as identified. 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: Is there any 3 objection to the admission into evidence of Exhibit 8? There is none, Exhibit 8 is 4 5 admitted into evidence. And shall we mark your testimony 6 as the next exhibit or this Citrus 7 Administrative Committee report? 8 9 (Whereupon Exhibit No. 8 10 was received into 11 evidence.) 12 THE WITNESS: In order, the testimony and then the PowerPoint will be 13 14 following that. 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Then 16 let's mark the testimony of Arthur B. Chadwell 17 as Exhibit 9. And let's mark the Citrus 18 Administrative Committee PowerPoint as Exhibit 19 10. 20 Mr. Chadwell, you may proceed. 21 (Whereupon Exhibit Nos. 22 9 and 10 were marked for

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1	identification.)
2	THE WITNESS: Can I get my water
3	please?
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes, certainly.
5	DIRECT TESTIMONY
6	THE WITNESS: General
7	Introduction. My name is Arthur B. Chadwell,
8	A-r-t-h-u-r B. C-h-a-d-w-e-l-l. I reside at
9	723 Success Avenue, Lakeland, Florida. I am
10	the manager of the Citrus Administrative
11	Committee which administers Federal Marketing
12	Order No. 905, Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines
13	and Tangelos Grown in Florida. Due to the
14	number of citrus-related terms that will be
15	used in testimony today, I have included a
16	glossary of terms. Also included are four
17	tables which include by variety for the past
18	ten seasons bearing acreage production,
19	production per acre, utilization both fresh
20	and processed, and on tree returns.
21	This next sentence I should have
22	deleted because I've deleted the charts and
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Page 60 1 graphs. Okav? 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, when you say 3 you should have deleted, obviously you're not 4 going to read it as part of your testimony, 5 but shall we also cross it off on Exhibit 9? Do you want it crossed out? 6 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. 8 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. Then Ms. 9 Bright? Ms. Bright, I want you to read into 10 the record what you're crossing out. 11 MS. BRIGHT: Starting at "Also", 12 correct? 13 "There are also," THE WITNESS: 14 correct. "There are also 15 MS. BRIGHT: 16 charts for production and fresh shipments for 17 the past ten seasons, and a pie chart of fresh 18 shipments by variety for the 2011-12 season." 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. And 20 you may resume, Mr. Chadwell. THE WITNESS: The Florida citrus 21 22 industry has a long history of cooperation

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1	among government entities, industry
2	organizations, competing growers and handlers.
3	I will identify the major organizations that
4	work for the benefit of the Florida citrus
5	industry and to provide a brief introduction
6	to their activities.
7	Government entities. Citrus
8	Administrative Committee, Federal Marketing
9	Order No. 905. Federal Marketing Order No.
10	905 order was promulgated in 1939 and was last
11	amended on September 9th, 2009. The
12	production area for the marketing order is
13	that portion of the State of Florida which is
14	bound by the Suwannee River, the Georgia
15	Border, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Gulf of
16	Mexico.
17	The Citrus Administrative
18	Committee is comprised of 18 members and their
19	alternates. 9 members and alternates are
20	grower members, 8 members and alternates are
21	shipper members, and 1 member and alternate
22	represent the public. All members serve one-

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1	year terms of office that run from August 1st
2	through July 31st. Members may serve a
3	maximum of three consecutive terms. Producer
4	grower members are nominated at grower
5	nomination meetings; handler shipper members
6	are nominated at shipper nomination meetings.
7	The committee nominates a public member and
8	alternate. All members and alternates are
9	appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and
10	serve at the Secretary's pleasure.
11	Federal Marketing Order No. 905
12	authorizes grade, size, maturity, quality, and
13	volume regulations. Additionally, export
14	regulations including size, capacity, weight,
15	dimensions, marketing or pack of the container
16	regulations is authorized.
17	JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, go back to
18	that. What's typed is marking or pack. How
19	should that sentence read?
20	THE WITNESS: Marking is, or the
21	markings on the container.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. So,

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1	it's correct exactly as written in the
2	exhibit?
3	THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you.
5	THE WITNESS: Okay. Grade and
6	size regulations are in effect for citrus
7	shipped to destinations outside the production
8	area. Volume regulations may be placed on red
9	grapefruit and specific varieties based on
10	size. Shipping holidays may be authorized
11	during Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday
12	seasons.
13	The authority to establish
14	projects including production research,
15	marketing research and development projects,
16	and marketing promotion including paid
17	advertisement designated to assist, improve or
18	promote the marketing distribution and
19	consumption was included in the order in July
20	of 2009. Under AD, grapefruit imports must be
21	the same or comparable minimum grade, size,
22	quality, and maturity requirements as

Page 64 1 specified under the order. The order only 2 regulates interstate and export shipments for 3 the Florida citrus industry. Florida Citrus Commission, Florida 4 5 Department of Citrus. The Florida Citrus Commission and the Florida Department of 6 7 Citrus (FDOC) were formed in 1935. The 8 commission is appointed by the Governor of 9 Florida to oversee the FDOC. The commission 10 has 9 members which is made up of 6 growers, 11 2 growers/processors, and 1 grower/shipper. 12 Each commissioner serves a three-year term. 13 The FDOC provides marketing, research, and 14 regulatory support for Florida citrus 15 products. Although it is a state agency, the 16 FDOC operates under a state marketing order 17 which established a means to raise revenue 18 through a tax. Growers fund the FDOC through 19 an excise tax placed on each box of citrus 20 that moves through processing plants and fresh 21 fruit packinghouses. The commission sets the 22 tax rate each year.

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1	During the 2011-12 season, about
2	63 percent of the FDOC's operating budgets,
3	\$58 million, is allocated to marketing. With
4	the onset of HLB, citrus greening disease, in
5	Florida, the commission directed 23 percent of
6	the FDOC's budget to disease research. The
7	research money is channeled through the Citrus
8	Research and Development Foundation,
9	Incorporated (CRFD) for disbursement to
10	researchers in the from of competitive grants.
11	There
12	JUDGE CLIFTON: Excuse me, the
13	initials of that foundation again please?
14	THE WITNESS: CRFD.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. It looks to
16	me like your letters are mixed up. If it's
17	Citrus Research and Development Foundation,
18	tell me again what the letters are?
19	THE WITNESS: Okay, I'm sorry.
20	Citrus Research and Development Foundation,
21	Incorporated, CRDF.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: Very good.

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1	THE WITNESS: Whew!
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: It's the little
3	things.
4	THE WITNESS: Okay. There will be
5	more detailed information presented in later
6	testimony on the FDOC's regulation of
7	intrastate fresh citrus shipments.
8	Florida Department of Agriculture
9	and Consumer Services, Division of Fruit and
10	Vegetables. The Division of Fruit and
11	Vegetables Division operates under the Florida
12	Department of Agriculture and Consumer
13	Services (FDACS) and, through the Bureau of
14	Inspection (Bureau) under the citrus section
15	of the Bureau, inspects and certifies all
16	fresh shipments of Florida citrus as may be
17	assigned or supported in connection with
18	regulations issued under the order and FDOC
19	regulations and/or rules. In support of that
20	goal, licenses for all citrus dealers,
21	registrants and agents of licensed fruit
22	dealers, citrus packinghouses are collected

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1	and maintained annually. The division
2	maintains testing equipment facilities at
3	citrus packinghouses and conducts methods for
4	minimum grade and size regulation as
5	established by the committee under the order.
6	Section 905.53, Inspection and
7	Certification, requires a carton of regulated
8	citrus is inspected, well, it should be
9	requires each. Let me start over.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes. And I'm
11	going to ask Ms. Bright to make the change
12	that he's saying right on the exhibit if you
13	will. So, yes, read that sentence again
14	please.
15	THE WITNESS: Section 905.53,
16	Inspection and Certification, requires each
17	carton of regulated citrus is inspected by the
18	division. And a certified copy of the
19	manifest is furnished to the committee for the
20	collection of assessments and statistical
21	information, and the committee pays a fee of
22	the manifest information.

Page 68 1 Institute of Food and Agricultural 2 Sciences at the University of Florida (IFAS). 3 The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida (UFIFAS) 4 5 conducts research, extension, and education programs on citrus through its main campus in 6 7 Gainesville and at three research and education centers at Lake Alfred, Immokalee 8 9 and Fort Pierce. In addition, a network of 10 multi-county extension faculty is located in 11 various offices throughout the citrus 12 production region. UFIFAS is funded by state 13 appropriation from the Florida legislature 14 through the USDA formula funding and by grants 15 and contracts from a wide range of public and 16 private agencies. 17 The Citrus Research and Education 18 Center (CREC) in Lake Alfred was established in 1917 with grower funds and is the oldest 19 20 and largest off campus research center in the UFIFAS organization. CREC is unique among 21 22 citrus centers in that it focuses entirely on

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1	one commodity, citrus. It is the largest
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: Would you start
3	again with that sentence please?
4	THE WITNESS: CREC is unique among
5	research centers in that it focuses entirely
6	on one commodity,
7	citrus. It is the largest citrus research
8	facility in the world and has the world's
9	largest citrus library. Today, faculty
10	members work to provide relevant time and
11	assistance through the development and
12	delivery of information, technology,
13	educational opportunities to numerous and
14	diverse clients.
15	The University of Florida students
16	pursuing master's degrees and doctorates in
17	agricultural fields may enroll in several
18	courses at CREC or attend via a long distance
19	video conferencing network. Designated
20	extension faculty members serve the public by
21	providing publications and conducting
22	education programs for growers, processors,

Page 70 1 packers, related industry groups, and Short courses, field 2 homeowners. 3 demonstrations and seminars are also held at 4 CREC. 5 Eight disciplinary departments of the University of Florida are represented at 6 7 CREC including horticultural sciences, soil 8 and water science, plant pathology, entomology and nematology, microbiology and cell science, 9 10 agriculture and biological engineering, food 11 science and human nutrition, and food and 12 resource economics. Faculty are organized in 13 interdisciplinary working groups and address 14 a wide array of topics. In addition, CREC is 15 home to the scientific research staff of the Florida Department of Citrus (FDOC). 16 17 Agriculture Research Service, 18 United States Department of Agriculture. The 19 United States Department of Agriculture, 20 Agriculture Research Service (USDA-ARS) has a facility located in Fort Pierce. The USDA-ARS 21 22 unit has been a major player in research

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1	related to both citrus canker and citrus
2	greening. It is formally known as the US
3	Horticultural Research Laboratory (USHRL) with
4	national responsibility for control methods
5	for insect pest of citrus and other
6	subtropical fruits, vegetables and
7	ornamentals, for basic physiological,
8	biochemical, and pathological research on post
9	harvest problems of horticulture crops, and
10	for developing new citrus scion and rootstock
11	varieties that enhance fruit quality and yield
12	and are resistant to disease. There are 20
13	PhD research scientists divided into three
14	units: horticulture and breeding, subtropical
15	insects and subtropical plant pathology.
16	Florida Agricultural Statistics
17	Service. The Florida Agricultural Statistics
18	Service (FASS) is a joint effort of the United
19	States Department of Agriculture National
20	Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA-NASS)
21	and the Florida Department of Agriculture and
22	Consumer Services (FDACS). It is located in

Page 72 1 Orlando and collects data on a wide array of 2 crops and livestock products produced in 3 Florida including citrus. The citrus summary is published 4 5 annually and reports production utilization and prices for all major citrus varieties 6 7 produced in Florida as well as data on citrus produced in other US states. FASS also 8 9 publishes biannually commercial citrus tree 10 inventory, another valuable report that 11 provides tree numbers and acreage by age, 12 variety and county. Most of the statistical 13 data used in this hearing was taken from the 14 citrus summary. Also, each box of Florida 15 citrus fruit is assessed a fee to fund FASS. 16 Section 905.31, Duties of Citrus 17 Administrative Committee (G), requires an 18 adequate system for determining the total crop 19 of each variety. The committee and FASS work 20 closely during the season to share statistical 21 data for the Florida citrus industry. 22 Citrus Research and Development

1Foundation, Incorporated. The Citrus Research2and Development Foundation was created in May3of 2009. The foundation exists as a Florida4not-for-profit corporation, is organized as a5direct support organization (DSO), and is6certified by the University of Florida's board7of trustees. It operates for the benefit of8citrus industry in the State of Florida in a9manner consistent with the goals of the10University of Florida.11The foundation plans to serve as12ground zero for Florida's research by13coordinating citrus disease researchers,14managing contracts, assessing research15progress, and addressing intellectual property16and other commercialization and product17development issues. Ten of the foundation's18board members are citrus growers and three19represent the University of Florida.20Florida Foundation of Seed21Producers, Incorporated, The Florida		Page 73
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(FFSP) is a non-profit corporation acting on
 behalf of the Florida Agriculture Experiment
 Station for the release of proprietary UF
 germplasm.

5 New Varieties Development and Management Corporation. The New Varieties 6 7 Development and Management Corporation (NVDMC) 8 is a non-profit organization funded by Florida 9 citrus growers through the Florida Citrus 10 Commission. Its stated mission is to provide 11 Florida citrus growers affordable and timely 12 access to new citrus varieties that will 13 enhance Florida's competitive position and 14 enhance the potential of interstate, domestic, 15 and international breeding programs while 16 maximizing the crop values of the growers and 17 packers it serves. About 70 percent of the 18 NVDMC's budget goes directly to breeding 19 programs. There will be additional testimony 20 concerning the NVDMC presented with testimony 21 on proposal 1 as given.

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Voluntary Trade Organizations,

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1	Florida Citrus Mutual. Founded in 1948,
2	Florida Citrus Mutual (FCM) serves as a
3	lobbying voice for Florida citrus growers in
4	Washington, DC and Tallahassee Florida. The
5	group which maintains about 8,000 grower
6	members also provides marketing information,
7	communications, and grower fairs to its
8	memberships led by a board of 21 member
9	elected directors from various growing regions
10	across the state. FCM's annual budget is
11	approximately \$3,000,000 and is generated on
12	a per box assessment.
13	Regional Grower Associations.
14	Formed at various times over the past three
15	decades, four regional grower associations
16	each handle local issues for their members
17	such as water management, community relations
18	and local planning. Politically active
19	growers in each of the growing regions
20	established the associations after rapid urban
21	development in Florida began conflicting with
22	citrus farming which created the need for more

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1	local representation for the industry. The
2	regional associations subsist on small budgets
3	funded by annual membership fees. Often, the
4	larger citrus organizations use the regional
5	associations as sounding boards for issues or
6	ideas circulating around the industry.
7	The grower member alternates of
8	the CAC that are members of each of the
9	regional associations are as follows: Gulf
10	Citrus Growers Association, Highlands County
11	Citrus Growers Association, Peace River Valley
12	Citrus Growers Association. And each of these
13	above grower associations produces mainly
14	round oranges for processing with some
15	specialty citrus. Members of each of these
16	organizations are grower members of the
17	committee.
18	Indian River Citrus League. The
19	Indian River Citrus League is comprised mostly
20	of fresh grapefruit growers and shippers and
21	is well represented on the committee.
22	Florida Citrus Packers. Chartered

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1	in 1960, the Florida Citrus Packers is a non-
2	profit cooperative association representing
3	growers whose focus is selling their citrus to
4	the fresh market rather than to processors.
5	Fresh growers face unique shipping issues that
6	processed growers do not often face. The
7	packers is supported by a per box assessment
8	on all fresh citrus shipments from committee
9	member companies. Representing the vast
10	majority of the volume of all citrus shipments
11	from Florida each year, the organization
12	endeavors to solve the shipping
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: Wait, let me have
14	you go back. Read that sentence again
15	beginning with representing.
16	THE WITNESS: Representing the
17	vast majority of the volume of all fresh
18	shipments from Florida each year, the
19	organization endeavors to solve the shipping
20	problems its members encounter and to secure
21	cooperation between producers and shippers in
22	the marketing of fresh citrus. Most of the

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1	shipper members and alternates on the CAC are
2	members of the packers. The packers work
3	closely with the committee on issues involving
4	the shipment of fresh citrus fruit and the
5	majority of the committee's shipper
6	members/alternates are members of the packers.
7	Grower. The number of citrus
8	grower farms in Florida was reported to be
9	6,061 in the 2007 US Census of Agriculture,
10	the most recent data on FASS website. The
11	same census report stated there were 654,747
12	acres of citrus in Florida on those farms.
13	Given the citrus acreage and number of grower
14	farms reported in the 2007 census, the average
15	acreage per grower farm is 172 acres. It
16	should be noted that in the past season, 2011-
17	12, more than 90 percent of the citrus
18	produced in Florida was utilized in the
19	production of fruit juice while less than 10
20	percent was utilized for fresh citrus
21	shipments. Therefore, it is estimated within
22	the industry that approximately 10 percent of

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1	the Florida citrus growers, 500 to 600,
2	produce fruit for the fresh market.
3	A small grower as defined by the
4	Small Business Administration (SBA) is one
5	that grosses less than \$750,000 annually, and
6	given the on tree returns and boxes produced
7	per acre as shown on Tables 1, 1-A, 2, 3 and
8	4 gives support that a small Florida citrus
9	grower during the 2011-12 season is one that
10	has approximately 274 acres. Using this as a
11	base for estimating the number of small
12	growers, a case can be made that a majority of
13	Florida's fresh citrus growers would meet the
14	SBA definition. There are a minimum of two
15	grower cooperative member alternates on the
16	committee, and there are an increasing number
17	of growers that own a packinghouse or have an
18	exclusive relationship with a shipper to
19	handle their fruit.
20	Shipper. Over the past ten
21	seasons, the number of Florida citrus shippers
22	that shipped regulated citrus fruit has

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1	declined from 59 shippers during the 2002-03
2	season to 44 shippers during the 2011-12
3	season, a reduction of 25 percent. The Small
4	Business Administration (SBA) definition of a
5	small shipper is a shipper which grosses less
6	than \$7,000,000. Given the average FOB price
7	for all Florida's fresh citrus shipments
8	during the 2011-12 season, each shipper
9	shipments, 21 shippers would meet the SBA
10	definition of a small shipper. During the
11	2011-12 season, the ten largest shippers
12	accounted for more than 51 percent of
13	Florida's shipments while the top 23 large
14	shippers (large shippers SBA) accounted for
15	more than 89 percent of the shipments.
16	Also changing is the number of
17	shippers with their own in-house packing
18	sales. 25 years ago, there were only three
19	major sales agencies that marketed fruit for
20	multiple independent shippers. During the
21	2011-12 season, approximately 6 or 25 percent
22	of the larger handlers had their own in-house

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1	sales agencies. Last season, 11 percent of
2	the fresh shipments were handled by 21 small
3	growers (small growers SBA).
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, growers and
5	shippers are different, so tell me how you
6	want that sentence to read starting with last
7	season.
8	THE WITNESS: Okay. Last season,
9	11 percent of the fresh shipments were handled
10	by 21 small shippers (small shippers SBA
11	definition). The consolidation of shippers
12	has been greatest within the marketing
13	cooperatives and mid-size handlers. There are
14	a minimum of two cooperative shipper
15	members/alternates on the committee. Also, of
16	the 44 shippers of record last season, the
17	vast majority, approximately 80 percent, owned
18	and operated groves.
19	Citrus acreage and production.
20	Citrus is grown in 29 of Florida's 67
21	counties. The top 15 citrus producing
22	counties produced 94 percent of the citrus

Page 82 1 produced during the 2011-12 season as reported 2 by FASS in the citrus summary 2011-12. There 3 were 531,493 acres of commercial citrus in 4 Florida in 2012 as compared to 797,303 acres -5 JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, I think we 6 7 should change that on the exhibit. So, Ms. 8 Bright, are you going to put a comma instead 9 of a period in Exhibit 9, page 10? 10 MS. BRIGHT: Yes, I will, your 11 Honor. 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. And 13 so, read this again from the beginning, that 14 sentence if you will. 15 THE WITNESS: There were 531,493 16 acres of commercial citrus in Florida in 2012 17 as compared to 797,303 acres of commercial 18 citrus in 2002, a 33 percent reduction. 19 Of the 265,810 acres lost during 20 this ten-year period, 28 percent was orange acreage, 46 percent was grapefruit acreage, 21 22 and 43 percent was specialty citrus fruit

Page 83 1 acreage. During the same time frame, Florida 2 citrus production decreased 32 percent from 3 over 250 million boxes to 171 million boxes. It must be noted that Florida's citrus 4 5 production during the past season has been greatly impacted by greening. The bearing 6 7 acreage, production, fresh and processed 8 utilization and on tree prices farm gate for 9 the past ten seasons are listed in Tables 1, 10 1-A, 2, 3 and 4. The sources of the 11 statistical data and definition used in the 12 development, we need to strike "the charts," 13 it needs to be struck now. 14 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. Read us 15 what words should be stricken. 16 THE WITNESS: "The charts." 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: How about the word 18 "and"? 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. 20 JUDGE CLIFTON: Oh, so maybe "charts and." Leave "the." 21 22 THE WITNESS: Yes, "the charts

Page 84 1 and" should be --JUDGE CLIFTON: How about leave 2 3 the "the" in and just strike "charts and"? 4 THE WITNESS: "Charts and," okay. 5 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. so, Ms. Bright, tell me what you struck in Exhibit 6 7 9, page 10. 8 MS. BRIGHT: I have struck out 9 "charts and." 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: Very good. Then 11 if you'd start again and leave that? 12 THE WITNESS: Okay. The sources of the statistical data and definition used to 13 14 develop the charts are noted --15 JUDGE CLIFTON: How about the 16 tables? 17 I'm sorry, the THE WITNESS: 18 tables are noted, whoa, let me start again. 19 The sources of the statistical data and 20 definition used to develop the tables are 21 noted, wait a minute. 22 It's perfect. JUDGE CLIFTON:

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1	THE WITNESS: Okay.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: You're saying,
3	you've got right on the tables.
4	THE WITNESS: Yes.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: The sources.
6	THE WITNESS: Okay, yes. Yes.
7	JUDGE CLIFTON: So, it's a perfect
8	sentence. Go ahead and read it.
9	THE WITNESS: Okay. The sources
10	of the statistical data and definition used to
11	develop the tables are noted on the tables.
12	The vast majority of citrus produced in
13	Florida is utilized in the production of
14	processed juice products. During the last ten
15	seasons, approximately 90 percent of Florida
16	citrus produced in Florida was utilized in the
17	production of processed products while
18	approximately 10 percent was utilized for
19	fresh shipments.
20	Fresh citrus shipments. Over the
21	past ten seasons, our Florida citrus industry
22	has utilized 3 percent of the orange crop

Page 86 1 (includes navel oranges), 39 percent of the 2 grapefruit crop, and 56 percent of the 3 specialty citrus fruit crop for fresh shipments. Round oranges, early mid season, 4 5 and Valencia oranges accounted for 17 percent of the fresh shipments. Navel oranges 6 7 averaged 37 percent of the orange shipments, and over 10 percent of the total fresh citrus 8 9 shipments each season. Grapefruit accounted 10 for 53 percent. And specialty citrus, Temple 11 oranges, tangelos, Fallglo tangerines, 12 Sunburst tangerines, and honey tangerines 13 accounted for 20 percent of fresh shipments. The amount of Florida citrus 14 15 utilized in fresh channels of trade decreased 16 40 percent from approximately 24.7 million 17 boxes shipped in the 2002-03 season to 14.7 18 million boxes shipped in the 2011-12 season. 19 Given these statistics, it is apparent that 20 the fresh segment of the industry is not the 21 dominant player within the Florida citrus 22 industry. Last season, 2011-12, round oranges

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1	made up 19 percent, navel oranges 11,
2	specialty citrus 20 percent, and grapefruit 50
3	percent of all domestic, which account for all
4	domestic
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: No, the sentence
6	is good.
7	THE WITNESS: Okay, of which
8	domestic accounted for 38 percent of the
9	grapefruit shipments while 62 percent were
10	exported.
11	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. So, after
12	the grapefruit 50 percent, if there's a comma
13	there, then all of us goes no, these
14	statistics are only grapefruit, okay. I'm
15	with you.
16	THE WITNESS: Okay.
17	JUDGE CLIFTON: So, go ahead and
18	read it again at that tail end.
19	THE WITNESS: Okay. Last season,
20	2011-12, round oranges made up 19 percent,
21	navel oranges 11 percent, specialty shipments
22	20 percent, and grapefruit 50 percent, of

which domestic accounted for 38 percent of the
 grapefruit shipments while 62 percent were
 exported.

Each export grapefruit shipments 4 5 accounted for 30 percent of fresh shipments last season. Last season was chosen as it, in 6 7 my opinion, represents the current status of 8 the fresh segment of our industry. The 9 shipment of fresh Florida citrus begins in mid 10 to late September when Fallglo tangerines and 11 navel oranges are shipped, followed by 12 grapefruit shipments in October. By the first of November, all fresh fruit packinghouses are 13 14 up and shipping fruit. 15 Fresh fruit shipments peak the

16 second week of December. By mid January, 17 early tangerines, Fallglo and Sunburst, navel 18 oranges and tangelo shipments are ending up. 19 Offshore export of grapefruit is heaviest from 20 mid January to the end of March. Honey 21 tangerines and Valencia orange shipments begin 22 in mid February. The fresh fruit season is 95

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1	percent complete by the end of April with
2	Valencia oranges shipped through June.
3	Most of the citrus designated for
4	fresh utilization is harvested and packed
5	within two days and is shipped within four to
6	six days. However, in the late spring, there
7	are some Valencia oranges placed in cold
8	storage to be marketed during the summer
9	months. Therefore, Florida citrus is in the
10	fresh channel of trade approximately nine to
11	ten months each year.
12	The market for fresh Florida
13	citrus extends beyond the borders of the
14	United States. Last season, 67 percent of
15	Florida's fresh shipments went to the United
16	States, 17 percent to the Pacific Rim
17	countries, 10 percent to Europe, and the
18	remaining 6 percent to Canada. It must be
19	noted that on October 14th, 2010, the USDA-
20	APHIS published the fresh fruit shipment
21	procedures for the shipment of all fresh
22	citrus from Florida. This rule has since been

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1	revised as needed to combat pest and disease
2	that are affecting the shipment of fresh
3	Florida shipment.
4	MR. HILL: Can I stop him for one
5	second? Just to correct the word "reaming" as
6	far as last season.
7	THE WITNESS: Oh.
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: I'd like Ms.
9	Bright to make that change on page 11 of
10	Exhibit 9, the word "reaming" will be changed
11	to "remaining" 6 percent. I think spell check
12	did that.
13	THE WITNESS: Yes.
14	JUDGE CLIFTON: And there's one
15	other change I think we should make. It's the
16	line above where it talks about the market
17	extending beyond the "boarders" of the United
18	States. Let's just take out the a in the word
19	boarders. And do you agree with those
20	changes, Mr. Chadwell?
21	THE WITNESS: Yes.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. You
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Page 91 1 may resume. 2 THE WITNESS: Okay. Cost of 3 production and grower returns. In September 4 of 2012, Ron Muraro, Professor of the 5 Extension Farm Management Economics, University of Florida, IFAS CREC, published 6 7 information on production costs for producing 8 oranges and grapefruit in the production 9 areas. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: Let's go off 11 record just a minute. 12 (Off the record.) 13 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. We're 14 back on record. It's 10:57. First, I'm going 15 to ask, Mr. Chadwell, that you instruct 16 Kathleen Bright, on the bottom of page 11 of 17 Exhibit 9, what word needs to be added? THE WITNESS: Of Florida. 18 19 Production areas of, just Florida needs to be 20 added. 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. And now 22 would you read that sentence again please?

Page 92 1 THE WITNESS: In September of 2 2012, Ron Muraro, Professor of the Extension 3 Farm Management Economics, University of Florida, IFAS CREC, published information on 4 5 production costs for producing oranges and grapefruit in the production areas of Florida. 6 7 Oh, I see. JUDGE CLIFTON: Then 8 that sentence is repeated on the next page. So, no problem. Go ahead and just read it 9 10 again, we'll leave it in there. It's not a 11 problem. 12 THE WITNESS: Word process. In September of 2012, Ron Muraro, Professor of 13 14 the Extension Farm Management Economics, 15 University of Florida, IFAS CREC, published 16 information on production costs for producing 17 oranges and grapefruit in the production areas 18 of Florida. He reported that eight seasons 19 ago the average cost of citrus production in 20 Florida averaged \$771 per acre. For the 2011-12 season, Mr. Muraro reported the cost of 21 22 producing oranges for processed market, 98

percent of oranges used for processing was \$2,370. This cost could be as much as 20 percent more for oranges produced for the fresh market.

5 It should be assumed the cost of 6 producing specialty citrus for the fresh 7 market would be similar to the cost to produce grapefruit for the fresh market. 8 The cost to 9 produce grapefruit for the fresh market was 10 \$2,935 per acre, and these costs have 11 increased greatly due to canker, greening, 12 increased energy cost which affects not only production cost but also harvesting and 13 14 packing of citrus for the fresh market. 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. Let me 16 stop you there. Ms. Bright, on page 12 of 17 Exhibit 9, would you insert the word "market"? 18 And that's how the witness read it, so that 19 word market goes just before the phrase "was 20 \$2,935 per acre."

MS. BRIGHT: Got you.
JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, thank

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1	you. You may resume, Mr. Chadwell.
2	THE WITNESS: Whew, okay.
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: With the cost of
4	producing citrus in Florida.
5	THE WITNESS: The cost of
6	producing citrus in Florida continues to
7	increase as the cost to combat the spread of
8	citrus canker and greening. These two
9	diseases will be discussed later in my
10	testimony. Also, the loss of trees and very
11	limited supply of replacement trees available
12	for growers to reset their groves is adding to
13	the cost of each box of citrus produced. As
14	more trees are lost to these diseases, it is
15	becoming very difficult for Florida growers to
16	cover the cost of production.
17	Grower returns over the past ten
18	seasons have gone from below the cost of
19	production for some varieties to some of the
20	highest returns on record. Some of the
21	highest returns were during the three previous
22	seasons when demand was greater than supply,

Page 95 1 and during the 2004-2005 and the 2005-2006 2 seasons caused by the hurricanes in 2004 and 3 2005, coupled with the reduced supply of navel 4 oranges from California. However, given the 5 projected decrease in citrus production from Florida for the next five seasons or more and 6 7 the rising cost of production, it will become much more difficult for growers to cover their 8 9 costs in the upcoming seasons. For growers, 10 producing navel oranges, grapefruit, tangelos, 11 early tangerines, and honey tangerines for the 12 fresh market is their only viable option as 13 the on tree prices they receive for the 14 portion of their crop that is utilized for 15 processing will not cover their cost of 16 production. 17 I have a PowerPoint presentation 18 that will go in more detail. There are two 19 major diseases, canker and greening, that are

19 major diseases, canker and greening, that are 20 having a devastating effect on Florida citrus 21 crops. Citrus canker is a bacterial disease 22 that affects fruits, leaves and stems.

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1	Unsightly lesions caused by this disease
2	result in fruit not sellable in fresh markets.
3	Greening, sometimes called HLB, is
4	considered by many to be the most devastating
5	citrus disease. This disease causes a serious
6	and rapid decline in citrus trees that is
7	impossible to contain once it has become
8	established in a planting. Tree health and
9	crop quality are profoundly affected.
10	Both of these diseases are adding
11	additional costs to production, harvesting and
12	packing of Florida citrus products for the
13	fresh market. These two diseases are the
14	greatest threat to the viability of Florida
15	citrus industry, and finding a cure for these
16	diseases must be put on the fast track or
17	there may not be a citrus industry in Florida
18	within five seasons. Florida has supplied
19	fresh citrus to consumers for over a hundred
20	years, and I believe there will be a citrus
21	industry in Florida, research and market
22	development will play an important role in the

Page 97 1 survival of our industry. 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, Mr. 3 Chadwell. I think this would be a good time for a ten-minute break. And then we'll go on 4 5 to what you have for us next. So, please be back and ready to go at 11:15. 11:15, thank 6 7 you. 8 (Short recess.) 9 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. We're 10 back on record at 11:22. Mr. Chadwell? 11 THE WITNESS: I'd like to present 12 a short PowerPoint on some --13 MS. BRIGHT: Excuse me, your 14 Honor. Can I interject? 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: Oh, yes. I'm 16 sorry. 17 MS. BRIGHT: That's okay. 18 JUDGE CLIFTON: You wanted to 19 clarify something? 20 MS. BRIGHT: I wanted a clarification on Mr. Chadwell from his 21 22 testimony, and I'm going to refer you back to

Page 98 1 page 8 of your testimony. 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, this is 3 Exhibit 9. 4 MS. BRIGHT: On page 8 of your 5 testimony, the third sentence from the bottom, when you read it into the record, you said 6 7 "while less than 10 percent was utilized for 8 fresh citrus shipments," did you mean "while 9 less than 9 percent"? 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, it should have 11 been less than --12 MS. BRIGHT: 9 percent. 13 THE WITNESS: It was 9 percent, 14 yes, and --15 MS. BRIGHT: And 10 percent for 16 the next one? 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. 18 MS. BRIGHT: Correct, I just want 19 to make sure that's on properly. Thank you. 20 Thank you, Ms. JUDGE CLIFTON: 21 Bright. So, the exhibit is fine and the 22 testimony is now clarified.

Page 99 1 All right, Mr. Chadwell, the 2 PowerPoint. So, you've provided the slides. 3 They've been marked as Exhibit 10. And you 4 have equipment here, laptop, projector. 5 Everyone who would like to reposition so you can see better, please do. 6 7 All right. And do you have a helper? Oh, you can do control it from the 8 9 witness stand? 10 THE WITNESS: Electronically. Ι 11 hope, that's the plan. 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: Excellent. And if 13 you need to move, feel free to as long as 14 you're near a microphone. 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. You 17 may proceed. 18 THE WITNESS: Public Hearing 19 Marketing Order 905. Florida citrus 20 varieties, just to reiterate, round oranges, 21 early mid season and Valencia oranges, red and 22 white grapefruit, specialty citrus includes

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1	Fallglo tangerines, Sunburst, tangelos and
2	honey Ts.
3	I wanted to put this picture in as
4	this is what we were discussing, the 2002-2003
5	season. This is what we as an industry
6	envision a citrus grove to look like.
7	Production and shipment from the
8	previous picture for the 2002-2003. Total
9	citrus production was 250,850,000 boxes.
10	Fresh utilization was 24.7 million boxes, 10
11	percent; processed utilization, 226.15 million
12	boxes, 90 percent. Round oranges made up 79
13	percent of the total crop, 2 percent for fresh
14	utilization, and accounted for 13 percent of
15	fresh shipments. Navel oranges, red and white
16	grapefruit, specialty citrus were 21 percent
17	of the crop but made up 87 percent of the
18	fresh shipments.
19	This is, unfortunately, kind of
20	what we see in groves today. We have trees
21	that have been completely removed, reset,
22	trees of one to two years old inter-dispersed

Page 101 1 between mature trees. 2 We move forward. For production 3 and shipments for last season, total production was 170.9 million boxes. 4 Fresh 5 utilization was 14.7 million boxes or 9 percent of the production. Processed 6 7 utilization, 156.2 million boxes or 91 percent 8 of the production. Round oranges were 81 9 percent of the crop, 2 percent fresh 10 utilization and 19 percent of fresh shipments. 11 Navel oranges, red and white grapefruit, 12 specialty citrus, 13 percent of our crop, 81 13 percent of our fresh shipments. 14 A quick comparison to the 2002-15 2003 season compared to last season, the 2011-16 12 citrus crop. Total Florida citrus crop 17 down 32 percent; fresh shipments down 40 18 percent; round orange production down 27 19 percent; navels, red and white grapefruit and 20 specialty citrus production down 50 percent. 21 And there again is just another 22 view of what we have today. And that's what's

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1	producing the crop we are currently in, the
2	production and shipments for the 2012-13
3	season. The October 2012 estimate was 179.9
4	million boxes which was up 5 percent from the
5	2011-12 season's production. In April 2013,
6	the estimate was 159.5 million boxes, 11
7	percent below the October estimate, and 7
8	percent below the 2011-12 season's harvest.
9	And the estimated shipments for this season
10	are estimated to be 13.2 million boxes, 10
11	percent below the 2011-12 season.
12	As a point, how our fresh industry
13	has reacted, in the 1987-88 season, specialty
14	acreage was 26,300 acres. In the 1997-98
15	season, specialty citrus acreage was 45,900
16	acres, a 74 percent increase in ten seasons
17	with new varieties, Fallglo and Sunburst
18	tangerines. Move to last season, the 2011-12
19	season, specialty, 16,200 acres, disease and
20	outdated varieties, and were down 35 percent.
21	Moving forward, putting the tools
22	in the Florida citrus growers' toolbox, that's

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1	a term that we utilize here in our industry a
2	lot, is the tool things that can help our
3	growers to grow, market, harvest their fruit,
4	adapting organizations to fresh fruit grower
5	needs. As part of what this whole marketing
6	order and amendments we are proceeding is
7	adapting our order more toward the fresh needs
8	of Florida fresh fruit growers; continued
9	research to solve disease problems is going to
10	be paramount; development of new varieties and
11	hybrids; and to promote the Florida fresh
12	citrus industry. These are how we are going
13	to move forward from where we are now where it
14	looks pretty bleak. These are the tools and
15	what is happening within our industry for us
16	to help ourselves and move forward so that we
17	can get back to having groves that look like
18	the one represented here.
19	And I'll entertain any questions.
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Hill, would
21	you like to begin?
22	MR. HILL: I'm going to let Ms.

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1	Schmaedick go first.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Ms.
3	Schmaedick?
4	EXAMINATION
5	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
6	Q Thank you, Mr. Chadwell, for your
7	testimony and your presentation. This is
8	Melissa Schmaedick from USDA.
9	I'd like to begin with just asking
10	for a clarification on your PowerPoint
11	presentation.
12	A Okay.
13	Q If you could go to the slide that
14	is titled Production and Shipments, 2012-13
15	Season? Yes, that's the one.
16	A Okay.
17	Q So, could you explain what caused
18	the slightly higher increase of an estimate?
19	You said the estimate was up.
20	A Yes. The NASS, Florida
21	Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation
22	with the USD NASS, in October, around the 10th
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1	of October each year, projects the Florida
2	citrus crop using the data on tree numbers,
3	tree sizes, and past history. And in October,
4	when the estimate was presented, it was for
5	179.9 million boxes which was up 5 percent
6	from where we were the previous season.
7	Subsequent to that, and they update their
8	estimate every month during the season, and so
9	the most current estimate was on or about the
10	10th of April. And that estimate had gone
11	from 179.9 million boxes to 159.5 million
12	boxes which is an 11 percent decrease.
13	Numerous reasons, but the effects
14	of greening have been paramount this season,
15	even though we've had greening for a number of
16	years. It seems that this season it
17	manifested itself the most with premature
18	fruit drop. So, the fruit was on the trees
19	when they measured in July and August and
20	September for the crop estimate, but
21	subsequent to that with the effects of
22	greening, dry weather or climatic conditions,

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1	and it started in December and each months
2	subsequently there leading up to April, there
3	was a reduction in the crop because of the
4	effects of greening. And that was really
5	pronounced in the droppage of fruit, fruit
6	dropping off the trees, and therefore, not
7	harvestable.
8	So, the fruit was in place in
9	October but has dropped off the trees until
10	now. And so, that's an 11 percent. And we
11	have an estimate coming up again in May and in
12	June, and there is anticipation that it could
13	be further reduced.
14	Q Thank you. And when a tree is
15	impacted by this disease and it drops fruit,
16	does that also impact the future yield of
17	fruit from that particular tree or is it just
18	for the specific crop?
19	A That would be for the specific
20	crop. And so, what the industry's concern is
21	that this is the first year with greening that
22	we have noticed pronounced drop of fruit. But

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1	that is symptomatic of the disease, but it is
2	just massing itself such that we are starting
3	to see the effects in greater percentages of
4	fruit drop.
5	Q Thank you. I'd like to turn to
6	your written testimony, that would be Exhibit
7	No. 9. And I'll just sort of start from the
8	beginning and go through on the points that
9	I've made some notes to myself.
10	A Okay.
11	Q So, on page 2 of your testimony,
12	you state at the end of the first paragraph,
13	and I'll read the sentence, it says, "The
14	order only regulates interstate and export
15	shipments for the Florida citrus industry."
16	Could you clarify which organization currently
17	regulates intrastate?
18	A Yes. Currently, the Florida
19	Department of Citrus, under Chapter 20 of
20	Florida Department of Citrus rules, is the
21	authorizing body that regulates intrastate
22	shipments.

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1 Is there a close working 0 2 relationship between the order and that 3 organization? 4 Α Yes, there is. In fact, we've got 5 commissioners that serve on the, Florida Citrus commissioners are members of the 6 7 committee and vice versa, yes, but there is a close working relationship. 8

9 Q Thank you. On page 3 of your 10 testimony and then further on throughout the 11 document, when you refer to specific sections, 12 so the example on page 3 would be about two-13 thirds the way through, that last paragraph, 14 you say Section 905.53, is that section from 15 the marketing order? 16 Yes, it is. Α 17 And referring to that last Q 18 sentence of that paragraph that begins with 19 Section 905.53, could you clarify whether or

20 not the collection of assessments occurs at 21 the handler level or the grower level?

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A Yes. Inspection is required under

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1	905.53 in the order. The inspection is
2	delegated to the Florida Department of
3	Agriculture Consumer Services in cooperation
4	with the USDA. And so, they inspect each lot
5	for the regulated citrus per the order,
6	regulated interstate and export shipments.
7	And that data, and so when it's inspected,
8	then they certify it on a manifest and then
9	those numbers are what we derive as, and it's
10	on the manifest, it specifies what is
11	interstate shipment, what is export, and
12	certifies the number of cartons that are put
13	in to that channel of trade.
14	And then that is how shippers
15	derive, that is what we use, of certified
16	regulated shipments, to assess the shippers
17	the assessment that they pay but the growers,
18	it's taken from their growers' returns but
19	paid by the handler. And we provide them with
20	that number of, a certified number each month.
21	Q Thank you. On page 5 of your
22	testimony, in the first paragraph, you refer

Page 110 1 to something called ornamentals. Could you 2 explain what ornamentals are? It's in the 3 middle of that first paragraph. Oh, okay. Within Florida, some of 4 Α 5 our major crops, in addition to citrus fruit crops and other crops such as avocados and 6 7 then vegetables, peppers, tomatoes and ornamentals or ornamental horticultural 8 9 fruits. I meant shrubs, trees, landscaping 10 material. And so, that's an integral part of 11 Florida's agricultural base are ornamentals 12 and we've referred to those but those are 13 basically landscape plants and trees. 14 Okay, thank you. On page 6, the Q 15 paragraph under the heading New Varieties 16 Development and Management Corporation, about 17 halfway down through that paragraph, you state 18 that the mission statement of the NVDMC is to 19 provide Florida growers affordable and timely 20 access to new citrus varieties that will enhance Florida's competitive position. 21 My 22 question for you is when you state competitive

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position, is that through control of the disease that you spoke of and increasing production? Or could you explain what it means?

5 This is, when we talk about Α competitive, is developing new varieties and 6 7 hybrids that are consumer friendly, easy to peel, seedless, and those varieties as was 8 9 presented in the testimony previously, how 10 Florida's tangerine production has shifted. 11 Some varieties are no longer in commercial 12 production, and the ones that are have been 13 waning, whereas California has developed some 14 new varieties that are easy peel, seedless. And so, we in Florida, with a different type 15 16 of climate, are trying to develop varieties 17 that the Florida grower can produce and the 18 shipper to compete with like varieties that 19 are being produced in California and other 20 places in the world.

21 Q Would the control of disease 22 through development help the competitive

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1	position though in any way? Or do you see
2	them as being separate?
3	A Well, we've got to solve our
4	disease problem, greening, before we can move
5	forward on any of the varieties because as we
6	sit now, greening is affecting all of our
7	varieties. And so, even with new varieties,
8	and hopefully it will be addressed later,
9	there may be greening resistance brought into
10	those varieties, but we've got to solve our
11	disease problems so that we can move forward
12	with new varieties and hybrids.
13	Q Thank you. On page 7 of your
14	testimony under Regional Grower Associations,
15	were the proposals being presented today
16	discussed with these regional grower
17	association groups?
18	A Yes. As I stated, each of these
19	regional growers, there are members on the
20	committee that are on the board of directors
21	actively involved in each of these grower
22	associations. And testimony will be presented

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1	and we have supporting documents/positions
2	from some of these, as I mentioned, the Indian
3	River Citrus League is a predominantly fresh-
4	oriented region where they produce fresh
5	grapefruit, and Florida Citrus Mutual
6	represents all citrus growers. And we have
7	letters of support from those, and the Florida
8	Citrus Packers, that will be presented later.
9	Q Thank you. Would you, in your
10	opinion, were these proposals then widely
11	discussed as well as supported by the industry
12	at large?
13	A Yes. This has been an ongoing
14	process which began back in 2010. So, we've
15	had almost two years of discussing these, and
16	so, yes, the industry has been very well
17	informed of what we're doing and the process
18	we're going through.
19	Q And during that process, have you
20	also examined other alternatives?
21	A Yes, we did other alternatives.
22	Yes.

Page 114 1 Thank you. On page 8 of your 0 2 testimony under the heading Florida Citrus 3 Packers, you state that fresh growers face unique shipping issues that processed growers 4 5 do not often face. Could you give me some examples of what those are? 6 7 Fresh growers, for an Α Yes. 8 example, there are certain diseases that 9 affect the exterior of the fruit that for 10 processing would not be as much of a concern. 11 But blemishes on fresh fruit would lower the 12 grade or, to some cases, they would not even 13 meet grade so they could not be shipped. So, 14 there are diseases that affect the Florida 15 grower and shipper that the processed grower 16 does not face in producing for the processed 17 orange market. 18 Thank you. On page 9 of your 0 19 testimony, you identify, I believe it's 274 20 acres as sort of, my question is, is that a 21 benchmark that you're using to identify small

22 producers?

Page 115 1 Yes, according to the \$750,000. Α 2 And then we looked, you can go back through 3 many but I just used last year's on tree fresh 4 returns to come up with how many acres it 5 would take to meet that threshold. So, it was a purely statistical-driven number. 6 7 Okay, thank you. And you Q 8 mentioned two cooperative grower members. Are 9 there cooperatives in the Florida citrus 10 industry? 11 Α Yes, there are grower-owned 12 cooperatives in the Florida citrus industry. And now there currently, there are two major 13 14 ones, and they each have membership of other 15 cooperatives as our industry, our fresh 16 industry has changed and shrunk, for lack of 17 a better term. It became where the 18 cooperatives that owned their own 19 packinghouse, it just got inefficient, so they 20 closed their packinghouses and became members 21 of other cooperatives. So, each of our two 22 major cooperatives have a number of other

Page 116 1 cooperatives as membership in their 2 cooperatives. 3 Q Do you have an idea for what 4 percentage of the industry is represented by 5 cooperatives? Α I would suggest that right now it 6 7 would be probably 15 to 20 percent of the 8 fresh shipments. It's changing so rapidly, I 9 would have said three or four years ago it 10 would have been 20 plus percent. If you look 11 at currently, it may be down in the 10 to 15 12 percent range. 13 Thank you. At several points in 0 14 your testimony, you refer separately to 15 oranges and then navel oranges. Can you 16 explain to me --17 What I was trying to do is, our Α 18 industry is, in layman's term, is a processed 19 industry. Over 90 percent of the fruit 20 produced is for processed, and the greatest 21 percentage of that, round oranges. And when 22 I talk about round oranges, I tried to

Page 117 1 differentiate them, round oranges are the 2 early mid season and the Valencia varieties 3 where approximately 98 percent of their production is used for processed product and 4 5 only 2 percent of their production is for In that fresh, it's only about, it 6 fresh. 7 ranges from 13 to maybe 18 percent of total fresh shipments. 8 9 So, what we've tried to do as a 10 fresh industry is kind of removed them from 11 the discussion because it taints statistics 12 because they're such a big brother in the 13 And navel oranges which get grouped room. 14 with round oranges, navel oranges have the 15 vast majority, I'm going to say over 80 16 percent of their production is for fresh 17 shipments, less than 20 percent for processed. 18 So, we've termed them as a fresh variety 19 because a grower could not stay in business 20 producing navel oranges if their only outlet 21 was processed, because many times that's a 22 negative return to the grower on tree.

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1	And then the grapefruit, red and
2	white grapefruit as well as your tangerines,
3	early tangerines and honey tangerines, those
4	varieties in numerous seasons have, especially
5	for tangerines, negative returns for processed
6	to the on tree, grapefruit are different, but
7	those are predominantly fresh oriented. The
8	producers of those varieties, navel oranges,
9	red and white grapefruit, and your tangerine
10	varieties are dependent on the fresh shipment
11	of those, the fresh market to return them a
12	positive return. They could not stay in
13	business just on processed returns for those
14	varieties.
15	Q Thank you. Is it typical for a
16	grower to grow a mix of, let's say navel
17	oranges and grapefruits and tangerines? Or do
18	they just specialize in one type of fruit?
19	A There are, the largest percentage
20	of growers in Florida produce round oranges,
21	early mid season, Valencia oranges for the
22	processed market and have no fresh fruit at

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1	all. And that's the vast majority of growers.
2	Those growers that produce naval oranges, red
3	and white grapefruit, and specialty are for
4	fresh. However, most of those would also
5	produce some round oranges.
6	Q So, to clarify, a grower who
7	produces mainly for the fresh market would
8	have in his production oranges, grapefruits,
9	tangerines?
10	A Yes.
11	Q And not just grapefruit, for
12	example, they wouldn't just specialize in
13	grapefruit?
14	A Except for the Indian River
15	district. We have a district that is the
16	predominant production of grapefruit, the
17	Indian River citrus district. And they, over
18	there it's not uncommon for a grower to only
19	be a grapefruit grower. But it's also not
20	uncommon for them to have some other specialty
21	fruit or some round oranges.
22	Q Okay, thank you. On page 12 of

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1	your testimony, you state that the supply of
2	replacement trees is limited. Can you explain
3	why the supply is limited?
4	A Yes. With the onset of diseases,
5	historically, reset trees were grown outside.
6	In other words, they were grown in field
7	conditions. In the last few years, all
8	replacement trees have to be grown inside, and
9	so that has just limited the number of
10	nurseries, limited the number of trees. And
11	so, the supply chain has somewhat been shrunk
12	down because of the requirements on how they
13	must produce trees.
14	Q And when you say reset trees, what
15	does that mean?
16	A A reset is what we term, in our
17	industry is a small tree that has been budded
18	to whatever variety and then is transplanted
19	into the grove. And so, it's like in the
20	pictures that I've shown, you'll have where
21	trees are removed, we call it a reset, we
22	bring a new tree and put it in the ground to

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1	replace the trees that were taken out.
2	Q Thank you for that clarification.
3	MS. SCHMAEDICK: I believe that
4	concludes my questions. Thank you.
5	THE WITNESS: Okay.
6	JUDGE CLIFTON: Does anyone else
7	from USDA have questions for this witness?
8	MR. HILL: Yes, I do have a
9	couple.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Hill?
11	EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. HILL:
13	Q In your Exhibit 10 which is the
14	PowerPoint that you gave us, there's a page
15	that says "How our fresh industry has
16	reacted." Question, you mentioned something
17	about outdated varieties. Could you kind of
18	give me a rundown on what you mean by that?
19	A Yes. What I was trying to present
20	in pretty graphic terms so to speak is that
21	we've had a number, if you go back 30-40
22	years, we had a very prominent, two prominent

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1	varieties that would be called fresh fruit, it
2	would be Temple oranges and Dancy tangerines
3	which at this point we do not even regulate
4	Dancy's because they're not commercial viable.
5	Temples are shortly going to be not
6	commercially viable, they are down. And so,
7	we've had varieties that were very prominent
8	that are no longer being produced. When that
9	trend started, our industry has been
10	successful with the Fallglo and Sunburst
11	tangerines, and they came in and filled the
12	void. Subsequently, in that ten-year period,
13	we saw such an increase in those acreage.
14	Subsequent to that, between
15	diseases and those varieties which maybe not
16	as easily peeled and have a number of seeds,
17	with the onset of easy-peel seedless variety,
18	they have fallen out of favor, for lack of a
19	better term, with the consumer. And so, what
20	was I was trying to show is that's what's
21	happened. We've had this, it's showing that
22	our industry, when we have a promising new

Page 123 1 variety, how we are quick to react to that 2 variety and move forward. And I just tried to 3 show that we were at a point where we needed some new varieties, Fallglo and Sunburst came 4 5 in, production and shipments went up, through diseases and then them falling out, you know, 6 7 we've lost our production. 8 0 So, and on Exhibit 9, page 9, you 9 mention shippers, Florida citrus shippers 10 diminishing from 59 to 44 over a period of 11 time. 12 Α Yes. 13 Would this be one of the reasons Q 14 why? 15 Α Yes. You're correct. I think it 16 was, we used a ten-year period and these are 17 shippers of regulated varieties, there were 59 18 in 2002-2003, in the last year 44. And that 19 reduction has been a reduction of acreage, the 20 dropping out of some varieties, and then of 21 course disease. And so, we're at a, I 22 wouldn't say a low but we are at a lower ebb

Page 124 1 where we don't have, we're in need of some new varieties to gain consumer acceptance. 2 3 0 And so, to your knowledge, have 4 other areas that produce this type of citrus 5 outside of Florida have had the same problems with the greening and so forth? 6 7 Greening is prevalent in Florida. Α 8 It has, if I'm not mistaken, they have found 9 greening in Texas. I don't know if they found 10 it in California --11 MR. HAMNER: They're found in 12 California. 13 THE WITNESS: California, too. 14 Let me just, for JUDGE CLIFTON: 15 the record, have the clarification identified. 16 Tell me who you are and what you just said. 17 MR. HAMNER: I was only prompting 18 the witness. 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: I know. Prompting 20 counts here. MR. HAMNER: My name is George F. 21 22 Hamner, Jr. I'm a grower/shipper in Florida.

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1	In Texas, they found a small amount. In
2	California they found one tree so far of
3	greening. So, greening in the United States
4	is predominantly in Florida now, but all
5	citrus producing areas are worried about it.
6	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you.
7	BY MR. HILL:
8	Q And I guess my question is it
9	hasn't really hit those other areas like it's
10	hitting Florida, would that be a fair
11	statement?
12	A That's a fair statement.
13	MR. HILL: I don't have any more
14	questions at this time.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: Ms. Schmaedick?
16	EXAMINATION
17	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
18	Q This is Melissa Schmaedick. Mr.
19	Chadwell, you used the term commercially
20	viable. Could you expand on that concept a
21	little bit? What makes a variety commercial
22	viable? Is there a threshold?

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1	A There is not. I'm talking about
2	the Citrus Administrative Committee, when we
3	deregulated, took out of the order those
4	varieties, we did not have a defined number
5	per se. It just got that their volume had
6	decreased to, I think in most cases under
7	50,000 cartons. And so, it had come from at
8	one point over a million cartons, but it just
9	got to where they became such a small
10	percentage and they were being phased out.
11	And so, production had dropped and shipments
12	were dropping, and so we just deregulated
13	those because of what we termed that they were
14	probably going to be used more locally
15	intrastate because of their just lack of
16	production.
17	Q Looking at sort of a reverse
18	trend, at what point would you decide that a
19	variety, perhaps a new variety, has become
20	commercially viable? And then, and what would
21	you do if a variety reached that point?
22	A I think at this point, I'm

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Page 127 1 assuming, we're hoping that we get some new 2 varieties. And I think it is a pretty 3 common thinking within our industry that where we had varieties that may be extended to the 4 5 three months in a harvesting situation, that we may have multiple new varieties with a 6 7 shorter production time frame. And we may be moving, transitioning from an industry of 8 9 fresh shipments where we had millions of 10 cartons to where we very likely could have 11 some multiple new varieties in smaller 12 quantities that may end up being a 200,000 to 13 400,000 carton variety in a short window of 14 time. 15 So, that is something that we have 16 not addressed yet but as these new varieties 17 come into production and we start seeing their 18 shipping pattern, we as an industry will have 19 to consider where they're being shipped, the 20 volumes and the time frame. But I think it's pretty much a given that we think that there 21 22 are going to be multiple varieties but smaller

Page 128 1 production in a smaller window of shipment. 2 So, what we considered maybe when we had 70 3 million cartons being shipped and 50,000 4 cartons for a variety not being commercial 5 viable where we're an industry with 25 to 26 million cartons, you know, those numbers are 6 7 going to be, maybe we'll take a closer look at. But I think going forward, those are some 8 9 issues that the committee will have to 10 address, but we know that that's going to be 11 some questions asked. 12 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. 13 That's it for me. 14 JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes, Mr. 15 McFetridge? 16 EXAMINATION 17 BY MR. McFETRIDGE: 18 Marc McFetridge, USDA. 0 I just 19 have a couple of quick questions. I know 20 you've stated that the Florida citrus industry as a whole has seen decline in the last five 21 22 years, and you've specified, you know, disease

Page 129 1 and then some of the varieties losing favor 2 with consumers. Has there been any 3 international competitors that have come on the scene in the last ten years that have kind 4 5 of taken some of the market share away from 6 Florida? 7 Yes, there has been an increase in Α offshore imports of specialty varieties or 8 9 clementines from Spain, South Africa, I guess 10 Israel. You know, so we have seen a great 11 increase in those which has prompted 12 California which has more like growing 13 conditions to start producing those varieties. 14 And if you look at California, it was Valencia 15 and navel orange industry with very limited 16 specialty fruit or tangerine varieties. And 17 this is off the top of my head, their 18 expansion in the last ten years has been 19 pronounced in the amount of specialty fruit 20 that they are producing to fill not only the lack of our fruit in the market but also to 21 22 counteract the imports that are coming in.

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1	Q On another topic, talking about
2	the diseases, the canker and the greening,
3	when that's observed in the groves, what type
4	of measures do you see the growers doing?
5	Would they have to completely remove a tree
6	when this is spotted that they completely
7	quarantine it? What type of measures are, and
8	feel free if you'd like me to hold my
9	questions and defer to another person.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: He needs his coach
11	again.
12	MR. HAMNER: This is George
13	Hamner, Florida citrus grower. We do have
14	processes that's usually seen on the outside
15	of the grove. Initially, we were removing
16	trees. Now we are not, we're simply treating
17	the area to try and reduce the population of
18	the psyllid which is the bug that spreads the
19	disease throughout the groves. There are also
20	some serious plans or plans in the works now
21	for nutritionals to help beef up the strength
22	of the tree, maybe masking the symptoms but

Page 131 1 overcoming the symptom itself. So, we've made 2 a huge amount of progress on it but we're not 3 removing trees, no. 4 JUDGE CLIFTON: What's the word 5 you used that is the bug? MR. HAMNER: It's called a 6 7 psyllid, it's p-y-s-i-l-l-i-d. P-s-y, sorry, 8 p-s-y-l-l-i-d, psyllid. 9 JUDGE CLIFTON: P-s-y, what comes 10 next? P-s-y? 11 MR. HAMNER: Yes, p-s-y-l-l-i-d, 12 psyllid. 13 JUDGE CLIFTON: Psyllid. 14 MR. HAMNER: It's a nasty little 15 booger. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: And how are you 17 spelling booger? 18 MR. McFETRIDGE: And so, is this 19 insect, is this native or is this something 20 that's been brought over from another country? 21 MR. HAMNER: We're not, we first 22 found the psyllid, it was about ten years ago

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1	in Palm Beach, the Palm Beach area, and we
2	believe, and we're not sure exactly where it
3	came from, Dr. Gmitter probably knows better
4	than I do.
5	DR. GMITTER: I'm Fred Gmitter,
6	University of Florida. The Asian citrus
7	psyllid is the full name of this creature. It
8	was found in Florida in 1998. It was
9	introduced, it is not a native insect.
10	MR. McFETRIDGE: Thank you.
11	Another quick question. So, before when you
12	were removing trees and you had replacements,
13	how many years would it usually take once
14	you've replanted a tree before it would
15	become, you know, fully, meet its full
16	production capabilities?
17	MR. HILL: Your Honor, would it be
18	helpful to swear
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: You know, it
20	would. That's an excellent idea. I like the
21	way this is going, this is very good, but
22	those of you who are seated here at the, I'll

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1	call it the board table, I'll swear you in and
2	then I'll ask you if what you've told me so
3	far is the truth. So, would each of the three
4	of you please raise your right hand?
5	Does each of you solemnly swear or
6	affirm under penalty of perjury that the
7	evidence you will present will be the truth?
8	And when you say I do, I want your name.
9	(Witnesses sworn.)
10	GEORGE HAMNER,
11	FRED SMITTER,
12	FRANK M. HUNT III,
13	called as a witness herein, having been first
14	duly sworn, testified as follows:
15	MR. HAMNER: I do, George Hamner.
16	DR. GMITTER: I do, Fred Gmitter.
17	MR. HUNT: I do, Frank M. Hunt
18	III.
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. And
20	for the gentlemen who have already helped us
21	with some of these difficult questions, is
22	what you have presented so far the truth? And
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1	again, I need your name with your answer.
2	MR. HAMNER: This is George
3	Hamner, Jr., and yes, what I have presented
4	was the truth.
5	DR. GMITTER: Fred Gmitter, yes,
6	what I have presented is the truth.
7	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, Mr.
8	Hill. Mr. McFetridge, your next question?
9	MR. McFETRIDGE: Yes. When you're
10	replacing trees, about how many years would
11	you say it takes for a tree, once it's been
12	replaced, to reach full production capacity or
13	capabilities?
14	MR. HAMNER: The rule of thumb in
15	history is we all count on about five years.
16	We have new production technics that are
17	coming in with new plantings and densities
18	that may change that fairly dramatically in
19	the future, at least we hope they do. But
20	let's say rule of thumb for today is five
21	years.
22	MR. McFETRIDGE: Before greening

1 and canker were observed or became prevale	nt
2 in your industry, how long would you say a	
3 grove could last without having to replace	any
4 trees? Would they last 30, 40, 50 years?	Or
5 was it a shorter time frame than that?	
6 MR. HAMNER: Frank, you can ch	ime
7 in. This is George Hamner. The rule of	
8 thumb, we would all talk about 25 years bu	t
9 there are groves around the state that are	
10 well into their 40's, some 50's. So, the	age
11 of trees was, I won't say indefinite, it w	as
12 fairly significantly long.	
13 MR. McFETRIDGE: My last quest	ion
14 is you discussed development of new variet	ies,
15 you know, easier peel, fewer seeds. I gue	SS
16 what would be a rough estimate would you s	ay
17 to develop something like this before it c	an
18 actually be put in to the mainstream marke	t?
19 How long would you say that, if it has	
20 happened yet, would you say	
21 MR. HAMNER: We would like to	know
22 the answer to that. I don't know.	

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1	DR. GMITTER: I'm Fred Gmitter,
2	and you see, you caught some interest here in
3	the industry. Citrus breeding, the
4	development of new varieties historically has
5	taken as long as 25 to 30 years from the time
6	the cross was made until the variety was
7	released. We have shortened that
8	substantially by some new technology and new
9	approaches, but most significantly by the
10	approach that we're taking toward
11	commercialization.
12	Historically, our industry
13	expected that we would have 15 to 20 years
14	worth of data, performance of a variety in
15	different locations on different rootstocks
16	and so on. Given the sense of urgency that
17	you hear in our industry here, we have, we the
18	University of Florida at least has developed
19	a new model in conjunction with the industry
20	that we're calling a fast track option. It's
21	a tiered system, three tiers of involvement.
22	The first tier is something where

Page 137 1 we're trying to encourage the growers to plant 2 a limited number of trees so in fact they can 3 have the experience of testing them on different rootstocks in different locations. 4 5 Tier two comes when a decision is made to commercialize, and that is going beyond a 6 7 certain predetermined limited number of trees, 8 we're going to plant more trees and there's royalties and so on associated with that. 9 And 10 then the third tier is for people who did not 11 engage in tier one to come in. 12 So, we're trying to hasten all of 13 And currently, we have in this past this now. 14 year released nine new varieties that are 15 about to become available to our industry 16 through this fast track option. 17 MR. McFETRIDGE: So, this fast 18 track option, how many years was that about? 19 DR. GMITTER: The plan as it is 20 for tier one is to allow two years for increase in trees, production of trees in 21 22 citrus nurseries, and then five years of

Page 138 1 evaluation in growers' orchards, in groves. 2 That being said, we did not exclude the option 3 of some entities, some grower or group of growers immediately leaping into the so-called 4 5 tier two and making a decision that they have enough faith in what they see in the product 6 7 and their marketing instincts that they want 8 to run with it. So, potentially, 9 theoretically, one or several of these nine 10 that have currently been put on the block if 11 you will could go commercial immediately. 12 Still, there is a two-year time 13 lag to produce the numbers of trees needed, 14 and a few years in the grove for the trees to 15 grow and produce a crop sufficient to be 16 marketed. 17 MR. McFETRIDGE: Thank you. How 18 many years in development before the trees are 19 available? 20 DR. GMITTER: The development, you 21 mean the breeding process itself? 22 MR. McFETRIDGE: Yes. Yes,

Page 139 1 exactly. 2 DR. GMITTER: Depending on the 3 kind of citrus that you're working with, when 4 one makes a cross and you harvest seeds at the 5 end of the year and you grow them out, you have a family of individuals from which you're 6 7 selecting the superior individuals, that can 8 take anywhere from three to seven years before 9 those trees first flower and fruit. You want 10 to observe fruit for two or three years 11 because as the trees mature, the quality 12 attributes of the fruit change somewhat, just 13 You're mature at age 14 but like humans. 14 you're not as mature as you are when you're 15 25. And so, there are these changes that take 16 place. 17 So, you're looking at another two 18 or three years of evaluation. And then, as I 19 mentioned, historically we would like to 20 propagate from that selection, that individual tree that's been selected, propagate trees and 21 22 test them under different conditions. This

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1	fast track option is where we're interfering
2	with that process. We are actually allowing
3	growers in some cases on the basis of the
4	performance of one individual tree to take the
5	gamble and get into the fast track option and
6	to see whether or not there is something there
7	of interest.
8	MR. McFETRIDGE: Thank you very
9	much.
10	DR. GMITTER: You're welcome.
11	MR. McFETRIDGE: My last question
12	with the diseases, canker and greening, have
13	you noticed any specific, like do they attack
14	oranges or grapefruits, do you see it as non-
15	specific or is it one section of the industry
16	being hit harder than the others?
17	MR. HUNT: Okay, I'm Frank Hunt
18	III. Some clarification with canker and
19	citrus greening, you're actually talking about
20	two different diseases. With the citrus
21	canker, it's a bacteria that is spread by wind
22	and rain and impacts pretty much all

Page 141 1 varieties, some to a greater extent than 2 It's been particularly hard on others. 3 grapefruit, particularly hard on navel oranges, and is really a fresh fruit issue. 4 5 We have learned, initially we were roguing trees on the canker, we were pushing out large 6 7 We've learned that we can suppress the areas. canker and maybe live with it. 8 9 Citrus greening is a whole other 10 animal spread by the Asian citrus psyllid that 11 is devastating the industry and is pretty much 12 affecting all varieties, again some perhaps a 13 little more than others. But a lot of it 14 depends on how the grower responds to it. 15 These diseases tend to have a latency period 16 before they manifest themselves, and in some 17 cases the growers have let the disease get out 18 of hand before they've responded. Well, 19 growers that aren't managing the disease are 20 suffering to a greater extent. 21 With the citrus greening, we are 22 trying to suppress the psyllid, we're pushing

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1	nutritionals to enhance the tree because the
2	greening impacts that tree's ability to take
3	up nutrients and to sustain itself. And so,
4	we're trying to support it by nutritional
5	sprays, both foliar and fertilizers to the
6	root system. So, it's one of these diseases
7	that over time we're not sure what the outcome
8	is going to be because right now we're simply
9	maintaining and we really need a solution to
10	those diseases.
11	In the meantime, this industry
12	also is challenged in the varieties that we
13	have and what we're producing to deliver to
14	the market. And so, that's why for the new
15	varieties that are coming on, we've really
16	been challenging our breeders to get these out
17	and deliver them to us so we can determine
18	whether they're going to be commercially
19	viable and something we'll have going forward,
20	trying to shorten up that time period.
21	MR. McFETRIDGE: Thank you very
22	much. I don't have any further questions.

Page 143 1 JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else from USDA 2 has any questions either of the witness in the 3 stand or of the others? 4 MS. VARELA: I do. I have one 5 question for you. JUDGE CLIFTON: And you're Ms. 6 7 If you would identify yourself? Varela? 8 MS. VARELA: Jennie Varela, USDA. 9 EXAMINATION 10 BY MS. VARELA: 11 0 Going back to page 2 of your 12 testimony, I know earlier you clarified for us 13 that usually when you mentioned a section 14 number you were talking about the order. But 15 when you're talking about grapefruit imports 16 and you mentioned 8-E, I just wanted to 17 clarify that you're not talking about a 18 section of the order, you were referring to a 19 section of the Agricultural Marketing 20 Agreement Act, right? 21 Correct. It is not, 8-E is not in Α 22 Marketing Order No. 905.

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1	MS. VARELA: Okay, thank you.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: Good job. Are
3	there other questions from USDA? All right.
4	Are there other questions from anyone for this
5	witness? Well, either the witness who is on
6	the stand or the others who have assisted in
7	the areas of interest that we've covered so
8	far?
9	Is there anything, Mr. Chadwell,
10	that you'd like to add based on what others
11	have said during your testimony time?
12	THE WITNESS: No, ma'am.
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: Is there any
14	objection to the admission into evidence of
15	Exhibit 9 which is Mr. Chadwell's testimony?
16	There is none. Exhibit 9 is admitted into
17	evidence.
18	Is there any objection to the
19	admission into evidence of Exhibit 10 which is
20	the PowerPoint that Mr. Chadwell presented?
21	There is none. Exhibit 10 is admitted into
22	evidence.

Page 145 1 All right. Now, any witness can 2 be recalled at any time. So, if you step down 3 and you think of something later that you want 4 to present, you're welcome back. Just let us 5 You may step down, Mr. Chadwell, thank know. 6 you. 7 All right. It's 12:19. I show that Mr. Hamner would be the next witness. 8 9 Would you like to proceed now? 10 (Whereupon Exhibit Nos. 11 9 and 10 were received 12 into evidence.) 13 MR. HAMNER: I can present now. 14 My testimony is basically a summary, brief 15 summary of all the proposals, and the people 16 that follow me will give the most detail. So, 17 I can either go quickly or go through my 18 proposal now, or we can go to lunch and come 19 back and I'll do it afterwards, whichever feels most coherent to the group. 20 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Ι 22 don't want to encourage anyone to go quickly.

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1	I mean I don't want anyone to
2	MR. HAMNER: I'm sorry, I'm
3	redheaded, ADD and challenged. I was more
4	worried about happy hour.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: You are funny.
6	I'd like to just have a show of hands, and the
7	vote is whether to break for lunch now or hear
8	some testimony first and break for lunch
9	later. So, the choices are now and later.
10	How many of you would like to break for lunch
11	now? Zero. How many would like to break
12	later? Also zero.
13	MR. HAMNER: Either way.
14	JUDGE CLIFTON: What would you
15	choose?
16	MR. HAMNER: I'm good to go and
17	then we could, you know, it's 12:30, if
18	they're going to eat lunch we probably ought
19	to break now and then we could come back at
20	1:00 maybe, do it quickly.
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, you just
22	answered both ways.

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1	MR. HAMNER: I am ready to go now
2	but I think if you really want to have lunch
3	and you're going to have an afternoon session,
4	it probably would be better to break now and
5	then come back hopefully by 1:00 o'clock or 45
6	minutes, quickly.
7	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. Now, when
8	you say by 1:00 o'clock, that's 40 minutes.
9	Is that doable? I'm getting yeses. 1:15? I
10	think that's more reasonable. That's 55
11	minutes.
12	MR. HAMNER: Okay. All right.
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, we'll
14	break now. Please be back and ready to go at
15	1:15.
16	(Lunch recess at 12:22 p.m.)
17	JUDGE CLIFTON: Back on record at
18	1:25. I fell in love with Winter Haven during
19	the break, it's gorgeous out there. Will we
20	have Mr. Hamner be the next witness?
21	MR. HILL: Yes, ma'am. I'm going
22	to sit over here if that's all right with you
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1	all.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: It is. Let us
3	mark your exhibits with numbers. The first
4	one will be 11.
5	MR. HILL: Okay.
6	JUDGE CLIFTON: Which one will
7	that be, the testimony?
8	MR. HILL: That would be the
9	testimony is first. There are five exhibits.
10	The testimony is first, No. 11.
11	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, let's mark
12	the testimony then as Exhibit 11.
13	(Whereupon Exhibit No.
14	11 was marked for
15	identification.)
16	MR. HILL: The PowerPoint which is
17	the summary of the proposed amendments would
18	be next.
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, the
20	PowerPoint then will be Exhibit 12.
21	(Whereupon Exhibit No.
22	12 was marked for

Page 149 1 identification.) 2 MR. HILL: And there are three 3 letters from individuals, some of the regional and the statewide grower organizations which 4 5 we had alluded to earlier, and the first one is Florida Citrus Packers. 6 7 JUDGE CLIFTON: Let's see now. I 8 want to make sure I've got them in the same order as you. So, Florida Citrus Packers? 9 10 MR. HILL: If you want to wait until after, I can't remember, the PowerPoint 11 12 presentation has get them. If you want to wait until --13 14 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, we'll wait 15 to mark those until you get to that. 16 MR. HILL: Okay, wait. He says 17 it's Florida Citrus Mutual is first. 18 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, so that will be, Florida Citrus Mutual will be Exhibit 13. 19 20 All right? 21 (Whereupon Exhibit No. 22 13 was marked for

Page 150 1 identification.) 2 MR. HILL: And Florida Citrus 3 Packers. JUDGE CLIFTON: That will be 4 5 Exhibit 14. (Whereupon Exhibit No. 6 14 was marked for 7 8 identification.) 9 MR. HILL: And then Indian River 10 Citrus League. JUDGE CLIFTON: That will be 11 12 Exhibit 15, 1-5. 13 (Whereupon Exhibit No. 15 was marked for 14 15 identification.) 16 MR. HILL: Okay. 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Mr. 18 Hamner, you remain sworn. I'd like you now to 19 state and spell your full name. 20 MR. HILL: My name is George F. 21 Hamner, Jr., G-e-o-r-g-e, middle initial F, 22 last name is H-a-m-n-e-r, Jr.

Page 151 1 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, you may 2 proceed. 3 TESTIMONY BY MR. GEORGE HAMNER 4 THE WITNESS: The purpose of my 5 testimony is to give you all a brief summary of the proposals that will follow with the 6 7 individuals behind me. My name is George F. 8 Hamner, Jr. I reside at 995 Sandfly Lane, 9 Vero Beach, Florida. I am the current 10 Chairman of the Citrus Administrative 11 Committee which we call the committee, and was 12 the Chairman of the Rules Study Subcommittee, 13 the Rules Subcommittee during the 2010-11 14 season when these proposed amendments were 15 developed and presented to the committee. 16 I have been a shipper member or an 17 alternate of the CAC for over 25 years. I am 18 President of Vero Producers, Inc. which 19 produces citrus in the Indian River production 20 area, and President of Indian River Exchange Packers, Inc., a shipper of Florida citrus to 21 22 both domestic and export markets. These are

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1	family-owned companies and would be considered
2	by the SBA as a large grower shipper.
3	During my tenure in the Florida
4	citrus industry, I have served as President of
5	the Florida Citrus Packers, Florida Citrus
6	Mutual, Indian River Citrus League, as well as
7	having been a member of the 601 Study
8	Committee of the Florida Department of Citrus.
9	The last time Marketing Order 905,
10	which we will refer to as the order, was
11	amended was in July 2009. And in the past
12	four seasons, there have been numerous new
13	developments within the citrus industry as
14	evidenced in the opening remarks by Mr.
15	Chadwell. Due to the many changes in the
16	industry, Chairman Marty McKenna of the
17	Florida Citrus Commission, we'll refer to as
18	the commission later, appointed a group of
19	industry leaders to the 601 Committee to
20	review and make recommendations to the
21	commission on Chapter 601 of the Florida
22	statutes, we'll refer to as Chapter 601.

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1	Since Chapter 601 is the basis for
2	the industry's governing legislation, a number
3	of public meetings were held with input being
4	given from all the various Florida citrus
5	organizations. The 601 committee's
6	recommendations were approved by the Florida
7	Citrus Commission and, subsequently, the
8	Florida legislature. Part of the 601
9	committee's recommendations supported moving
10	a number of the regulations along with the
11	authority to make or change the rules
12	governing fresh fruit out of Chapter 601 and
13	into Florida Department of Citrus Rules
14	regulated under Florida Statutes Chapter 20,
15	which I'll call Chapter 20, which governs
16	fresh fruit.
17	The purpose of moving these rules
18	and regulations out of Chapter 601 to Chapter
19	20 was to grant rulemaking authority to the
20	Florida Citrus Commission rather than leaving
21	the sole authority in the hands of the Florida
22	legislature, thus, simplifying the process for

Page 154 1 growers and shippers to make alterations as 2 Currently, the order does not needed. 3 regulate intrastate shipments as they are now regulated only under Chapter 20. 4 The Florida 5 Citrus Packers sent a letter requesting the committee to consider formal rulemaking in 6 7 order to amend the order to include the 8 regulation of intrastate shipments. 9 It was in response to this request 10 that the CAC Chairman Paul Genke appointed me 11 to the Chair of the Rules Subcommittee which 12 was to review and consider their request as 13 well as to identify any other rule changes, 14 both formal and informal, that would benefit 15 the fresh industry in administering the order. 16 A list of possible rule changes to the order 17 was developed for the subcommittee's review 18 and consideration after discussions with the 19 United States Department of Agriculture 20 (USDA), Marketing Order Administration Branch (MOAB), and the Committee Chairman Genke and 21 22 Manager Chadwell.

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1	The Rules Subcommittee was made up
2	of committee members, alternate members, and
3	subcommittee members who were also members of
4	Florida Citrus Mutual, Florida Citrus Packers,
5	Indian River Citrus League, Gulf Citrus
6	Growers, and Peace River Citrus Growers.
7	Meetings were held throughout the 2011-12
8	season to develop language for amendments to
9	the order. In addition to the subcommittee
10	meetings, there were meetings with the legal
11	team from MOAB, representatives of the USDA
12	Marketing Field Office in Winter Haven, and
13	with Peter Chaires, Executive Director of the
14	New Varieties Development and Management
15	Corporation (NVDMC).
16	The Rules Subcommittee met again
17	on June 12th, 2012 and, after due
18	consideration, recommended nine amendments to
19	the order which will allow the inclusion of
20	new varieties and hybrids to the order, and
21	changes that will aid in the administration of
22	the order. These recommendations were

Page 156 1 reviewed, considered and approved by the 2 committee on July 17th, 2012. The CAC 3 requested that the Secretary of Agriculture 4 set a public hearing date on the proposed 5 rulemaking, and it was noticed in the Federal Register on March 28th, 2013. 6 7 Ladies and gentlemen, that's why we're here. 8 9 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. Before 10 you go on, I would like someone from the USDA 11 side to clarify what used to be called MOAB 12 with a B and the current designation. Who 13 would like to explain that for the record? 14 THE WITNESS: Are we confused over 15 here again? 16 They all know and JUDGE CLIFTON: 17 they're fighting over who does this. Ms. 18 Schmaedick? 19 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Melissa 20 Schmaedick, USDA. In 2012, what was formerly known as the Marketing Order Administrative 21 22 Branch was redesignated as the Marketing Order

Page 157 1 Administrative Division. 2 THE WITNESS: Oh, you're a D now. 3 MS. SCHMAEDICK: And Agreement 4 Division. There you go, Marketing Order and 5 Agreement Division. THE WITNESS: Marketing Order --6 7 MS. SCHMAEDICK: And Agreement Division. 8 9 THE WITNESS: And Agreement 10 Division. 11 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Correct. 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, are all 13 marketing agreements regulations? 14 MS. SCHMAEDICK: I'm sorry? 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: The ones that your 16 office would administer? 17 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Agreements or 18 orders? 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, let me start 20 with orders. Are all marketing orders 21 regulations? 22 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Yes.

Page 158 1 JUDGE CLIFTON: Are all marketing 2 agreements regulations? 3 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Yes. 4 JUDGE CLIFTON: What's the 5 difference? MS. SCHMAEDICK: Are you asking me 6 7 to testify? 8 JUDGE CLIFTON: If you want to 9 answer. If you don't want to answer, you can 10 make it clear to me as we go on. 11 MR. NISSEN: Orders are mandatory, 12 agreements are not. 13 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Orders are 14 established under certain authorities under 15 the AMAA. And, excuse me, agreements are 16 components that are typically party to 17 marketing orders and they are of voluntary 18 recognition by handlers and industry to comply 19 with the order. 20 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. And 21 for the record, I'd like to have 22 identification of your helper, your coach.

Page 159 1 Mr. Nissen, would you approach the microphone 2 so that you can say who you are? MR. NISSEN: Christian Nissen with 3 4 SEMFO. Do you want me to say what I said 5 before? JUDGE CLIFTON: First, I want you 6 7 to say who you are. 8 MR. NISSEN: I am Christian Nissen 9 with the Southeast Marketing Field Office. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: And then I want 11 you to say what you said before. 12 MR. NISSEN: The primary 13 difference between orders and agreements is 14 that orders are mandatory. If they're put in 15 place by the industry, all industry are held accountable to the order. Whereas agreement, 16 17 you can choose to sign and be a part of the 18 agreement or you don't have to. 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. 20 MR. NISSEN: And you know, most 21 agreements are included as part of an order 22 but you can have a freestanding stand-alone

Page 160 1 agreement which I don't believe we have 2 currently. JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. 3 And is it your understanding that even if the item is 4 5 an agreement, that it would still be found somewhere in the federal regulations? 6 7 MR. NISSEN: Yes. 8 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. All right, 9 that's all very helpful. Thank you, Mr. 10 Nissen. And thank you, Ms. Schmaedick. Does anyone want to add to that? 11 12 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, would you like my testimony amended to the --13 14 JUDGE CLIFTON: No, your testimony 15 is perfect. 16 THE WITNESS: Okay. 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: It's just that I was surprised by the change, and now I know 18 19 even more about it which I appreciate. Okay, 20 qood. Mr. Hamner, you may proceed. 21 THE WITNESS: Okay. The next 22 order from my standpoint is to go through a

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1	summary of the proposals as they stand. I
2	have them on a PowerPoint over here. And if
3	you have questions, I'm going to, I'll read
4	the proposal but I also may ad-lib or
5	whatever. If you have questions, you can stop
6	me on each proposal. And if there's anything
7	in detail requested, then I'll pass it on to
8	the people for the more detail later if that's
9	all right.
10	So, okay. Proposed Amendment No.
11	1 is Section 905.4 "Fruit" and 905.5
12	"Variety." This amendment provides for the
13	inclusion of new varieties and hybrids under
14	the order. Currently, the New Varieties
15	Development and Management Corporation whose
16	board is composed of citrus growers and
17	handlers and funded by citrus growers is
18	actively working to identify, acquire, and
19	sublease promising citrus varieties and
20	hybrids for Florida
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Let me stop you.
22	You said sublease, but your slide says sub-
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1	license.
2	THE WITNESS: Did I say sublease?
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes.
4	THE WITNESS: Damn, I thought I'd
5	get through this without, I only majored in
6	graduation. So, it's identify, acquire and
7	sub-license promising citrus varieties and
8	hybrids for the Florida citrus grower.
9	In order to regulate these new
10	varieties and hybrids, new language must be
11	adopted that would allow them to be included
12	under the order. You're going to see and hear
13	later that we're not sure the blends, the
14	mixes and what's coming. What we tried to do
15	is, as you will see, is simplify in the order,
16	grapefruit, tangerine, mandarin, round
17	oranges, et cetera, rather than identifying
18	all of the citrus reticulata, et cetera; all
19	of the blends that we used to do in the past.
20	Which leaves us open to call a new variety
21	what we feel like it should be. And that's
22	what this is all about.

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1	Proposed Amendment No. 2, Section
2	905.9, handle or ship. This amendment
3	provides the authority to regulate intrastate
4	shipments. Given the increasing segmentation
5	of the Florida citrus industry, the fresh
6	segment of the industry, through the Citrus
7	Administrative Committee, has determined that
8	it may be beneficial to incorporate all fresh
9	citrus regulation under the order to provide
10	an orderly transition if, and if is key here,
11	the Florida Department of Citrus discontinues
12	or modifies its regulation of the fresh
13	segment.
14	This started in 2009, when we
15	added the taxation base to the CAC, and we
16	added some other regulations. This is going
17	full circle now, as an industry, and the CAC,
18	in particular. We felt like the CAC should b
19	e in a position to regulate fresh shipments in
20	all facets should they ever need to. There's
21	never been, and never will be, an intention to
22	override the Department of Citrus or the

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Florida Department of Agriculture, or
anything.
But, should this arise and either
dissolves or changes long-term, that's the
purpose that starts. And you're going to see
several of these proposals tied to this. This
gives us kind of control of our own destiny.
Proposed Amendment No. 3, Section
905.14, redistricting. The amendment would
grant flexibility to the CAC in redefining
grower districts within the production area
when the criteria and relevant factors within
the production area warrant redistricting.
Disease and natural disasters over the past
decade have significantly affected bearing
trees.
The amendment would allow the CAC,
at any time, to base their determination of
grower districts on bearing trees, volume of
fresh fruit, total number of acres of citrus,
and other relevant factors when conditions
warrant. It is imperative, if we're going to

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1	control our destiny and eventually taxation,
2	rules and regulations, that potentially down
3	the road we may have to redistrict ourselves
4	where the fruit is.
5	Which, rather than looking at a
6	five-year order or some determined lineal time
7	frame, we may end up just wanting to change
8	ourselves around based on what we know about
9	the industry. And the committee would do that
10	on its own now with this. And that just lets
11	us, it gives us a flexibility to regroup if
12	necessary. We're down to three districts, I
13	think, now, and you know that may change
14	again.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, I just want
16	to point of clarification. The committee that
17	you're referring to is the one that operates
18	this marketing order that we're here about.
19	Is that correct?
20	THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. And so,
22	when you say they could do it on their own,
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Page 166 you mean on their own with the oversight of the Secretary of Agriculture. THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. No question. JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. Couldn't oversee, we're overseen by the Secretary, yes, ma'am. JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. Thank you. JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. Thank you. THE WITNESS: We would recommend the change would be probably what would happen. You sure I'm not married to you? This is like my wife. I only get a recommendation. That's the best I can get out of this. Froposed Amendment No. 4, Section 905.2, term of office. This amendment would extend the term of office to two years, and limits a member to two consecutive two-year terms. Two-year terms would allow for biennial nomination meetings, which would aid in the administrative efficiencies and		
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1	stability. The current one-year term of
2	office is administratively inefficient and
3	requires additional committee resources.
4	We think that what we'd like to do
5	is just simply extend ourselves out. Do two-
6	year terms, and move off of the three one-year
7	terms. And I think that will broaden our base
8	of participation, as well. And save us some
9	money, we hope.
10	Proposed Amendment No. 5,
11	nominations. Nomination meetings require
12	time, travel and administrative costs and,
13	consequently, have low participation. This
14	amendment would allow the CAC to conduct the
15	nomination and/or election of members and
16	alternates by mail or other means, according
17	to rules and regulations recommended by the
18	CAC and approved by the Secretary of
19	Agriculture.
20	Currently, the CAC holds grower
21	nomination meetings in each of the three
22	grower districts, and one shipper nomination
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1	meeting annually. Conducting nomination
2	meetings by mail or other means would be cost
3	effective, and allow for direct communication,
4	and could increase participation and
5	diversity. One of the informal changes has
6	been we hold conference calls now. And we
7	feel it's only practical, for a nomination,
8	that we be allowed to do in writing of some
9	form, whether it's e-mail or mailing. That we
10	broaden our perspective of how we nominate
11	members.
12	Proposed Amendment No. 6, Section
13	901.42, handlers accounts. This amendment
14	would allow the CAC to increase their reserves
15	up to two fiscal periods' expenses.
16	Currently, reserves are capped at
17	approximately one-half year's fiscal expense,
18	which limits flexibility to develop and
19	implements projects requiring advertising,
20	promotion or research, without raising the
21	assessment rate during the season.
22	The amendment would also provide

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1	greater flexibility to the administration of
2	the marketing order programs, and promote
3	assessment stability. Currently, we've burned
4	down our reserves to almost zero. We're going
5	to have to build back up. This is, we have
6	got a history in the Florida CAC of not doing
7	something if we don't think it's necessary.
8	With the changes we have made five years ago,
9	or four years ago with the taxation, et
10	cetera, if something did happen, and if the
11	CAC was in charge of its own destiny on fresh
12	fruit, we would have to have a bigger reserve
13	because we'd have more money coming in.
14	And this is the one way to do
15	that. And we don't, this is not mandatory.
16	This would be by a vote of the board, or the
17	committee. It's not something that's written
18	in stone, but we wanted the flexibility to
19	broaden, to be able to allow it to go up.
20	Proposed Amendment No. 7, Section
21	905.52, issuance of regulations. The
22	amendment provides for regulating containers

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1	and for having different standards, grade and
2	size regulations within the production area.
3	Currently, the DOC governs containers and
4	standards for Florida citrus sold within the
5	production area, which is intrastate. This
6	is, basically, intrastate.
7	As proposed, Amendment No. 2,
8	regulation of intrastate shipments, at this
9	time, there is not a plan to utilize this
10	authority, but to put it under the order so it
11	will be in place if the DOC discontinues
12	regulating the fresh segment of the Florida
13	citrus industry. Same thing. For us, this is
14	almost housekeeping. If you're going to run
15	your own show, or be in the position to run
16	it, you have to do this.
17	Proposed Amendment No. 8, Section
18	905.28, acceptance of membership. The
19	amendment would eliminate acceptance
20	statements. The nominees currently complete
21	both a background and acceptance statement
22	when they are nominated. The elimination of

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1	the acceptance statement would reduce
2	paperwork and save administrative costs.
3	As you can see, we're good at
4	killing trees around here. We actually all
5	have to fill out a background statement, sign
6	on the bottom that we agree to serve. After
7	we've been nominated and elected, we get
8	another statement from the government that
9	says okay, you did accept, correct? This, to
10	us, is redundant, and we'd like to eliminate
11	it. We would put it in the sequester, but it
12	didn't work.
13	Proposed Amendment No. 9, Section
14	905.7, handler. This amendment provides for
15	the registration of handlers. Currently, the
16	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer
17	Services Division of Fruit and Vegetable, has
18	a registration program for handlers of Florida
19	citrus. However, the CAC determined
20	registering handlers would be beneficial, as
21	it would enhance the compliance provisions of
22	the order.

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1	Unseen to you all, in formal rule
2	making, we want our handlers to list our
3	growers, in some form or fashion, as one items
4	listed under this in a different way. But, so
5	that we're contacting growers for votes
6	without doing a blank mailing of the whole
7	state. The second part is, if we are taxing or
8	we have authorities, et cetera, this is just
9	one list, a pressure to keep everybody
10	compliant. That's what the registration's
11	for.
12	Okay, any questions? We do have,
13	we did run this, I know that, Melissa, you
14	asked about this before. We did run this
15	through, for a long time, with the industry.
16	This was not something haphazardly done.
17	Because of the fact that starting for years
18	ago and five years ago, with the taxation and
19	the potential for being under our own
20	guidance, we wanted the industry to know
21	that's what we were looking at.
22	We ran this by Florida Citrus

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1	Mutual, Florida Citrus Packers, the Indian
2	River Citrus League. We had committee members
3	from Peace River, the other regional growing
4	areas. And we have letters to prove it from
5	these three people, which we've put out as
6	Exhibits 13, 14, and 15. Any questions? What
7	did I miss, Melissa?
8	EXAMINATION
9	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
10	Q Thank you, Mr. Hamner, for your
11	testimony. This is Melissa Schmaedick with
12	USDA. I have two questions for you. One is
13	a clarifying question. You've mentioned a
14	couple of times taxation or taxing. Can you
15	explain what you mean by that?
16	A The tax, that's probably in this
17	hearing, is not necessary. We already have
18	taxation. We had broadened our taxation rights
19	in the previous order in 2009, so that we can
20	expand into advertising and research. And we
21	have a litany of items that we could do that
22	we couldn't do before.

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Page 175 1 our rule, that we won't usurp their authority. 2 But we had long conversations with them. 3 We've got, actually, two commission members here in the audience. And the fact is it just 4 5 came through the 601 rules committee, as well. It came up in that when we were moving these 6 7 rule making out of Tallahassee into the Bradenton with the DOC. 8 9 Q So, based on your knowledge, DOC 10 is aware of and supports these proposals? 11 Α Yes, yes. 12 Q Thank you. 13 Mr. Chadwell, JUDGE CLIFTON: 14 would you like to add to that? 15 MR. CHADWELL: Yes. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: You may. 17 MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell. 18 Last Wednesday, a week ago today, I was with 19 Chairman Marty McKenna, chairman of the 20 Florida Citrus Commission, and we took some time, and he had gotten the notice of this 21 amendment hearing. And I just wanted to 22

Page 176 1 reassure with him that there was, from his 2 perspective, that there was no conflict of 3 interest in what we were doing. And he 4 assured me that they were fine with what was 5 being proposed, and to have the authority within the marketing order, knowing that we 6 7 weren't, weren't in a movement to use it, much 8 like five years ago when we put the 9 advertising promotion. 10 So, I took the opportunity of 11 seeing him last week, and just reassuring 12 that, have him reassure that there was not any conflict from the Florida Citrus Commission on 13 14 this issue. 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: That's helpful. 16 For the record, I would like someone to spell 17 Marty McKenna. 18 Marty McKenna is M-THE WITNESS: 19 a-r-t-y, M-c-K-e-n-n-a. 20 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. Other 21 questions from USDA? Ms. Schmaedick? 22 MS. SCHMAEDICK: I have no further

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1	questions. Thank you.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else has
3	questions?
4	THE WITNESS: Okay, thank you all.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: Whoa, you're not
6	done yet.
7	THE WITNESS: English class.
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: One question that
9	occurs to me, in some industries, handlers
10	don't identify their growers when asked
11	because it's proprietary or it's sensitive or
12	the growers wouldn't like that, or something.
13	Is citrus different?
14	THE WITNESS: No, not at all.
15	This is an offshoot of that, why you handle
16	through the committee, informally. And we are
17	proposing to the industry a very strict
18	guideline on how to do this so that it doesn't
19	put everybody in jeopardy. But it will save
20	us quite a bit of money on mailing. We'll get
21	a much higher participation in mailing.
22	Because now we blanket the whole industry, and

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1	you saw how many oranges there were that go to
2	process. And we're not sure who's a fresh
3	grower at times and who's not.
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: Well, is it
5	guarded information that's not publicly
6	available if you gather it for a limited
7	purpose? Is that what you envision?
8	THE WITNESS: Excuse me. I'll let
9	Duke answer.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, then,
11	Mr. Chadwell, you'll respond to that.
12	MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell.
13	Yes. We are currently in, we have an informal
14	rule that is in the comment period until May
15	6th. And in that rule, it's allowing the
16	committee, the marketing order, it requires
17	each handler to submit a list of their growers
18	for the current season with their contact
19	information. It will be handled, because
20	there were quite a few questions, as you may
21	expect. When you see data that we put out,
22	the marketing order, if anything, we do not

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1	put any shipment, regulated shipment data per
2	shipper out.
3	And we notify, on reports I will
4	state that this is the Division of Fruit and
5	Vegetables information, because it would have
6	intrastate shipments. So we are bound,
7	through the order, for confidentiality on each
8	shipper's regulated shipments. In developing
9	this informal rule, that was a concern of the
10	industry.
11	And so, we are proposing that we
12	will get the, garner the information from each
13	shipper. We will maintain it by alphabetical
14	of grower, with no identification as to what
15	packing house they are associated with. So,
16	for the Freedom of Information Act, we will
17	have, if required, a list. But it will be
18	only a list of growers by alphabetical order.
19	No relationship of which shipper submitted
20	their names. So we have addressed that,
21	hopefully, in this informal rule making.
22	Which, hopefully, will come out in the next 60

Page 180 1 days. 2 THE WITNESS: I think one other 3 thing was is we would --4 JUDGE CLIFTON: If you'd say who 5 you are. THE WITNESS: I'm George Hamner 6 7 I think the other thing that we were again. working through is we were going to identify 8 9 the grower with no contact information for 10 public record keeping. 11 JUDGE CLIFTON: So a person would 12 have only the alphabetical listing of names of 13 growers? 14 THE WITNESS: Right. 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: Without knowing 16 anything more about them? 17 Right, correct. THE WITNESS: 18 JUDGE CLIFTON: Which is not very 19 useful, is it? THE WITNESS: Well, it can and it 20 21 can't be. Most people probably know most of 22 the growers in Florida. I mean, there's a lot

Page 181 1 of crossover. But, the reality is that's, we 2 were trying to keep it more confidential that 3 way, and keep the contact information out. 4 Making it easy, you know, if nothing else. 5 You gotta work at it. JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Other 6 7 questions, first by USDA? Ms. Schmaedick? 8 MS. SCHMAEDICK: No further 9 questions, thank you. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. And 11 now, questions from anyone else in the room. 12 There are none. Mr. Hamner, do you think of 13 anything else you'd like to add at this time? 14 THE WITNESS: No ma'am, thank you 15 very much. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. Are 17 there any objections to the admission into 18 evidence of Exhibit 11, which is the testimony 19 of Mr. Hamner, Exhibit 12, which is his 20 PowerPoint, and Exhibit 13, 14, and 15, which are letters from individuals who are not 21 22 expected to be here. Is that correct, Mr.

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1	Hamner? They're not here to be cross
2	examined?
3	THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes, it's true
5	that they will not be here?
6	THE WITNESS: They will not be
7	here, no ma'am.
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. So,
9	let me start just with 11 and 12 because the
10	author of those is here. Is there any
11	objection to the admission into evidence of
12	Exhibit 11?
13	(No response.)
14	JUDGE CLIFTON: There is none.
15	Exhibit 11 is admitted into evidence. Is
16	there any objection to the admission into
17	evidence of Exhibit 12?
18	(Whereupon Exhibit No.
19	11 was received into
20	evidence.)
21	(No response.)
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: There is none.

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1	Exhibit 12 is admitted into evidence. Is
2	there any objection to the admission into
3	evidence of Exhibits 13, 14, and 15, whose
4	authors are not present for cross examination?
5	Ms. Schmaedick.
6	(Whereupon Exhibit No.
7	12 was received into
8	evidence.)
9	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
10	Q Point of clarification. The
11	letter from Florida Citrus Packers. I believe
12	that Peter Chaires is here. Is he not here?
13	Oh, he was here this morning, okay. Excuse
14	me.
15	A The president, the executive
16	director of Florida Citrus Packers was here.
17	He was going to testify shortly on new
18	varieties, but he has taken ill and has left,
19	and we're just going to read in his letter, if
20	that's okay with people, later.
21	Q Okay, thank you. No further
22	questions.

Page 184 1 JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, when you say, 2 Mr. Hamner, that you're just going to read in 3 his letter --4 THE WITNESS: That's later. But 5 just --JUDGE CLIFTON: Oh, his testimony. 6 7 So that's in addition to Exhibit 14? 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's 9 something when we cross the line. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, so 11 we'll address that when we get to it. All 12 right, are there any other questions, or any 13 other comments? And are there any objections 14 to the admission into evidence of any of these 15 letters, 13, 14, and 15? 16 (No response.) 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: There are none. 18 Those are admitted into evidence. All right, 19 and Mr. Chadwell and Mr. Hamner, who will be the next witness? 20 21 (Whereupon Exhibit Nos. 22 13, 14, and 15 were

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1	received into evidence.)
2	THE WITNESS: We have some people
3	that need to be here and be gone, so we'd like
4	to move, change the schedule that we had set,
5	had provided earlier. I refer to these as
6	housekeeping, which is a dangerous word. But
7	these have more to do with the shipping and
8	then we, and we'll move into the new varieties
9	after we go through them, if that's all right.
10	So, we'd like to have Paul Genke come forth
11	first to talk about Proposal 4, 5, and 8.
12	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, and
13	that's 4 and 5 and 8.
14	THE WITNESS: We grouped them
15	where we thought they would make more sense
16	being together.
17	JUDGE CLIFTON: Very fine. If
18	you'd come forward, Mr. Genke, and have a seat
19	in the witness stand, and I'll swear you in
20	from a seated position.
21	MR. GENKE: Do you want me to hand
22	out my testimony, first?

Page 186 1 JUDGE CLIFTON: Oh, that would be 2 excellent. Let's go off record while you 3 distribute those copies. 4 (Off the record.) 5 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, we're back on record at 2:03. Would you raise your 6 7 right hand, please? 8 Whereupon, 9 PAUL GENKE, 10 called as a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as 11 12 follows: 13 JUDGE CLIFTON: Please state and 14 spell your name. 15 THE WITNESS: My name is Paul 16 Genke, P-a-u-l, G-e-n-k-e. And, Your Honor, 17 I do have some exhibits that we need to enter. 18 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Let's 19 number these. 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, the next 22 number we'll use will be No. 16.

Page 187 1 THE WITNESS: Number 16. 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: What should that 3 be for? That will be for the 4 THE WITNESS: 5 grower sample ballot, which is included in your packet there. 6 7 Okay, grower JUDGE CLIFTON: sample ballot will be, now okay, so that will 8 9 be --10 THE WITNESS: 16. 11 JUDGE CLIFTON: EX, for Exhibit, 12 16. All right, and what's next? THE WITNESS: The next one will be 13 14 the shipper's sample ballot. 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, the 16 shipper's sample ballot was be Exhibit 17. 17 THE WITNESS: The third one is a 18 confidential background statement for Citrus 19 Administrative Committee Marketing Order 905. 20 That's a two-pager, two pages. 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, let me make 22 sure, now the ballot was only a one page. Neal R. Gross & Co., Inc.

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Page 188 1 THE WITNESS: Yes, the first two ballots only one page. 2 3 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, now what I'm 4 looking at --5 MR. HILL: I think the two pages are backwards, Your Honor, for 18. 6 7 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, hold up for 8 us the first page --9 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah, you're 10 right. 11 MR. HAMNER: Confidential 12 background. JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, I don't have 13 14 that in mine. 15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's a two-16 pager, yeah, there's two pages on that one. 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, let's make 18 sure the court reporter and I both have that 19 one page. 20 THE WITNESS: It's the 21 confidential background statement. 22 Okay, now I do JUDGE CLIFTON:

Page 189 1 have that. 2 THE WITNESS: That's the second 3 page of it. 4 JUDGE CLIFTON: But I don't have 5 page one. Are we on record right now? Let's 6 go off. 7 (Off the record.) 8 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, we're 9 back on record at 2:07. I'm going to mark a 10 document that has a form number down at the 11 bottom left called FV163, and so is page two. 12 They both say FV163. So the first page of it 13 says, up at the top left, reproduced locally. 14 That's page one. So those two pages together 15 are Exhibit 18. 16 THE WITNESS: 18. 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, what's 18 next? 19 THE WITNESS: And the final 20 exhibit will be the, let's see, Citrus 21 Administrative Committee Marketing Order No. 22 905, up in the upper right-hand, OMB No. 0581-

Page 190 1 0189. 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, that 3 will be Exhibit 19. 4 THE WITNESS: Okay. 5 JUDGE CLIFTON: And then, your testimony, I'm going to give a number, as 6 7 well. 8 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. 9 JUDGE CLIFTON: And that will be 10 Exhibit 20. 11 THE WITNESS: 20, okay. 12 (Whereupon Exhibit Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 13 14 were marked for 15 identification.) 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, tell me 17 again your full name and how to spell it, 18 please. 19 TESTIMONY BY PAUL GENKE 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. My name is 21 Paul Genke, P-a-u-l, last name G-e-n-k-e. And 22 I'm going to go over proposals 4, 5 and 8. Ι

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1	reside at 5877 Pine Ridge Circle in Vero
2	Beach, Florida. I am director of sales and
3	marketing for the Packers of Indian River,
4	Ltd., family-owned grower, shipper of fresh
5	Florida citrus.
6	Packers of Indian River is mainly
7	a producer and shipper of grapefruit. Last
8	season 93 percent of our packing house
9	shipments were grapefruit, 60 percent in the
10	export market, 40 percent domestic. We'd be
11	considered the Small Business Administration's
12	definition of a large grower and shipper.
13	I was chairman of the Citrus
14	Administrative Committee when we began the
15	process amending Market Order 905, and
16	currently serve on the committee as an
17	alternate shipper member. I'm also a member
18	of the executive committee and past president
19	of Florida Citrus Packers, and a committee
20	member of the Indian River Citrus League.
21	We've grouped these three
22	proposals covering the term of office,

Page 192 1 nominations and acceptance of membership for 2 my presentation, as they pertain to the 3 nomination process of members and alternates to the order. All right, the first of these 4 5 proposals is a proposed Amendment No. 4, Section 905.20, term of office. The term of 6 7 office of members and alternate members shall 8 begin on the first day of August of even 9 numbered years, and continue for two years, 10 and until their successors are selected and 11 have been qualified. 12 Consecutive term of office of a member shall be limited to two terms. 13 The 14 term of office of alternate members shall not 15 so be limited. Members, their alternates, and 16 their respective successors shall be nominated 17 and selected by the secretary as approved in Section 905.22 and 905.23. 18 This proposal will 19 change the term of office for committee members from one to two years, and the tenure 20 requirement for committee members from three 21 22 to four.

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1	The current term for members and
2	alternates servicing on a committee is a one-
3	year term, with a limit of three consecutive
4	one-year terms. The committee feels that
5	there are some administrative efficiencies and
6	stability to be gained by extending terms to
7	two years for a member, being able to serve
8	two consecutive two-year terms. Increasing
9	terms to two-year terms, with a maximum limit
10	of two consecutive terms would incorporate
11	consistency, saving administrative time and
12	resources.
13	The fresh segment of our industry
14	is in a rapid transition. In the last 10
15	seasons, the fresh industry has experienced
16	fresh citrus production declines of 50
17	percent, fresh shipment declines of 40
18	percent. Given the transition phase our
19	industry is experiencing, the committee
20	determined this change will support continuity
21	of leadership and representation on the
22	committee.

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1	The next proposal is Amendment No.
2	5, Section 905.22, nominations. A) Grower
3	member, Section 1, committee shall give public
4	notice of a meeting of producers in each
5	district to be held no later than June 10 of
6	even numbered years for the purpose of making
7	nominations for grower members and alternate
8	grower members. The committee, with approval
9	of secretary, shall prescribe uniform rules to
10	govern such meetings and the balloting
11	thereat.
12	The chairman of each meeting shall
13	publicly announce at such meetings the names
14	of the persons nominated. And the chairman
15	and secretary of such meetings shall transmit
16	to the secretary their certification as to the
17	number of votes cast, names of the persons
18	nominated, and such other information as the
19	secretary may request. All nominations shall
20	be submitted to the secretary on or before the
21	20th day of June.
22	Section 2, each nominee shall be a

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1	producer in the district from which he or she
2	is nominated. In voting for nominees, each
3	producer shall be entitled to cast one vote
4	for each nominee in each of the districts in
5	which he or she is a producer. At least two
6	of the nominees and alternated so nominated
7	shall be affiliated with a bona fide
8	cooperative marketing organization.
9	Section B, shipper members.
10	Section 1, the committee shall give public
11	notice of a meeting for bona fide cooperative
12	marketing organizations which are handlers,
13	and a meeting for those handlers which are not
14	so affiliated, to be held no later than June
15	10th of even numbered years for the purpose of
16	making nominations for shipper members and
17	their alternates. The committee, with approval
18	of secretary, shall prescribe uniform rules to
19	govern each such meetings and the balloting
20	thereat.
21	The chairman of each such meeting
22	shall publicly announce at meeting the names

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1	of the persons nominated. And the chairman
2	and secretary of each such meeting shall
3	transmit to the secretary their certification
4	as to the number of votes cast, the weight by
5	volume of those shipments voted, and such
6	other information as the secretary may
7	request. All nominations shall be submitted
8	to the secretary on or before the 20th day of
9	June.
10	Section 2, nomination of at least
11	two members and their alternates should be
12	made by bona fide cooperative marketing
13	organizations which are handlers. Nominations
14	for not more than six members and their
15	alternates shall be made by handlers who are
16	not so affiliated. In voting for nominees,
17	each handler or his or her authorized
18	representative shall be entitled to cast one
19	vote, which shall be weighted by the volume of
20	fruit by such handler during that current
21	fiscal period.
22	Section C, notwithstanding the

Page 197 provisions of Paragraph A and B of this section, nomination and/or election of members and alternate members of the committee may be conducted by mail or other means according to the rules and regulations recommended by the committee and approved by the secretary.

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7 This proposal would authorize mail balloting procedures for committee membership 8 nominations. The proposal of changing terms 9 10 and term limits, as well as this proposal 11 allowing the committee to conduct nominations 12 by mail or other means, would aid in the administration of the order by direct 13 14 communication with both growers and handlers 15 in the nomination process. Allowing voting by 16 mail for the nomination or election of members 17 and alternates should increase participation 18 as the committee would directly contact each 19 grower and handler for record by mail or other 20 means, according to the rules and recommendations recommended by the committee 21 22 and approved by the secretary.

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1	This personal contact should help
2	increase participation and diversity in the
3	nomination process. These proposals mainly
4	deal with the administration of the order, and
5	would have no measurable impact, other than to
6	facilitate the operation of the order for the
7	fresh fruit growers and shippers of Florida
8	citrus.
9	The committee currently conducts
10	grower nomination meetings every year at set
11	locations within the three grower districts.
12	Currently, each grower district nominating
13	meeting requires a grower to vote in person in
14	their respective district. The current
15	process can limit participation due to time
16	and travel requirements to attend the
17	nominating meeting, since some of the grower
18	districts cover a large geographical area.
19	Shipper nominations are currently
20	held at the Florida Department of Citrus
21	headquarters, as it is central location for
22	shippers. Shippers may vote by proxy, and

Page 199 1 each shipper's vote is a volume vote of their 2 regulated shipments for a specific time frame. 3 By allowing voting by mail or other means, 4 participation should increase and may increase 5 diversity among the members involved in the nomination process. 6 7 The committee believes that there 8 will be cost savings to conduct the nominations of members and alternate members 9 10 by mail or other means. As presented earlier, 11 this measure is coupled with the proposal to 12 extend the term of office from a one-year term to a two-year term, which would decrease 13 administrative and travel costs related to 14 15 nomination meetings. 16 However, if there is any cost 17 increase, it would be outweighed by the 18 benefit of increased participation and 19 involvement. Also, in anticipation of these 20 changes, the committee has proposed informal rule making to minimize costs by requiring 21 22 handlers to provide the committee with a list

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of the growers whose fruit they handle during
the season.
Thus, the committee will have an
accurate list of the Florida citrus growers
engaged in citrus production for the fresh
market. Also, the number of fresh citrus
growers that are members of a bona fide
cooperative marketing organization should
offset some of the cost, as their cooperatives
would be voting for their membership, thus
reducing costs to the committee.
The committee will be able to communicate
directly with the growers of Florida citrus
that market their fruit in the fresh market.
It is the committee's anticipation
that this change will, in addition to keeping
the growers better informed of the committee's
activities, but also foster increased
participation in our programs. Attached is a
sample ballot, sample of the grower ballot for
District 1 for voting by mail. The grower
ballot is designed to include both independent

Page 201 1 and cooperative members. The two major 2 cooperatives are located in District 1. The 3 sample ballot for independent shippers is attached. And there would be a like form for, 4 5 there would be a like ballot required for cooperative shippers. 6 7 Proposal 8 would eliminate the 8 requirements to send out a separate acceptance 9 statement with the background statement for 10 nominees, combining both forms. Section 11 905.28, qualifications and acceptance. Any 12 persons selected by the secretary as a member or alternate member of the committee shall, 13 14 prior to selection by USDA, qualify by filing 15 a written qualifications and acceptance 16 statements indicating such person's 17 qualifications and willingness to serve in the 18 position for which nominated. 19 This will eliminate separate 20 acceptance statements that would reduce 21 paperwork associated with the nomination 22 Under this proposal, the nominees process.

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1	agree to serve, and must only complete the
2	required background statement, which includes
3	a statement of acceptance. Examples of the
4	confidential background statement for Florida
5	Citrus Administrative Committee Marketing
6	Order 905, and the Citrus Administrative
7	Committee Marketing Order No. 905 acceptance
8	letters are included in this testimony.
9	The order currently requires each
10	member and alternate to complete an acceptance
11	letter in addition to the background statement
12	when nominated to serve on the committee.
13	Eliminating the acceptance letter would reduce
14	paperwork and save the time required to
15	complete the letter.
16	All three of these proposals have
17	industry support, and they're designed to aid
18	in the nomination process, and encourage
19	greater participation in the administration of
20	the order for the fresh segment of the Florida
21	citrus industry. And that concludes my
22	testimony, Your Honor.

Page 203 1 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. You 2 notice how we didn't interrupt you at all? 3 MR. GENKE: You were waiting for the end, right? 4 5 JUDGE CLIFTON: Who would like to ask questions of Mr. Genke? Start with USDA. 6 7 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCHMAEDICK: 8 9 This is Melissa Schmaedick, USDA. Q 10 Thank you, is it Mr. Genke or Genke? 11 Α Genke. 12 0 Genke. Thank you. 13 Α I answer to both. 14 Thank you for your testimony. Q On 15 Page 2 of your testimony about the middle of 16 the first full paragraph, you indicate that 17 the committee feels that there would be 18 administrative efficiencies and stability to 19 be gained by extending terms. Could you 20 describe to me what type of increases in 21 stability you'd like to see, and if you have 22 any examples of things that need to be

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1 corrected?

2	A Currently, it's a one-year term.
3	So, each year you have to go through the
4	nominating process again which, you know,
5	takes time and resources to do it. By going
6	to two-year term, and then having two
7	consecutive terms, you're basically going from
8	three to four. It keep continuity in there
9	for, you know, for going through items like
10	this on changing marketing orders. You have
11	the same group in there that are working
12	through it, and can carry the process through,
13	which is a perfect example.
14	Like this year, we spent a lot of
15	time. I was a the chairman when we started
16	this review committee, and then luckily George
17	is on the committee, too, and carried it
18	through. But, continuity and leadership, it
19	would definitely help.
20	Q And, in your experience, is there
21	a concern with turnover or folks not renewing
22	their participation?

1ANo. Generally, the p2members on the committee have press3filled out their three one-year to	eretty much terms. I at's bailed out
-	terms. I
3 filled out their three one-year t	at's bailed out
4 don't know of really anybody that	over finding
5 before that.	over finding
6 Q What about concerns of	••••= ======
7 new folks to participate?	
8 A As our industry shrir	inks, that is a
9 little bit of a problem. So, par	art of it is if
10 we get that grower list, right no	now, as Mr.
11 Chadwell mentioned earlier, we're	re sending out
12 letters to thousands of growers.	. Some of them
13 are maybe just process growers.	You don't
14 know that. By narrowing it down	n to get just
15 the fresh fruit growers and keep	ping them
16 informed of our processes all the	he time, we
17 hope to create some new membershi	hip. But, yes,
18 as the numbers do dwindle, Meliss	ssa, it's
19 getting tougher.	
20 One example, Florida	a grapefruit.
21 You go back eight years ago, we p	produced 40
22 million boxes. This year it's 17	17.

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1	JUDGE CLIFTON: That would be 17
2	million, I hope.
3	MR. GENKE: Million boxes, 17
4	million boxes. Another example of the
5	industry getting smaller.
6	MR. HAMNER: Your Honor, could I
7	add something to that?
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes, please.
9	MR. HAMNER: Briefly, Melissa, the
10	other part. We were on three one-year terms,
11	which is actually a six-year term. And if you
12	look at the history of the CAC as we got new
13	people, rarely did anybody, you served out
14	your term three times in a row. And then you
15	would either become an alternate, or we would
16	find someone else. This actually shortens the
17	term to four years from six, with the hope
18	that, even though we're shrinking, we will
19	find more people, and we can actually turnover
20	more often, if you think about it.
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Hamner, you
22	lost me. I multiplied one year times three
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1	times and I got three. How did you get six?
2	MR. HAMNER: You're allowed to be
3	a member for three one-year terms, and then
4	you were also allowed to become an alternate
5	for three one-year terms. So that would be
6	your, if you rolled over as an alternate from
7	the membership, that would be six. In this
8	case, you'd have a two-year, the two two-year
9	terms, and then you would be off.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: So you don't
11	rollover to be an alternate?
12	MR. HAMNER: You could be, you
13	could rollover, I guess. I'm sorry, I had it,
14	I was thinking two and two.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: But it really is
16	six and eight, right?
17	MR. HAMNER: You're right.
18	JUDGE CLIFTON: Possibly.
19	MR. HAMNER: My apologies.
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: Possible.
21	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
22	Q Would a person who served a full

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1	term as a member, and then served as an
2	alternate, would they be allowed to, then,
3	serve as a member after their service as an
4	alternate?
5	A Yes.
6	Q So they would, essentially, be
7	able to serve as long they wanted to, as long
8	as they were alternating, or serving in both
9	capacities?
10	A As long as they were nominated.
11	Q Correct, thank you. But is that a
12	fair statement?
13	A Yes.
14	Q And you mentioned the possibility
15	for increasing diversity on your board or your
16	committee. What type of changes in diversity
17	would be possible?
18	A We're, yeah, we've been very
19	active in increasing our, or attempt to
20	diversify the committee beyond just male
21	citrus growers. There are some females
22	involved that are members of the family.

Page 209 1 There's some minorities involved. So that's 2 what we're trying to increase. And we do have 3 some members, and Duke's been very active in pursuing diversifying the committee. 4 5 Thank you. I believe I have no 0 further questions, thank you. 6 7 Α Thank you. 8 JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else from 9 Mr. Hill? USDA? 10 BY MR. HILL: 11 0 Okay. You talked well about 4, 5, 12 I'm just going to ask you some and 8. questions about the other ones just briefly. 13 14 Have you looked at the other proposals, 1, 2, 15 3, 6, 7? 16 Α Me, personally, yes. 17 So, I'm just going to go ahead and Q 18 The first proposal, amending the ask you. 19 definitions of fruit and variety. Are you for 20 or against that? 21 Α I'm for it. 22 The second one, amending the Q

Page 210 1 definition of handle or ship. Are you in 2 support of that? 3 Α Support, yes. The third proposal is to amend to 4 Q 5 revise the process for redistricting the production area. Are you for or against that? 6 7 Α Support. The sixth one, and sorry to keep 8 0 9 badgering you here, is to amend to authorize 10 the committee to increase the capacity of its 11 financial reserve funds. Are you in support 12 of that? 13 Α Support. 14 And could you tell me why for that Q 15 Is there something about that one? one? 16 There's, in my view, there's two Α 17 One is, you know, our shipments have reasons. 18 been going down each year. We're working into 19 our reserve. Our reserve right now, we have 20 enough reserve to get us just past the mid 21 point of this coming season. And with the 22 disease, and not knowing where we're going to

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1	go in total shipments, that could continue to
2	drop somewhat. So it would be prudent for us
3	to start, if we can, build up our reserves.
4	And then, also, the second reason
5	would be if we do see where we want to look at
6	some scientific research or marketing research
7	or advertising programs, we would have a
8	reserve to go ahead and implement those
9	programs.
10	Q The seventh proposal is to amend,
11	to authorize pack and container requirements
12	for domestic shipments and authorize different
13	regulations for different markets. Are you in
14	support or not?
15	A Support.
16	Q Now, I do have a question about
17	that. Why is that necessary, different
18	regulations for different markets? Why would
19	you think that to be necessary?
20	A In Florida you have, the CAC is
21	the fresh fruit side of the industry. The
22	Florida Department of Citrus is the fresh and

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1	the processing side. So, if anything changes,
2	as mentioned earlier, at the Department of
3	Citrus, which I don't think we really
4	anticipate right now, the length of time it
5	takes to get these amendments through and
6	authorize and everything, it takes years.
7	So we decided that, since we're
8	going to go ahead and amend it anyway, let's
9	bring in everything that we would possibly
10	need so we could govern the whole fresh fruit
11	side of the industry, whether we need it right
12	now or not.
13	Q Okay, and finally, the last
14	amendment proposal is to amend 905.7 to
15	require handler to register with the
16	committee. Are you in support of that?
17	A Support, yes.
18	Q All right, that's all I have.
19	Thanks.
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else has
21	questions for Mr. Genke? Let's start, again,
22	with USDA people. Mr. McFetridge.

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1	EXAMINATION
2	BY MR. MCFETRIDGE:
3	Q Marc McFetridge, USDA. I just had
4	one quick question for the three proposals
5	that you discussed, No. 4, 5, and No. 8. Can
6	you foresee any possible way that these
7	proposals could cause any type of undue burden
8	on any small agricultural growers or shippers?
9	A No, not at all. I think, on the
10	contrary, it's going to be a benefit,
11	especially on the nominating where, now, the
12	grower is required to vote in person. You
13	know, time constraints or travel constraints
14	might, you know, put a burden on them to have
15	to vote in person. Thus, we don't get the
16	participation we would like to see. So no,
17	not at all.
18	Q Thank you. That's all.
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Chadwell?
20	MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell.
21	I'd just like to add a comment. Excuse me.
22	We have eight shipper members, and each with

Page 214 1 an alternate, so 16. And we have the largest 2 shipper member to the smaller shipper, one of 3 the smallest shipper regulated shipments. So 4 we have a great diversity amongst our shippers 5 from the very largest to almost on of the 6 smallest. So we have encompassed shippers of 7 all sizes are members of the committee. JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else has 8 9 questions for Mr. Genke? Ms. Schmaedick, do 10 you? 11 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Yes, thank you, 12 Your Honor. 13 EXAMINATION 14 BY MS. SCHMAEDICK: 15 Melissa Schmaedick, USDA. 0 Mr. 16 Genke, according to your statement, you're the 17 director of sales and marketing for the 18 shipper packers of Indian River. Is that 19 correct? 20 Α That's correct. I'd like to, if you would, expand 21 Q 22 on your position on Proposal No. 9, which is

Page 2151handler registration. You did state that you2were in favor of that proposal.3A4I'm probably the wrong one to ask4that, Melissa, because we grow and pack one5hundred percent of our fruit. We don't have6outside shippers, outside growers.7Q9A8that clarification.9A9A10Q11JUDGE CLIFTON: Ms. Varela.12EXAMINATION13EY MS. VARELA:14Q15have kind of a different question for you. A16few years ago, the committee moved toward, and17you spoke about this a little, toward having18meetings via conference calls and kind of19changing the way you did business that way.20Do you, first of all, did you see more21participation in meetings when you made that	1	
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	19	changing the way you did business that way.
21 participation in meetings when you made that	20	Do you, first of all, did you see more
	21	participation in meetings when you made that
22 change?	22	change?

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1	A Yes. I would say our
2	participation the last couple years on
3	conference calls has been real good. When you
4	have to, I mean, we're from Vero Beach all the
5	way up to the northern part of the state. And
6	you want to have a meeting over in Lake Wales,
7	it's hard for a lot of people to do that,
8	especially during our shipping season which
9	is, you know basically, from October through
10	April, into May as our shipping season.
11	Trying to get out of the office and drive 120
12	miles and back in a day, it makes it very
13	difficult. So, yes, it has increased a lot.
14	
15	Q And having been through that, do
16	you anticipate that making some of these
17	changes to the nomination process will have a
18	similar effect? That you'll see that big a
19	difference in participation?
20	A I think it will. Plus, also, the
21	fresh grower mailing list. I think that's
22	very important, because right now we don't

Page 217 1 know that it's all getting out to them. Some may be receiving it, some may not. A lot of 2 3 processors may be receiving the information. 4 So, if we can target it down to just fresh 5 fruit growers, tailor make all our programs, or tailor make our message to them so they get 6 7 it, yes, I think you'll see greater participation. 8 9 Q Thank you. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else at USDA 11 has questions for Mr. Genke? All right, 12 anyone else in the room, do you have questions 13 for Mr. Genke? Stay where you are, and we'll 14 deal with the exhibits. 15 THE WITNESS: I'm not picking up 16 my stuff yet. 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: Exhibit 16 and 18 Exhibit 17 are sample ballots. Let's start with those. 19 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: Is there any 22 objection to the admission into evidence of

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1	either Exhibit 16 or 17?			
2	(No response.)			
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: There is none.			
4	Exhibit 16 is admitted into evidence. Exhibit			
5	17 is admitted into evidence. Exhibit 18 is			
6	the form required by USDA, and I guess I need			
7	a clarification here, if you will, Mr. Genke.			
8	Exhibit 18 is what is filled out when a person			
9	agrees to be nominated. Is that correct?			
10	(Whereupon Exhibit Nos.			
11	16 and 17 were received			
12	into evidence.)			
13	THE WITNESS: After they're			
14	nominated, they would be filling this out to,			
15	well, I guess it would be after they're			
16	nominated, correct, Duke?			
17	JUDGE CLIFTON: Let's get some			
18	help. Mr. Chadwell, what do you know about			
19	this form?			
20	MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell.			
21	We have our nomination process. And then,			
22	once the nominees are, we have them nominated,			
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1	then we give, this form is submitted to the
2	secretary. And it's to aid the secretary so
3	he has some background information on our
4	nominees, and to make sure that they are
5	qualified. And just some background
6	information of who he is approving to be on
7	the committee.
8	So it's an informational form
9	that, after they are nominated by growers
10	nominating growers, shippers nominating
11	shippers. We complete our nominating process.
12	I send out a copy of the background statement.
13	It is completed by those that have been
14	nominated. Then it is submitted to the
15	Secretary of Agriculture, because it is the
16	Secretary of Agriculture that selects the
17	order.
18	We present the order to the
19	secretary. This is an informational package
20	saying that they agree to serve. And then
21	it's the secretary that appoints them or
22	selects them to the committee.

Page 220 1 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, so Mr. 2 Genke, I'll ask you first. The intent would 3 be to keep using Exhibit 18. 4 THE WITNESS: Oh yes, yes. 5 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, and you agree with that, Mr. Chadwell? 6 7 MR. CHADWELL: Yes. JUDGE CLIFTON: And then, what is 8 9 it that will not happen under your proposal? 10 THE WITNESS: Number 19 will not. 11 After the nominee fills out No. 18 and it's 12 submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture, and 13 then the secretary approve them as a member or 14 alternate, No. 19 was mailed to you after 15 that, saying will you agree to serve. 16 But, on the second page of No. 18, 17 when you sign the certification statement, I 18 certify that the information is above is 19 correct and I am willing to serve on the 20 So 19 comes back to you, again and committee. 21 says are you sure? It's like they're given 22 time to back out, but so 19 is kind of

Page 221 1 redundant. And that's why we're saying do away with that. We've already stated on No. 2 3 18, the confidential statement, that we are 4 willing to serve. 5 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, so the only thing that Exhibit 19 adds, besides the fact 6 7 that it's after the person actually is nominated --8 9 THE WITNESS: Or is seated, or I 10 mean approved. 11 JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes. Voted in, I 12 guess. 13 THE WITNESS: Yes. 14 JUDGE CLIFTON: Is this other 15 statement that I agree to carry out assigned 16 duties in administering the terms and 17 provisions of the marketing order to the best 18 of my ability. So that would be missing if 19 you eliminated Exhibit 19. Is that correct? THE WITNESS: Yeah, yeah, 19 would 20 21 be eliminated. That's correct. 22 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, so those

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1	words, if they're essential, I don't know
2	what's essential. But those words could be
3	added to this FV-163, I guess, if those are
4	essential words. I don't know if those are
5	essential words. Yes, please, Mr. Nissen.
6	Again, identify yourself, Mr. Nissen.
7	MR. NISSEN: Christian Nissen,
8	Southeast marketing field office. The forms
9	in your hand, those are largely prepared by
10	USDA. So yes, we could make an adjustment to
11	the initial background form to include that
12	other language. These are just the two
13	existing forms as they are, so they read like
14	that. But we definitely could make it an
15	adjustment to encapsulate both of them into
16	one form. Actually, it would be beneficial
17	for them and for us, as well.
18	JUDGE CLIFTON: Oh, this is good.
19	Thank you. All right, first of all, is there
20	any question for this witness about Exhibits
21	18 and 19 before I ask if there's any
22	objection to their being admitted into

Page 223 1 evidence? Ms. Schmaedick? 2 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCHMAEDICK: 3 Melissa Schmaedick. Mr. Genke, 4 Q 5 are you aware of any other marketing orders that have gone through the process of 6 7 combining their nomination and acceptance? 8 Α I am not, no. 9 Q Thank you. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, are 11 there any other questions on these two forms? 12 Is there any objection to the admission into evidence of Exhibits 18 and 19? 13 14 (No Response.) 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: There is none. 16 Exhibits 18 and 19 are admitted into evidence. 17 Is there any objection to the admission into 18 evidence of Exhibit 20, which is Mr. Genke's 19 testimony? 20 (No Response.) 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: There is none. 22 Exhibit 20 is admitted into evidence. Mr.

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1	Genke, do you have anything to add before you
2	step down?
3	(Whereupon Exhibit Nos.
4	18, 19 and 20 were
5	admitted into evidence.)
6	THE WITNESS: No I do not. Thank
7	you.
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, thank
9	you so much. You may step down. And, do we
10	need short break, or are we ready for the next
11	witness? Ready for the next witness. Who
12	would that be? Mr. Chadwell?
13	MR. CHADWELL: Mr. Raley, Mr.
14	Lindsay Raley, Proposal No. 6.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: And let's go off
16	record while documents are distributed.
17	(Off the record.)
18	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, we're
19	back on record at 2:42. I'm going to swear
20	you in in a seated position. Would you raise
21	your right hand?
22	Whereupon,

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1	LINDSAY RALEY,		
2	called as a witness herein, having been first		
3	duly sworn, was examined and testified as		
4	follows:		
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you Please		
6	state and spell your name.		
7	THE WITNESS: My name is Lindsay		
8	Raley, L-i-n-d-s-a-y, R-a-l-e-y.		
9	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. I have		
10	marked the document that has your name and		
11	says testimony Proposal No. 6 as Exhibit 21.		
12	You may proceed.		
13	(Whereupon Exhibit No.		
14	21 was marked for		
15	identification.)		
16	TESTIMONY BY LINDSAY RALEY		
17	THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your		
18	Honor. My name is Lindsay Raley. I reside at		
19	208 Palmola Street, Lakeland, Florida. I am		
20	the treasurer of the Citrus Administrative		
21	Committee, otherwise known as the committee,		
22	and was a member of the amendment study		

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subcommittee which recommended the nine
 proposed amendments to the committee last
 July.

I am also a small grower and 4 5 president and chairman of the Dundee Citrus Growers Association. Dundee Citrus Growers 6 7 Association was founded in 1924 as a grower-8 owned agricultural cooperative with 113 grower 9 members, and two packing houses located in 10 Dundee and Lake Hamilton. Also, members of 11 Dundee Citrus Growers Association are Lake 12 Regional Packing Association, Winter Haven Citrus Growers Association, and Lake Wales 13 Citrus Growers Association. 14 15 These cooperatives, in the past, 16 operated their own packing houses, but with 17 the reduction of production and fresh 18 shipments, they joined our cooperative to gain efficiencies for all grower members. 19 The

20 majority of grower members of Dundee Citrus
21 Growers Association would meet SBA definition

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of a small grower, and our packing house would

Page 227 1 meet SBA definition of a large shipper. 2 My testimony will be for Proposal 3 No. 6, which would increase the amount of 4 reserves the committee could carry over each 5 fiscal year. We are proposed to amend Section 6 905.42, handlers accounts to read as follows: 7 A) If at the end of a fiscal period, the 8 assessments collected are in excess of 9 expenses incurred, the committee, with the 10 approval of the secretary, may carry over such 11 excesses into subsequent fiscal periods as a 12 reserve provided that funds already in reserve 13 do not exceed approximately two fiscal 14 periods' expenses. 15 Such reserves may be used 1) to 16 cover any expenses authorized by this part, 17 and 2) to cover necessary expenses of 18 liquidation in the event of termination of 19 this part. If any such excess is not retained 20 in reserves, each handler entitled to a 21 proportionate refund shall be credited with 22 such refund against the operations of the		
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22 such refund against the operations of the	21	proportionate refund shall be credited with
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following fiscal period, unless he demands	
payment of the sum due him, in which case,	
such sum shall be paid to him.	
Upon termination of this part, any	
funds not required to defray the necessary	
expenses of liquidation shall be disposed of	
in such a manner as the secretary may	
determine to be appropriate provided that, to	
the extent practical, such funds shall be	
returned, pro rata, to the persons from which	
such funds were collected.	
B) The committee may, with the	
approval of the secretary, maintain in its own	
name or in the name of its members a suit	
against any handler for the collection of such	
handler's pro rata share of the said expense.	
This amendment will allow the	
committee flexibility to increase their	
reserves up to two fiscal periods' expenses.	
Currently reserves are capped at approximately	
one-half years' fiscal expense, which is	
limiting the committee's flexibility to	

Page 229 1 operate under increased fluctuations in 2 regulated shipments each season. 3 Also, without the authority to increase reserves in the future, the order 4 5 would be impeded from being a tool used by the fresh segment of the Florida citrus industry 6 7 to develop and implement projects requiring advertising, promotion or research for the new 8 9 varieties being developed that will be the 10 future of the fresh citrus industry in 11 Florida. 12 As described above, the new 13 language is for up to two fiscal years' 14 expenses. The fiscal year of the committee 15 begins on August 1st and ends the following 16 July 31st. The fresh citrus season normally 17 begins, in Florida, in late September, with 18 the majority of the fresh shipments occurring 19 by the end of March, with Valencia orange 20 shipments continuing until late May or early 21 June. 22 The Florida fresh shipping season

Page 230 1 currently lasts about eight months, with approximately 87 percent of our volume being 2 3 shipped in six months. In addition, the volume of regulated shipments of fresh citrus 4 5 from Florida has declined 17 percent in the last five seasons, and 41 percent in the last 6 7 This season, fresh shipments from decade. Florida are projected to be down another 10 8 9 percent from just last season. 10 This season's projected 13.2 11 million boxes shipped fresh would be the 12 lowest amount of fresh citrus shipped from Florida since the 1919-1920 season, when 13 14 Florida's entire citrus crop was utilized in 15 the fresh market. As you can tell from the 16 decline in fresh citrus volume, it is getting 17 more difficult to carry over the amount of 18 reserves needed to fully fund the committee if 19 only one-half of one years' fiscal expenses 20 may be carried as reserves. The committee has tried to avoid 21 22 assessment increases each year, and would

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1	rather set an assessment rate that would fully
2	fund the committee's operations and build
3	reserves to handle the fluctuations in fresh
4	shipments. Without raising the authority to
5	increase reserves, it will become more
6	difficulty for the committee to avoid
7	assessment rate increases annually, or even
8	during a season.
9	By raising the assessment rate to
10	a level that will properly fund the operations
11	of the committee and build ample reserves to
12	handle the increased fluctuations in fresh
13	shipments can only be arrived by increasing
14	the amount of reserves the committee is
15	allowed to carry over from fiscal year to the
16	next fiscal year.
17	The committee did consider going
18	up to one full fiscal year's reserve, but felt
19	there is too much variation in regulated
20	shipments for only increasing reserves to one
21	fiscal year's expenses. Also, it has been the
22	practice of the committee to hold excess

Page 232 1 assessments during the past few fiscal years to ensure there would be ample reserves to 2 3 fully fund their operations. 4 During the past year, when we 5 reviewed and considered this change to Section 905.42, there was complete support within the 6 7 fresh segment of the Florida citrus industry. As I have previously stated, there has not 8 9 been any opposition to this proposal and, in 10 fact, is a cornerstone of the committee's 11 financial stability moving forward until the 12 above-mentioned problems are solved and there 13 is a reassurance of new plantings of varieties 14 with the characteristics desired by consumers 15 of Florida fresh citrus. 16 The order will be the tool for our 17 fresh industry to fully utilize, to move 18 forward as we overcome as many obstacles as 19 our industry currently is working to overcome. 20 The Florida citrus industry has been a cornerstone of Florida agriculture for many 21 22 decades, and we believe the future is bright

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1	as we retool for the future.			
2	The increased reserve ceiling			
3	would be in effective immediately.			
4	Particularly, it would be implemented with the			
5	executive committee recommends its annual			
6	budget to the full committee early each fall.			
7	Thank you, and that's my testimony.			
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, Mr.			
9	Raley. Who would like to ask questions of Mr.			
10	Raley, beginning please with USDA employees.			
11	Ms. Schmaedick.			
12	EXAMINATION			
13	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:			
14	Q Thank you for your testimony.			
15	This is Melissa Schmaedick with USDA. Mr.			
16	Raley, earlier in the day I believe there was			
17	a comment that indicated that reserves had			
18	been drawn down over the last year. Is that			
19	correct?			
20	A That is correct.			
21	Q And then, in your testimony on			
22	Page 3, you indicate that the committee has			
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Page 234 1 tried to avoid assessment increases. I'm 2 wondering if you could explain how, without 3 assessment increases, you might be able to continue to build reserves, if they're in the 4 5 process of being depleted? Well currently, I mean I believe, Α 6 7 up until last year our assessments have been very level and, Duke remind me, prior to this 8 9 past year, it's at 8.8. 10 MR. CHADWELL: \$7.2 million. 11 THE WITNESS: \$7.2 million. You 12 know, well, we had increased volume. Our 13 expenses at the committee have been, for the 14 past 10 seasons, have averaged about \$230,000, and have been that level through that whole 15 16 time. So the ability to build reserves has 17 been, really, based on volume of shipments in 18 any one year. And with the last few years, 19 they've been declining, declining, declining. So, without raising, we've been eating into 20 reserves each year. And without raising the 21 22 assessment rate, there's really no way to

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1	maintain any reserves. I hope that answers
2	your question.
3	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
4	Q So would you potentially foresee,
5	at some point in the future, increasing
6	assessments in order to build reserves?
7	A I would, yes. No, absolutely,
8	absolutely, I would see. And this only gives
9	the committee the ability to take the reserves
10	up to two year. It doesn't, necessarily, mean
11	that we would take it up to two years.
12	Q If I understand your statement
13	correctly, are you indicating that this
14	ability to have a larger reserve might assist
15	the industry in sort of riding through this
16	bumpy next five years that you foresee?
17	A Yes I do. And also, especially if
18	the committee chooses, in the future, we have
19	the ability to do marketing, advertising and
20	research. Those are types of programs that
21	really need a consistency in funding. And I
22	wouldn't think the committee would want to

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1	commit itself to those types of programs,
2	unless they had a built-in reserve program
3	that could continue those programs.
4	If we had, you know, it doesn't
5	have to be disease related. It could be a
6	freeze or a weather event that takes our
7	assessments down for even just one year. To
8	have those reserves built in would be, I
9	think, just a prudent business decision.
10	Q Thank you. And in you current
11	role as president and chairman of the Citrus
12	Grower Association, which I believe you state
13	is a cooperative, are you speaking on behalf
14	of your small grower members?
15	A I'm speaking as chairman of the
16	committee of the Citrus Administrative
17	Committee. That's my role here.
18	Q And would it be fair to say that
19	you've discussed this issue with your members?
20	A Yes, yes, and there's widespread
21	support.
22	Q Thank you. Have the other

Page 237 1 proposals been widely discussed with your 2 members? 3 Α Not directly through communications from Dundee Citrus Growers 4 5 Association, but certainly through the industry at large. I believe all growers got 6 7 notification of this meeting and, you know, a 8 lot of us serve on multitudes of different 9 industry committees that, you know, this has 10 been well discussed within the industry for 11 the past couple years. 12 0 You also stated that you, 13 yourself, are a small grower by SBA definition. 14 15 I would be classified as a large Α 16 grower for the SBA. 17 Oh, is that --Q 18 I would just say that the majority Α 19 of Dundee's members are probably small 20 growers. We have a lot of small, and some large growers, also. But, I would say the 21 22 majority of our members are small grower

Page 238 1 classification. 2 In your testimony on Page 1, it's Q 3 the second sentence, it says I am also a small grower. Does that need to be corrected? 4 5 Well, I didn't, is that under, is Α a small grower in the definition of SBA or, 6 7 okay, then I would think. What was the cap on 8 that? 9 JUDGE CLIFTON: Let's go off 10 record just a minute. 11 (Off the record.) 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, we're 13 back on record at 2:57. Mr. Raley, you may 14 respond to Ms. Schmaedick's question. THE WITNESS: This is a bit of an 15 16 oversight on my part. I would be classified 17 as a large grower under those terms. 18 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: And let's correct 20 that on Exhibit 21, Ms. Bright. The fourth 21 sentence, or the fourth line. How do you want 22 it to read, Mr. Raley?

Page 239 1 I'm also a large THE WITNESS: 2 grower. 3 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. I mean, I think that 4 THE WITNESS: 5 would meet the, or maybe I should be defined as that I'm just a grower and not put me in a 6 7 box. BY MS. SCHMAEDICK: 8 9 Q And one last question for you. 10 Does your packing, I guess you have two 11 packing houses? Could you clarify for me? 12 Dundee Citrus Growers Association Α 13 operates two packing houses, yes ma'am. 14 Correct. And do you ship outside 0 15 of the state of Florida? 16 Yes we do. Α 17 What is your position on Proposal Q 18 9, handler registration? 19 Α I'm very much in support of it. 20 Could you tell me why? 0 I think our organization would 21 Α 22 probably be just a good example. We have,

Page 240 1 we're what's called a federated cooperative. 2 We have cooperatives that are members of our 3 cooperative. Those cooperatives, the other three listed here, have their own individual 4 5 grower members. Some of those grower members are also members of Dundee Citrus Growers 6 7 There's a lot of duplication in Association. the industry with, especially, the fresh side 8 9 of the industry. 10 I think by having the, you know, 11 this kind of "master grower list," we'll 12 eliminate that duplication. And you would have duplication just out of our own 13 14 organization because we have members that are 15 members of more than one cooperative. 16 Thank you. Are you familiar with 0 17 the other potential impacts of Proposal 9, 18 handler registration? 19 Α Familiar with other impacts or any 20 other --21 Would there be any other potential Q 22 impacts?

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1	А	I do not see any.
2	Q	Thank you.
3		JUDGE CLIFTON: Are there other
4	questions fo	or Mr. Raley from USDA employees?
5		EXAMINATION
6		BY MR. HILL:
7	Q	Brian Hill. I'm going to give you
8	the shortened version.	
9	А	Okay.
10	Q	So, I'll just ask you have you had
11	a chance to	look at all of the proposals
12	sometime in	the past?
13	А	Not directly from the Federal
14	Register, no	.
15	Q	Right, but just having discussed
16	them.	
17	А	Yes.
18	Q	Talked to other people.
19	А	Yes.
20	Q	And what is your opinion on just,
21	generally, o	on the proposals?
22	А	I support all of them.

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1	Q You do support all of them.
2	A I do.
3	Q All right, that's all I wanted to
4	know. Thank you.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else has
6	questions for Mr. Raley? Mr. McFetridge.
7	EXAMINATION
8	BY MR. MCFETRIDGE:
9	Q Marc McFetridge, USDA. Mr. Raley,
10	I just have a few questions. Now, Proposal 6
11	is talking about increasing the fiscal
12	reserves, and there is this number of two
13	years being in the proposal. Is it possible
14	that if the committee decides they could
15	increase it to three to four, or is this two
16	year going to be written in as a hard number
17	that would have to go through an amendment
18	process? Or could it be changed through,
19	informally?
20	A As far as I know, it cannot be
21	changed informally. Once it's set at two
22	years, it would be at two years.

Page 243 1 All right, thank you. 0 And you 2 stated that you're also the treasurer of the 3 committee? 4 Α Currently, yes. 5 Could you explain to the USDA the 0 process to use committee funds? What is like 6 7 the checks and balances that the committee 8 uses so that one person can't just write, 9 basically, a check to purchase a boat or 10 things of that nature? 11 Α Well, we have very strict 12 procedures and policy that are in place. 13 We've been audited by the USDA under, I don't 14 know which group came in and audited the 15 committee, but I believe it was someone from 16 MOAD. Currently, our check signing requires 17 more than one signature, so one individual 18 couldn't go buy their boat. 19 We're audited by an outside 20 independent CPA firm. The committee has a 21 finance committee that recommends the budget 22 to the full committee each year. Duke, do you

Page 244 1 want to add anything to that? I mean, I think that's really about all I can answer to that. 2 3 JUDGE CLIFTON: Did he say Duke? 4 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Mr. 5 Chadwell. JUDGE CLIFTON: Arthur, who's also 6 7 known as Art is also Duke? 8 MR. CHADWELL: Duke. Nobody knows 9 me as Arthur. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: Just Duke. 11 THE WITNESS: Just Duke. 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, would you like to add anything to that, Mr. 13 14 Chadwell? 15 MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell, we 16 do have an internal control policy that is 17 reviewed and updated annually by the 18 committee, as well as a compliance claim, and 19 in the internal policy, as Mr. Raley 20 indicated, dual signatures is a safeguard. 21 Requiring an audit each year. And then, we 22 just went through a federal audit last

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1	November sometime. So, we are audited
2	annually. We have internal control policies
3	in place, the dual signatures on both checks
4	and deposits. So we're pretty locked down as
5	far as our internal controls for managing
6	funds.
7	MR. MCFETRIDGE: Thank you.
8	BY MR. MCFETRIDGE:
9	Q Quick question, so if this
10	proposal goes through, and it's approved by
11	the secretary, what would the calculation be
12	to determine what the average two years could
13	be for the fund? Would it be the last three
14	years, the last five years, or
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Raley, do you
16	want to take a crack at that?
17	THE WITNESS: Well, I mean, it
18	would be the past two years.
19	BY MR. MCFETRIDGE:
20	Q The past two years.
21	A I would imagine. And, like I
22	said, our expenses have been extremely level
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1	for the last 10 years. So it'd be pretty easy
2	to determine.
3	Q Okay.
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: And, Mr. Chadwell,
5	did you want to add to that?
6	MR. CHADWELL: Yes, it would be
7	the previous two years, as Mr. Raley said.
8	BY MR. MCFETRIDGE:
9	Q Would this specific proposal
10	warrant an increase in the assessment rate, or
11	is that just a possibility that could happen
12	in the future?
13	A I don't believe this proposal,
14	specifically, will warrant an increase. I
15	think just the declining volume in the
16	industry will warrant an increase of
17	assessments. I don't think this, this would,
18	you know, this proposal itself, necessarily,
19	wouldn't cause an increase.
20	Q Thank you. My final question.
21	Proposal 6, can you foresee any possible way
22	that this would cause any type of undue burden
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1	onto any small growers or shippers?
2	A I do not.
3	Q Thank you.
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else at USDA
5	has questions for Mr. Raley? Who else in the
6	room has questions for Mr. Raley? Mr. Raley,
7	was there anything you wanted to add?
8	THE WITNESS: No ma'am, not at
9	this time.
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: Is there any
11	objection to the admission into evidence of
12	Exhibit 21?
13	(No response.)
14	JUDGE CLIFTON: There is none.
15	Exhibit 21 is admitted into evidence. Thank
16	you, Mr. Raley.
17	(Whereupon Exhibit No.
18	21 was received into
19	evidence.)
20	THE WITNESS: Thank you. My
21	pleasure.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: Let's take a

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10-minute stretch break, nine minute. Please
be back and ready to go at 3:15.
(Off the record.)
JUDGE CLIFTON: We're back on
record at 3:16. I want everyone to be aware
that there are a couple of contacts we need to
make before long. One is there is a gentleman
who is willing to stay if we need to work a
little longer in order to finish. We can stay
as late as 6:00. And my understanding is that
if we stay after 5:30, he's doing extra work
for us, and he's willing to do it. So, fairly
soon, we should try to communicate to him
whether we expect him to stay until 6:00.
The other is the company that will
be picking up our amplification equipment and
taking it back to Orlando would kind of like
to know whether we're going to be using it
tomorrow. And so, we're welcome to, but
they'd like to know. So, as we get a little
longer in the afternoon, help me try to
calculate whether we're going to be back here

Page 249 1 tomorrow. And now's the time to get this 2 If we need tomorrow, that's fine with done. 3 me. But we just need to touch base with these 4 folks who would be helping us. So, I'll ask 5 you in about an hour where do you think we 6 are. 7 All right, I'm going to swear in 8 you seated. Would you raise your right hand, 9 please? 10 Whereupon, 11 EMERY SMITH, II, 12 called as a witness herein, having been first 13 duly sworn, was examined and testified as 14 follows: 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you Please 16 state and spell your name. 17 THE WITNESS: My name is Emery 18 Smith, II, E-m-e-r-y, S-m-i-t-h. 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, and I have marked the document that says Emery Smith 20 testimony, Proposal No. 3, redistricting, as 21 22 Exhibit 22. You may proceed.

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1	(Whereupon Exhibit No.
2	22 was marked for
3	identification.)
4	TESTIMONY BY EMERY SMITH, II
5	THE WITNESS: Thank you. Again,
6	my name is Emery Smith. I reside at 2851 S.
7	Lake Leta Drive in Avon Park, Florida. I
8	serve on the executive committee of the
9	Florida Citrus Packers and the board of
10	directors of the Highlands County Citrus
11	Growers Association. I am not on the Citrus
12	Administrative Committee, but our company
13	works closely with the committee and utilizes
14	their statistical information.
15	I am the vice president of Citrus
16	Marketing and Industry Relationship for Ben
17	Hill Griffin, Inc., a vertically integrated,
18	family-owned citrus operation. And my family
19	is also engaged in citrus production. Ben
20	Hill Griffin, Inc. is one of the larger
21	growers of Florida citrus with groves located
22	in multiple counties within the production

Page 251 1 area of Florida. 2 We also operate a packing house 3 and market our fruit mainly to the domestic Ben Hill Griffin, Inc. groves and 4 market. 5 packing house would meet the SBA's definition as a large grower shipper. Ben Hill Griffin, 6 7 Inc. has been growing and shipping fresh citrus in Florida for more than 60 years. 8 Of 9 citrus produced by Ben Hill Griffin, Inc., the 10 majority of our fruit is produced for the 11 process market, but the fruit produced for the 12 fresh market is a very important component of 13 our overall citrus operation. 14 As a fresh fruit grower, we think 15 it's important Florida's fresh growers have 16 the order's grower districts better defined so 17 those Florida citrus growers producing citrus 18 for the fresh market are fairly represented on 19 the committee. Proposal No. 3 would change Section 905.14, redistricting, to read as 20 21 follows: The committee may, with the approval 22 of the secretary, redefine the districts into

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1	which the production area is divided, so re-
2	apportion or otherwise change the grower
3	membership of the districts or both, provided
4	that the membership shall consist of at least
5	eight, but not more than nine, grower members.
6	And any such change shall be
7	based, so far as practical, upon the
8	respective averages for immediately preceding
9	three fiscal periods of 1) the number of
10	bearing trees in each district, 2) the volume
11	of fresh fruit produced in each district, 3)
12	the total number of acres in each district,
13	and 4) other relevant factors. Each
14	redistricting or re-apportionment shall be
15	announced or prior to March 1 preceding the
16	effective fiscal period.
17	The proposal to remove the time
18	frame for redistricting, and to base any
19	changes on three fiscal periods of 1) number
20	of bearing trees in each district, 2) volume
21	of fresh fruit produced in each district, 3)
22	total number of acres in each district, and 4)

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other relevant factors would allow the
 committee to redistrict grower districts as
 often as factors within the production area
 mandate.

5 Due to the major declines in bearing tree numbers, production and fresh 6 7 shipments, the Florida citrus industry has 8 experienced over the past decade, this 9 proposal would allow the committee to 10 determine grower districts on a timely basis 11 based on these factors. The authority under 12 the order to redistrict on an established time 13 frame every fifth year, with the factors 14 outlined in Section 905.14, redistricting, the 15 committee has, in the past, redistricted 16 grower districts when warranted under the 17 current provisions of Section 905.14. 18 The committee has compared five 19 years of data on acreage, shipments and 20 However, given the increased loss production. of trees per acre due to disease pressure and 21 22 natural disasters, the current guideline for

Page 254 1 calculating grower districts using acreage is 2 no longer an applicable method to determine 3 grower districts. The new industry standard 4 is to consider bearing trees, not acreage, 5 when calculating production capacity within a county or grower district. 6 7 Due to heavy tree loss within 8 producing groves, acreage is not a reliable 9 indicator of production, as too many groves 10 have anywhere from 10 percent to as much or more than 50 percent of their grove acreage 11 12 with non-bearing trees or no trees at all. It 13 is the bearing trees that produce our crops, 14 and utilizing them for calculating production 15 is a more reliable indicator of production. 16 It must be noted the Florida 17 citrus industry pays an assessment on each box 18 of citrus to help fund the Florida 19 Agricultural Statistical Service to not only 20 provide crop estimates every season, but an accurate tree census every other year. 21 Therefore, the committee has an accurate and 22

up-to-date census of bearing trees, by variety
 and county, to utilize in the redistricting of
 grower districts.

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As previously noted, the Florida 4 5 citrus industry utilizes 90 percent or more of its annual production to produce processed 6 7 products. During the last complete season of 2011-'12, approximately two percent of the 8 9 early-mid and Valencia orange crop was 10 utilized for fresh shipments. Which means 11 that 98 percent of the round orange crop is 12 utilized for the production of processed 13 products.

14 Therefore, when these varieties' 15 production are used by county, it skews the 16 volume to process utilization, and is not 17 reflective of fresh volume. Therefore, 18 calculating fresh volume can best be arrived 19 at by taking the fresh fruit varieties, those 20 varieties that return the grower an on-tree value that exceeds cost of product, and using 21 22 their bearing trees per county to calculate

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1	fresh volume is much more representative of
2	fresh growers per county.
3	It should be noted the varieties
4	we will be using are Navel oranges, red and
5	white grapefruit, specialty citrus varieties,
6	Fall-Glo tangerines, Sunburst tangerines,
7	Tangelos, honey tangerines. Tables 1(a), 2,
8	3, 4, and 5 illustrate these points.
9	The committee determined, in their
10	deliberations, that implemented the proposed
11	changes would allow the committee, in future
12	seasons, the flexibility to adjust grower
13	districts to reflect the shift in production
14	of fresh varieties and fresh volume. In
15	addition, we foresee the continued loss of
16	trees and fresh volume, and the shift in
17	varieties that make up our industry's
18	composition of fresh shipments.
19	The committee, having the
20	authority to constitute grower districts
21	according to where the fresh fruit product is
22	will better serve the growers of fresh fruit.

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1	On a positive note, as our industry begins to
2	plant with new fresh fruit varieties/hybrids,
3	and fresh fruit volume is increased with new
4	and improved production practices currently be
5	addressed by the USDA and IFIS researchers
6	that combats greening and canker, the
7	committee will be positioned to adjust grower
8	districts as they evolve in the future.
9	In closing, the fresh segment of
10	our industry has been very supportive on this
11	proposal. It has been stated more than once
12	today this proposal will give the Florida
13	citrus grower of fresh fruit a tool in the
14	toolbox to better administer the order for the
15	benefit of growers.
16	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, Mr.
17	Smith. Who has questions for Mr. Smith,
18	starting with USDA employees? Ms. Schmaedick.
19	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you, Your
20	Honor.
21	EXAMINATION
22	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:

Page 258 1 Thank you, Mr. Smith, for your 0 2 testimony. On Page 3 of your testimony, you 3 refer to some tables, Tables 1(a), 2, 3, 4 and It's mentioned at the bottom of that 4 5. 5 middle paragraph. I believe those were the tables Α 6 7 from Mr. Chadwell's testimony in the very 8 beginning. 9 0 Okay, thank you. That was just my 10 question for clarification. 11 Α Sure. 12 And then, you mentioned, on Page Q 13 2, you're discussing the need to include 14 bearing acres. Is that correct? Bearing 15 trees. 16 Α Bearing trees versus acres. 17 Correct, sorry, thank you. Q Mу 18 question is how would a newly planted tree be 19 counted? I believe earlier in the day we 20 heard that it took about five years for a tree to become fully productive. 21 22 Α That's correct. Initially, a new

Page 259 1 planting is classified as non-bearing. And 2 after so many years, it is put into the 3 bearing category. I think three or four years is the time frame. The first couple of years, 4 5 it is still considered non-bearing, which we do have a number of acres in that category 6 7 today from trees that were removed from canker that have been reset and are still non-8 9 bearing. 10 Thank you for that clarification. 0 11 And, just to, I guess, to focus on other 12 proposals, other than Proposal No. 3, are you 13 aware of, in general, the other proposals 14 being proposed today? 15 Α Yes. 16 Q And are you supportive of those? 17 Yes. Α 18 To what extent have you been 0 19 involved in the development of these 20 proposals? I'm, as I stated, I'm not on the 21 Α 22 committee, but attend the committee meetings.

Page 260 1 And, as a fresh grower and shipper, we're 2 involved with the rule making that the 3 committee develops. And are you aware of outreach 4 Q 5 activities to educate the industry at large about the proposals? 6 7 I think, as has been stated, many Α of us serve on a number of committees, so 8 9 these things kind of work their way around as 10 different meetings take place. 11 0 So, in your opinion, it's fairly 12 widely known throughout the industry? 13 Α Yes. 14 What's being proposed today. Q 15 Α Yes. 16 Thank you. No further questions. 0 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else has 18 questions for Mr. Smith. Mr. McFetridge. 19 EXAMINATION 20 BY MR. MCFETRIDGE: Mr. Smith, just one quick 21 Q 22 question. For Proposal No. 3, redistricting,

Page 261 1 can you foresee any undue burden that would be 2 placed on any small growers or handlers? 3 Α No I don't. You stated here that Ben Hill 4 Q 5 Griffin, Inc., that's where you are a grower for them? 6 7 I work for Ben Hill Griffin. Α You work for them. 8 0 As an employee 9 for them, how do you feel about Proposal 9 10 about grower sign-ups? 11 Α I think that would also be 12 beneficial. That we have, the majority of our 13 fruit is company-owned that we pack. But we 14 do have outside growers that we handle fruit 15 for. So some of, I mean, other than our 16 communication, some of those growers would not, necessarily, be aware of meetings, 17 18 notices and so forth. So, by having that 19 comprehensive list to make sure you're 20 targeting all of those folks, I think that 21 would be an improvement. 22 Thank you very much. Q

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1	JUDGE CLIFTON: Who else from USDA
2	has questions of Mr. Smith? Who else in the
3	room has questions of Mr. Smith? Ms.
4	Schmaedick.
5	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
6	Q Mr. Smith, you just, I believe
7	spoke to Proposal No. 9, handler registration.
8	Is that correct?
9	A Yes.
10	Q Are you aware of any other impacts
11	that a handler registration authority would
12	have on the industry?
13	A No, other than just increased
14	communication of proposals and meetings for
15	the committee.
16	Q Are you aware of what the
17	functionality of a handler registration might
18	be for purposes other than information
19	gathering?
20	A I'm not sure I follow. As far as?
21	Q For example, would a handler
22	registration, could it, theoretically, be used
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Page 263 1 as a compliance tool? 2 Α I don't think so. I mean, I think, I think it would be beneficial to 3 ensure, but as a shipper, you know your own 4 5 So, if there's a compliance issue, growers. 6 you're going to make sure your own growers are 7 in compliance with whatever the rules might 8 be. So, maybe that's handled more 9 individually. I don't know if, by gathering 10 that information through the handlers of the 11 individual growers, if that would be a help. 12 I guess it would depend on what the issue was. 13 Could you foresee handler 0 14 registration being a compliance tool for 15 ensuring that handlers comply with assessment 16 rules? 17 Α Yes, I think that would, you would 18 be ensuring that everyone's covered. That 19 everyone is accounted for. 20 And, in your opinion, is that a 0 21 good idea? 22 I think you want to make sure Α

Page 264 1 you're capturing all the growers that should 2 be participating as fresh growers, yes. 3 Q And your opinion on capturing the participation of handlers and assessments? 4 5 Yes, that you would, I mean, the Α more accountability of having all growers 6 involved, I think, is better. 7 8 Thank you. No further questions. Q 9 JUDGE CLIFTON: Are there other 10 questions for Mr. Smith from anyone in the 11 room? 12 (No response.) 13 JUDGE CLIFTON: Is there any objection to the admission into evidence of 14 Exhibit 22? 15 16 (No response.) 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: There is none. 18 Exhibit 22 is admitted into evidence. Mr. 19 Smith, is there anything else you'd like to 20 add? 21 (Whereupon Exhibit No. 22 22 was received into

Page 265 1 evidence.) 2 THE WITNESS: No ma'am. 3 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Thank 4 you so much. 5 THE WITNESS: Thank you. JUDGE CLIFTON: You may step down. 6 7 And, Mr. Chadwell, who will be the next witness? 8 9 MR. CHADWELL: It would be 10 Proposal No. 1, variety development. 11 JUDGE CLIFTON: Do you want to 12 deal now with the testimony of the gentleman who had to leave, Mr. Chaires? 13 14 MR. CHADWELL: Yes. 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Who 16 would like to handle that? 17 MR. HUNT: Yes, if I could, I was 18 going to read Mr. Chaires's testimony. I am 19 Frank Hunt, III. And I will read in Mr. 20 Chaires's testimony. And then, if I'm 21 correct, then Dr. Gmitter will follow that. 22 And then, I would follow with my testimony,

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1	all in regards to Proposal 1.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, and
3	we've had some mention of this earlier, but I
4	just want the person who knows best to explain
5	why it is that Mr. Chaires was here this
6	morning when we started.
7	MR. HUNT: Okay, Mr. Chaires spent
8	a couple days in the hospital with pneumonia
9	here, what about a week ago, a little less
10	than a week ago, and was released on Sunday.
11	And so, he was not capable of continuing. We
12	felt like he needed to go. He has respiratory
13	issues from his illness.
14	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, and why
15	is it that you know that this is his
16	testimony?
17	MR. HUNT: I happen to have it in
18	front of me with his name on it.
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: Who knows, who can
20	establish that this is what he would have
21	provided were he here?
22	MR. HUNT: Okay, Mr. Chaires is

Page 267 1 the executive --2 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, just a minute. One at a time. 3 MR. HUNT: Mr. Chaires is the 4 5 executive director of the Florida Citrus Packers, and I serve as president of Florida 6 7 Citrus Packers, and so we have worked very 8 closely on these testimonies together, along 9 with Mr. Hamner and others. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: That's very 11 helpful. Thank you. All right, let's go off 12 record while we distribute the testimony of Mr. Chaires. 13 14 (Off the record.) 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, we've 16 back on record at 3:38. Would you please 17 spell the name of Mr. Chaires? 18 MR. HUNT: Okay. It's J. Peter 19 Chaires, the letter J, and then P-e-t-e-r, C-20 h-a-i-r-e-s. 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, thank 22 And I have marked the document that says you. Neal R. Gross & Co., Inc.

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1	testimony, J. Peter Chaires as Exhibit 23, and
2	it's a five-page document. And you will be
3	reading it into the record. I'd like for you
4	to identify yourself, spell both your names,
5	and remember that you remain under oath.
6	(Whereupon Exhibit No.
7	23 was marked for
8	identification.)
9	Whereupon,
10	FRANK M. HUNT, III,
11	previously called as a witness herein, having
12	been previously duly sworn, testified as
13	follows:
14	THE WITNESS: Yes, okay. I am
15	Frank M. Hunt, F-r-a-n-k, M, H-u-n-t.
16	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, are you
17	familiar with this testimony that's been
18	marked as Exhibit 23?
19	THE WITNESS: Yes, I am.
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: And do you know
21	that Mr. Chaires intended to present it
22	himself today?

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1	THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: You may proceed.
3	TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY FRANK HUNT
4	ON BEHALF OF PETER CHAIRES
5	THE WITNESS: My name is Peter
6	Chaires, and I reside at 457 Cardinal Oaks
7	Court, Lake Mary, Florida 32746. I serve as
8	executive director of New Varieties
9	Development and Management Corporation, NVDMC.
10	NVDMC is a grower funded, not-for-profit
11	corporation formed in 2005, which is funded
12	through a contract with the Florida Department
13	of Citrus.
14	NVDMC's mission is to support the
15	development of new citrus varieties, identify,
16	acquire and evaluate varieties from other
17	global production areas, serve as a central
18	licensing mechanism for proprietary citrus
19	varieties on behalf of nurseries, growers and
20	packers. Liaison with state and federal
21	agencies in the field of variety development
22	and import procedures, and to assure that

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1	Florida citrus producers have timely and
2	affordable access to new varieties.
3	I also serve as executive vice
4	president of the Florida Citrus Packers, a 53-
5	year old, not-for-profit cooperative
6	association. Florida Citrus Packers
7	represents the interests of commercial packers
8	and shippers of fresh citrus fruit. The
9	organization involves itself in regulatory,
10	legislative, marketing and market access
11	activities. There are presently 29 packing
12	houses within its membership.
13	Proposal No. 1a revises Section
14	905.4 to read as follows: Section 904.4,
15	fruit. Fruit means any or all varieties of
16	the following types of citrus fruits grown in
17	the production area: (a) citrus sinesis,
18	Osbeck, commonly called oranges; (b) citrus
19	paradisi, McFadyen, commonly called
20	grapefruit; (c) citrus reticulata, commonly
21	called tangerines or mandarin; (d) citrus
22	grandis, Osbeck, commonly called pummelo; and

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1	(e) citrus hybrids that are hybrids between or
2	among one or more of the four fruits (a)
3	through (d) of this section and the following:
4	trifoliate orange (Poncirus trifoliate), sour
5	orange (C. aurantium), lemon (C. limon), lime
6	(C. aurantifolia, citron (C. medica), kumquat
7	(Fortunella species), tangelo (C. reticulata
8	crossed with C. paradisi or C. grandis),
9	tangor (C. reticulata crossed with C.
10	sinensis), and varieties of these species.
11	In addition, citrus hybrids
12	include tangelo (C. reticulata crossed with C.
13	paradisi or C. grandis), tangor (C. reticulata
14	crossed with C. sinesis), and temple oranges,
15	and varieties thereof.
16	Proposal 1b would revise 905.5 to
17	read as follows: Section 905.5, variety.
18	Variety or varieties means any one or more of
19	the following classifications or groupings of
20	fruit: (a) oranges, (a)(1) would be early and
21	midseason oranges, (2) Valencia, Lue Gim Gong,
22	or similar late maturing oranges of the

Page 2721Valencia type, (3) navel oranges.2(b) would be grapefruit, red3grapefruit, to include all shades of color and4white grapefruit. (c) would be tangerines and5mandarins which would include (1) Dancy and6similar tangerines, (2) Robinson tangerines,7(3) Honey tangerines, (4) Fall-glo tangerines,8(5) US Early Pride tangerines, (6) Sunburst9tangerines, (7) W-Murcott tangerines, and (8)10tangors. (d) Pummelos, Hirado Buntan and11other pink seeded pummelos. (e) would be12citrus hybrids which would be Tangelos,13including Orlando Tangelo and Minneola14Tangelo, and (2) Temple oranges. (f) other15varieties of citrus fruits specified in 905.4,16including hybrids, as recommended and approved17by the secretary, provided that in order to18add any hybrid variety of citrus fruit to be19regulated under this provision, such variety20must exhibit similar characteristics and be21subject to cultural practices common to22existing regulated varieties.		
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1	New citrus varieties are the
2	lifeblood of our industry. In Florida many of
3	the mainline varieties we have packed and sold
4	for generations have either succumbed to pest
5	and disease challenges, or reached a point of
6	market obsolescence. Florida growers have
7	invested heavily and steadily in the
8	development of new citrus varieties to meet
9	changing demand and consumer preferences.
10	It is imperative that Marketing
11	Order 905 be amended to keep pace with the
12	rapidly changing industry, and to maximize its
13	relevance and utility to the industry. The
14	utilization of varieties in fresh market
15	channels is quite variable. The most recent
16	data indicates that only five percent of
17	Florida round orange production was utilized
18	fresh.
19	However, fresh packed round
20	oranges account for up to 60 percent of the
21	volume of some family-owned Florida packing
22	houses. This fruit is economically

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Page 274 1 significant for their business. Approximately 2 81 percent of Florida navel oranges are 3 utilized fresh. And though they are not a large part of statewide production, they are 4 5 very significant to many packing operations and producers. 6 7 Approximately 50 percent of the 8 Florida red grapefruit crop is now utilized 9 But we hope to improve on this figure fresh. 10 with time. Packing a variety fresh often 11 provides superior returns to the grower, and 12 is the preferred route of utilization for navel oranges, grapefruit and specialty 13 14 varieties. The ability to regulate fresh 15 shipments protects the interest of growers. 16 The proposed amendment are 17 intended to update order language to expand 18 the definition of fruit and varieties to 19 include new varieties and hybrids of citrus, 20 consolidate fresh citrus regulation, and 21 better reflect current Florida citrus industry 22 operations. Marketing Order 905 was last

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1	amended in 2009. Since that time, there have
2	been many changes within the fresh segment of
3	the Florida citrus industry.
4	The Florida citrus industry
5	continues to contract due to the loss of
6	bearing trees and production, which has been
7	brought about by the effect of two diseases,
8	citrus canker and greening, and natural
9	disasters such as hurricanes. Also, the
10	percent of Florida's citrus crop utilized for
11	fresh shipment has contracted to approximately
12	nine percent of the citrus produced in
13	Florida.
14	During these years, Florida's
15	bearing citrus trees have declined by 29
16	percent, production by 42 percent, and fresh
17	utilization by 45 percent. The loss of
18	production has placed increased pressure on
19	Florida fresh packing operations. In
20	addition, the value of the juice produced by
21	some of the most, some or most of the fresh
22	fruit varieties has continued to decline,

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1	which has further segmented the fresh from the
2	process sector of the Florida citrus industry.
3	The establishment of quality
4	standards supports demand and improves
5	Florida's competition position. To maintain
6	this benefit of the marketing order, the CAC
7	must include new varieties and hybrids as they
8	are developed and gain consumer acceptance.
9	They amendment to include new varieties and
10	hybrids could have a great impact on growers,
11	handlers and consumers by ensuring that new
12	varieties meet the same quality standards
13	applied to current varieties.
14	Without the development of
15	seedless and easy-to-peel varieties and
16	hybrids that can produce in Florida, consumers
17	will seek varieties currently produced in
18	California and imported from Spain, Australia
19	and South Africa. Without new varieties and
20	hybrids, the future for fresh Florida citrus
21	would be in doubt.
22	However, the existence of abundant

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1	land, infrastructure, expertise, and
2	productive breeding programs fuel the belief
3	that the downward trends will be reversed.
4	When new varieties and hybrids are available
5	to the Florida citrus industry, it will be
6	important that the marketing order have the
7	authority to regulate quality and size
8	standards, and that it's language be inclusive
9	of all material likely to emerge from the
10	breeding programs.
11	Finally, the ability to regulate
12	all varieties utilized in fresh channels
13	assures universal participation and support.
14	It is important that all varieties participate
15	in programs related to quality, research and
16	promotion. Universal participation and
17	inclusion assures maximum benefit to the
18	Florida grower.
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: First, I want to
20	ask if there's any objection to Exhibit 23
21	being admitted into evidence due to the fact
22	that Mr. Chaires is not, himself, here for

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1	cross examination. Is there any objection?
2	(No response.)
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: There is none. I
4	admit into evidence Exhibit 23. Mr. Hunt, are
5	you comfortable in answering, or at least
6	attempting to answer any questions that anyone
7	here might have about the statements in
8	Exhibit 23?
9	(Whereupon Exhibit No.
10	23 was received into
11	evidence.)
12	THE WITNESS: With Dr. Gmitter's
13	support here beside me, I'm comfortable trying
14	to answer any questions.
15	JUDGE CLIFTON: Good. All right,
16	let's take it that way, then. First of all,
17	who from USDA has any questions about the
18	content in Exhibit 23? Ms. Schmaedick.
19	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you, Your
20	Honor.
21	EXAMINATION
22	BY MS. SCHAMEDICK:

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1	Q And thank you, Mr. Hunt, for
2	reading in the testimony for your colleague.
3	I was wondering if you could speak to the
4	inclusion of pummelos into the new definition
5	of fruit? Why are pummelos being added?
6	A Well, you know, pummelos is a
7	variety that, it's actually been a minor use
8	variety that's out there. But it is of a
9	citrus type, and pummelos are gaining
10	popularity. And a pummelo is a
11	grapefruit-like fruit. And so, it seemed that
12	pummelos should come under regulation. Dr.
13	Gmitter, would you add anything to that, or is
14	that
15	DR. GMITTER: The production of
16	pummelo in Florida, as well as in California,
17	is increasing. It's initially been targeted
18	at Asian markets. But there is becoming more
19	and more mainstream interest and acceptance of
20	the variety. You can buy them at Walmart. So
21	pummelo has, in fact, become a player in very
22	recent years.

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1	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
2	Q Would this be an example of a
3	fruit that has met or is starting to cross
4	that commercially viable threshold that we
5	spoke of earlier?
6	A I think it would be.
7	Q And, I apologize up front if I,
8	this may seem like a really silly question,
9	but is pummelo its own fruit, or is it a
10	variety of another fruit?
11	MS. SCHMAEDICK: And, perhaps,
12	that might be a better question for you, Dr.
13	Gmitter.
14	DR. GMITTER: Pummelo is a
15	category of fruit. There are a number of
16	different varieties of pummelo that exist in
17	the world. There are white fleshed pummelos.
18	There are red fleshed, pink fleshed, even
19	green fleshed pummelos. So, it's one of the
20	true biological species in citrus, and there's
21	a great diversity in fruit types. But they
22	all would be recognized as distinctive based

Page 281 on their size. They're a large fruit. Bigger than any other citrus fruit. MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you, I appreciate that clarification. So, would that be the reason for including it as a distinct line item, if you will, in the definition of fruit, as well as a specific mention under variety or the potential parentage of future hybrids? DR. GMITTER: They are distinctly different from all other citrus fruit. So, I think it's justified, it's rational that they should be listed as a separate item, in my opinion. MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. I appreciate that. I do have further questions about the proposed definitions and the changes to these two definitions. I'm wondering if I should, Your Honor, if I should just ask them now, or if I should wait for further testimony.	1	
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22 JUDGE CLIFTON: Perhaps you should	21	testimony.
	22	JUDGE CLIFTON: Perhaps you should

Page 282 1 wait, because we don't know what Dr. Gmitter 2 is going to say. You can always come back to 3 Exhibit 23 to ask questions of him, Mr. Hunt, 4 or anyone else. So, it's up to you. The 5 hardest part will be knowing how to pronounce the question you want to ask. 6 7 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you for I will wait for further 8 that quidance. 9 testimony. Thank you. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, would 11 anyone else from USDA like to ask any 12 questions now about Exhibit 23? And you all 13 can wait until you have Dr. Gmitter or Mr. 14 Hunt testifying, and then use Exhibit 23 to 15 ask questions if you'd like. All right, are 16 there any other questions from anyone in the 17 room right now about Exhibit 23? Everyone may 18 bring it up later if you wish. But, are there 19 any questions right now? 20 (No response.) 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, none. 22 Then, Dr. Gmitter, I think you're next.

Page 283 1 MR. HUNT: Well, George is 2 throwing us a curve again, Your Honor. He 3 suggested, while I have the mic, to go ahead and read my testimony, and then we'll have Dr. 4 5 Gmitter, if that would be okay. JUDGE CLIFTON: Certainly, fine. 6 7 MR. HUNT: I am, basically, just 8 in support of the proposal with my testimony, 9 so I'll go ahead and read that, if that would 10 be all right. And Mr. Chadwell's passing out 11 copies. 12 Okay now, hold on JUDGE CLIFTON: just a second. What he's passing out now is 13 14 a black and white version of what I had in 15 color attached to Mr. Chaires testimony. So, 16 it's the same, correct? 17 MR. HAMNER: They had them 18 attached --19 MR. HUNT: I don't know whether it 20 I assume it is. It looks the is or not. 21 same. 22 Yes, they were DR. GMITTER:

Page 284 1 attached, yes. JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. I like the 2 3 color version myself. 4 MR. HUNT: Okay, Duke, collect 5 that other copy, then. JUDGE CLIFTON: So I'm going to 6 7 mark the document that has very beautiful 8 letterhead that says Hunt Bros., brothers abbreviated, as Exhibit 24. All right, and 9 10 Mr. Hunt, although you remain sworn, tell me 11 again your full name and spell it, please. 12 (Whereupon Exhibit No. 13 24 was marked for 14 identification.) 15 Whereupon, FRANK M. HUNT, III, 16 17 recalled as a witness herein, having been 18 previously duly sworn, testified as follows: 19 THE WITNESS: I'm Frank M. Hunt, 20 III, F-r-a-n-k, letter M, H-u-n-t, III. 21 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. You 22 may proceed.

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1	TESTIMONY BY FRANK M. HUNT, III
2	THE WITNESS: Okay, I reside at
3	803 North Lakeshore Boulevard, Lake Wales,
4	Florida. I am president of Hunt Bros.
5	Cooperative located in Lake Wales, Florida.
6	Hunt Bros. is a closely held family citrus
7	cooperative made up of family members or
8	family-controlled corporations. Hunt Bros.
9	was founded in 1922 by my grandfather, and
10	today we are into the fourth generation of
11	family members working in the business.
12	We are growers, packers and
13	shippers of fresh Florida citrus, producing
14	and packing fresh various varieties of navel
15	oranges, round oranges, tangerines, tangelos
16	and grapefruit. Our fresh fruit is all
17	marketed and sold by Seald Sweet, LLC located
18	in Vero, Florida. Hunt Bros. Cooperative
19	would be considered by the SBA definition, a
20	large grower and shipper.
21	I am currently serving as
22	president of Florida Citrus Packers and am a

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1	charter board member of the New Varieties
2	Development and Management Corporation, of
3	which I am a past president. I currently
4	serve on the committee as a cooperative
5	shipper member.
6	The development and availability
7	of new fresh citrus varieties is of great
8	importance to our family business. Although
9	we see a bright and continued future for many
10	of the varieties we currently pack, it is
11	clear that we also need access to new
12	varieties that meet changing consumer
13	preferences, and that are more robust and able
14	to survive our unique mix of pest and
15	diseases.
16	We recognize that our best hope
17	will be varieties bred in our climate.
18	Because of this, we have invested tremendous
19	time and effort to support variety development
20	and commercialization programs. Shifts in
21	variety demand can change an industry quickly.
22	Thirty years ago, our company packed

substantial quantities of Robinson and Dancy
 tangerines.

3 Though these were fine varieties for the time, they both fell into disfavor. 4 5 They were quickly supplanted by Fall-Glo and Sunburst tangerines. Eventually, so few of 6 7 the Robinson and Dancy varieties were packed 8 that they were both deregulated. Honey 9 tangerines have been packed throughout this 10 time period, but are now seeing an erosion of 11 support.

12 Fast forward to 2012. For the 13 first time in a quarter century, the top two 14 propagated tangerine varieties were not 15 Sunburst or Honeys. There were two new 16 tangerines that are rapidly making inroads. 17 Packers need to be prepared, and the marketing 18 order needs to be prepared. Hunt Bros. 19 intends to plant experimental trials of new 20 easy-peel and seedless varieties in the near 21 Those that prove to be the best future. 22 performers, and which our marketing company

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1	determine meet the demands of consumers, will
2	be planted in greater quantity.
3	Companies that plan to be in this
4	business for the long term must adapt with the
5	times, and we are taking the steps we feel are
6	necessary to position ourselves for long-term
7	success. It is important to Hunt Bros. and
8	the Florida citrus industry that all new
9	varieties emerging from the University of
10	Florida and USDA breeding programs be eligible
11	for regulation under Marketing Order 905.
12	The ability to regulate these
13	varieties will assure our company, and other
14	like us, that the quality and consistency of
15	the fruit entering channels of trade will meet
16	consumer demand, compete with product from
17	other global production areas, and assure a
18	fair economic return. The marketing order
19	revisions will enable the regulation of new
20	varieties, giving us the confidence to plant
21	and invest.
22	Hunt Bros. is also heavily

Page 289 1 invested in the process sector of the Florida 2 citrus industry. We were one of the founding 3 members of what is today known as Florida's 4 Natural. It is our expectation that the 5 process side of our business will remain an important market. However, we also see a 6 7 bright future for the fresh sector. Florida is the closest local supplier to the eastern 8 9 seaboard of the United States, the largest 10 citrus consuming populous in the world. 11 This is a coveted market by many, 12 and one that Florida is well positioned to recapture. New consumer-friend varieties will 13 14 be a key to our competitive position in this 15 market. Thank you. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, Mr. 17 Hunt. Before I invite other questions, I 18 notice that the first page has a date April 19 19, 2013, and the second page has a date April 20 22, 2013, but it was clearly all one 21 statement. Do you have any comment about 22 those dates?

Page 290 1 THE WITNESS: I think the second 2 one was computer generated. So, I didn't 3 notice it when it was printed. 4 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Now, I 5 would invite questions, first by USDA employees. 6 7 THE WITNESS: Okay, it perhaps might be, in regards to this, if they would 8 allow Dr. Gmitter to go ahead with his. And 9 10 then we can answer questions together. It 11 might save us a little bit of time. 12 That's fine with JUDGE CLIFTON: 13 me. 14 If that's okay. THE WITNESS: 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: That's fine with 16 everyone. We'll do that. Dr. Gmitter, would 17 you, first, you're sworn, so if you'll just 18 state and spell your name for us. 19 Whereupon, 20 DR. FRED GMITTER, JR., 21 recalled as a witness herein, having been 22 previously duly sworn, testified as follows:

Page 291 1 THE WITNESS: My name is Fred 2 Gmitter, F-r-e-d. The last name spelled G-m-3 i-t-t-e-r. 4 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, and I 5 see Jr. THE WITNESS: Jr. 6 7 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, and 8 what is your doctorate in? 9 THE WITNESS: I have a PhD in 10 plant breeding and genetics through the 11 Department of Horticultural Sciences at the 12 University of Florida. 13 JUDGE CLIFTON: Excellent. Well, 14 we're very happy to have you here. 15 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, your 17 testimony is being distributed now, and I have 18 five pages here, and I'm marking that as 19 Exhibit 25. And you may proceed. 20 (Whereupon Exhibit No. 25 was marked for 21 22 identification.)

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1	TESTIMONY BY FRED GMITTER
2	THE WITNESS: Thank you. I am a
3	professor with a 95 percent research
4	appointment in citrus breeding and genetics,
5	based at the University of Florida's Citrus
6	Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred,
7	since 1985. I received my BA and MS degrees
8	from Rutgers, the state university of New
9	Jersey, with a specialization in plant
10	breeding.
11	I, subsequently, was graduated
12	from the University of Florida in 1985, and
13	was awarded the PhD degree with a
14	specialization in citrus genetics and
15	breeding. I have nearly 30 years of
16	professional experience in the area of citrus
17	genetics.
18	Currently, I am a University of
19	Florida research foundation professor of
20	citrus genetics and breeding at the University
21	of Florida's Citrus Research and Education
22	Center, and a member of the faculty of the

Page 293 1 Department of Horticultural Sciences where I 2 have remained since 1985. 3 My research is focused on the development of genetically improved citrus 4 5 scion and rootstock varieties through the application of traditional breeding 6 7 approaches, and the incorporation of various tools and techniques of molecular biology and 8 9 genomics. In addition, my research program is 10 deeply involved in structural and functional 11 genomics of citrus. 12 I have produced more than 130 research articles on citrus genetics and 13 14 breeding that include refereed journal 15 publications, book chapters, bulletins, 16 invited manuscripts and trade journal 17 articles. I have gained recognition 18 nationally and internationally for my 19 accomplishments and achievements in this 20 research area, as evidence by more than 85 21 invitations to speak on these topics at 22 national and international conferences,

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1 meetings and symposiums.

2	I served as the chair of the Crop
3	Germplasm Committee of the National Clonal
4	Germplasm Repository for citrus and dates. I
5	have served as the leader of the International
6	Citrus Genomics Consortium, ICGC, from 2006
7	until now. During the past two years, I have
8	been a principal investigator, PI, or co-PI on
9	competitive research grant projects that have
10	totaled more than \$4 million.
11	I serve on the editorial board of
12	several national and international journals.
13	I am also an ad hoc reviewer of several
14	national research program agencies in plant
15	genetics, genomics and breeding, including the
16	USDA National Research Initiative and National
17	Science Foundation.
18	Most relevant to today's topic, I
19	have been responsible, along with my
20	colleagues at UF, for the development and
21	release of more than 10 new citrus varieties
22	that are aimed at improving the

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1	competitiveness of the Florida citrus
2	industry, processing and fresh market segments
3	both, in the domestic and global markets.
4	By providing improvements in
5	existing categories, e.g., sweet oranges with
6	earlier or later maturity, improved color and
7	flavor attributes, et cetera, as well as
8	generating new and unique hybrids that may
9	revitalize the struggling fresh fruit
10	business.
11	The scientific world is in the
12	midst of a pervasive revolution based on
13	genome sequencing technology, which is leading
14	to dramatic new insights on fundamental
15	understanding of biological organisms and
16	their relationships one to another. Citrus
17	science is sure to be affected by these
18	tremendous advances in technology, and
19	subsequent new understandings.
20	However, these advances are
21	proceeding more rapidly than are the
22	conventions of taxonomy upon which the

Page 296 1 definitions of citrus species and their derived varieties are based. At the present 2 3 time, I see no need to be concerned with 4 changes in names or identifies of citrus 5 species as they currently exist. There are two changes I would 6 7 recommend to the existing, and I'll add here, 8 proposed definitions as found in 905.4, fruit, simply to be in line with currently accepted 9 10 Specifically, the currently accepted norms. 11 binomial for pummelo is citrus maxima merr, 12 m-e-r-r, not citrus grandis, as listed previously. Further, there is an incorrect 13 14 spelling of poncirus trifoliata, ending with 15 an "a", not p. trifoliate, ending with an "e" as currently written. Minor corrections from 16 a professor. 17 18 As indicated, I am a citrus 19 breeder who, together with colleagues, has 20 released many new varieties already, some of which have already been produced and marketed 21 22 commercially, such as our sugar belle mandarin

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1	hybrid and the valquarius sweet orange, which
2	is just now coming into production for the
3	juice industry. We are actively developing
4	several more that we hope may have benefit to
5	the Florida citrus industry in the coming
6	years.
7	Some of these will, very
8	obviously, fit into existing categories such
9	as sweet orange. But others, clearly, are of
10	hybrid origin, and will present relatively
11	unique attributes that may distinguish them
12	from currently known market varieties.
13	Varieties are being released by the UF Citrus
14	Breeding Program in a fast track testing
15	option under pre-negotiated conditions, where
16	limited numbers of trees will be grown by
17	interested growers, but no fruit will be
18	allowed for sale.
19	Once these selections have been
20	assessed for their potential value, and
21	growers or others make decisions to plant
22	sufficient numbers of trees to produce a

Page 298 1 supply of fruit for marketing through ordinary commercial channels, commercialization will 2 3 proceed. In my opinion, this seems a logical 4 point at which questions regarding regulation 5 of quality standards could be considered and addressed. 6 7 There will, undoubtedly, be situations where the fruit of varieties will 8 9 not meet quality or size standards, 10 particularly the latter. The fresh citrus 11 market has seen dramatic growth in consumer 12 preference for small sized mandarin fruit that are easy to peel, seedless and convenient. 13 14 The breeding programs in Florida have made 15 advanced selections which, currently, are 16 under evaluation to meet this relatively new 17 consumer demand, and I believe these would not 18 meet currently defined standards on size. 19 Another example where existing 20 quality standards may not readily be met is a new variety that has very recently been made 21 available, currently known as UF914. 22 This is

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1	a hybrid of pummelo with grapefruit that
2	produces fruit larger than the otherwise
3	resembling ordinary grapefruit. It,
4	generally, has higher sugar levels and lower
5	acidity, yet retains the red pigmentation,
6	flavor and aroma of ordinary grapefruit.
7	A critical important attribute of
8	this particular variety is its extremely low
9	content of furanocoumarins, those chemicals
10	contained in ordinary grapefruit that are
11	responsible for the so-called grapefruit juice
12	effect, and subsequent medical recommendations
13	regarding limited grapefruit consumption. As
14	a consequence of its unique chemical
15	composition, there could be a very substantial
16	demand for fruit of this variety by consumers.
17	It is now UF policy that new
18	citrus varieties, indeed, whenever practical,
19	all new plant varieties developed, are
20	patented or protected under appropriate
21	conventions to protect intellectual property.
22	New varieties can be made available as

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1	exclusive or general releases. Under the
2	former, negotiations take place according to
3	publicly known UF policies, and license are
4	granted to public or private entities that
5	become responsible for commercialization
6	policies, including decisions in industry-wide
7	production levels, distribution and
8	availability of propagation materials, et
9	cetra. Trademark protection can be sought, as
10	well.
11	General releases are those absent
12	any exclusivity, though royalty fees will
13	still, most likely, be established. Further
14	details on the UF policy and associated
15	processes can be obtained from the UF IFIS
16	deemed for research, as well as from the
17	Florida Foundation Seed Producers, a non-
18	profit direct support organization of UF with
19	responsibility for managing plant germplasm
20	and new varieties coming from the breeding
21	program.
22	In my opinion, it is essential

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1	that the industry be enabled to utilize the
2	provisions of Marketing Order 905 in the
3	rapidly changing citrus variety landscape,
4	with many more new varieties becoming
5	available than ever before, to support the
6	position of Florida fresh industry and the
7	evolving and fluid marketplace that is
8	currently at hand.
9	New varieties, by their very
10	nature, will present unique marketing
11	opportunities. But also will, implicitly,
12	present different and unique quality
13	attributes that will likely require visitation
14	of the measures and standards of quality
15	relative to those applied to the current
16	portfolio of varieties. The success of these
17	new varieties, as well as the future of
18	Florida's fresh citrus industry, will be
19	better secured by ensuring that new varieties
20	will be required to meet quality standards.
21	Thank you.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, Dr.

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1	Gmitter. I'm going to ask USDA employees to
2	ask any questions you have of either Dr.
3	Gmitter or Mr. Hunt, and you may refer to any
4	of the exhibits that we have, including 24 and
5	25. Ms. Schmaedick, would you begin?
6	EXAMINATION
7	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
8	Q Thank you, Dr. Gmitter, for your
9	testimony. I'd like to start with just a few
10	clarification of terms of that you used in
11	your testimony. On Page 1, I am not familiar
12	with citrus scion. Could you tell me what
13	that means, or what that is?
14	A Certainly. Citrus trees are
15	composite organisms. There is a rootstock and
16	a scion. A scion is the fruiting variety. It
17	may be an orange, a mandarin, a pummelo, and
18	it is grafted or budded onto a rootstock,
19	which is a genetically distinct plant. Most
20	fruit crops, many fruit crops are grown in
21	this way; apples, peaches, grapes. There is
22	a rootstock and there is a scion, which is the

Page 303 1 fruiting variety. 2 Thank you for that clarification. 0 3 I aware of that technique, I just didn't know the term, so thank you. And I believe the 4 5 term functional genomics. I think you touched on that later in your testimony. But could 6 7 you just tell us what that is in layman's terms, please? 8 9 The simple answer is no. Α But I 10 will give it a shot. In the past 15 years, 11 there's been an explosion in biological 12 sciences, in genome sequencing. The genome is the collection of DNA of any given organism, 13 14 and breaking it down into the individual four 15 letters of the genetic code. And so, we 16 produce these things for a number of 17 organisms, including many citrus varieties. 18 So now we have a catalog, a 19 library of all the genes that exist within an 20 orange, within a mandarin, whatever citrus you're looking at. The question then becomes 21 22 what do these genes actually do. We can

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1	define them based on computer algorithms and
2	complex software. We can identify genes based
3	on the characteristics of the sequences. But
4	there are about 25,000 to 30,000 genes in the
5	genome.
6	And so the question, then, really
7	becomes which genes are responsible for what
8	attributes, what characteristics, what
9	phenomena, what metabolism, what whatever you
10	want to look at. So that's as close as I can
11	get in layman's terms to what functional
12	genomics is.
13	Q And there are only 30,000?
14	A Yes. Actually fewer. It looks
15	more like 26,000, but it depends on who's
16	counting.
17	Q I apologize. I'd like to get back
18	to the question of pummelo that I asked
19	earlier. Are you familiar with how the
20	production of pummelos has increased over the
21	past few years? Can you tell me its, sort of,
22	relevance in context to the other types of

Page 305 1 citrus fruits that are being grown, and how 2 it's grown over time? 3 Α When I began working here 25 years 4 ago, there was a very limited production of 5 pummelo. Over the years, I cannot tell you the acreage or the rate of increase, but over 6 7 the years it has become, as I mentioned earlier, an item of general commerce. When I 8 9 began here, most of the pummelos that were 10 grown in Florida were marketed up the east 11 coast, primarily to Asian food stores, Asian 12 people being most familiar with the pummelo, and it actually being the citrus fruit of 13 14 choice for most Asians. 15 Now, in fact, you do see pummelos 16 in Walmart and in the supermarket chain 17 stores, and they're coming from Florida, as 18 well as from California. So it's increased. 19 It hasn't increased nearly as much as the 20 production of mandarins have in the last 10 years, exploding in California, for example. 21 22 But it has become an item of commerce.

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1	Our breeding program has developed
2	several new pummelo varieties with improved
3	attributes, and there is a growing interest
4	among some in the fresh citrus community to
5	produce these. It's still viewed more as a
6	niche market in many ways, but it's growing.
7	Q So, in your professional opinion,
8	the pummelo has arrived at the point where it
9	should be officially incorporated into the
10	marketing order's definition of fruit?
11	A In my opinion, yes.
12	JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Hamner,
13	identify yourself, please.
14	MR. HAMNER: George Hamner. The
15	way we understand commercially viable, though,
16	the committee would have to vote on that. And
17	in all candor, I would say probably not. That
18	the volume of pummelos, although increasing,
19	is probably not to what would be the level we
20	would consider commercially viable. Remember,
21	we're dealing with a document. We're looking
22	well into the future as to when it would be

Page 307 1 commercial, and that's why it's there, in my 2 opinion. 3 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you, Mr. 4 Hamner. Is it not also true that, in order to 5 be able to regulate a pummelo variety, it must first be officially included in the definition 6 7 of fruit of which varieties --MR. HAMNER: Yes, I think that's 8 9 the importance of what Dr. Gmitter is saying. 10 Is that he recognizes, as has made us 11 recognize, it is a variety or category unto 12 itself, where we used to think of it as a 13 grapefruit. 14 Thank you. MS. SCHMAEDICK: And 15 let's see, Mr. Hunt, I had a question for you. 16 Are you aware of any growers in the production 17 area that only produce pummelos? 18 MR. HUNT: That are only producing No I am not. 19 pummelos? MS. SCHMAEDICK: Dr. Gmitter? 20 21 DR. GMITTER: No I am not. 22 MR. HAMNER: There's one named Dr.

Page 308 1 Benimerito in the Indian River District. 2 MS. SCHMAEDICK: He only produces 3 4 MR. HAMNER: Yes. He only 5 produces pummelos on a 40-acre grove. Sells them in Miami and to the Asian groups and 6 7 potential around the country. He's the only one I know of. 8 9 JUDGE CLIFTON: Would you spell his name for us? 10 11 MR. HAMNER: Oh, man. It's spells 12 like it's sounds. He's Filipino. It's Dr. B-13 e-n-i-m-e-r-i-t-o, Benimerito. 14 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: Do it again. 16 MR. HAMNER: Dr., D-r. B-e-n-i-m-17 e-r-i-t-o. 18 JUDGE CLIFTON: So all of that, 19 that Benimerito is all just his last name. 20 MR. HAMNER: It's one word. 21 That's his last name, and I, we call him Beni, 22 so I have no idea what his real first name is.

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1	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, then, thank
2	you.
3	MS. SCHMAEDICK: And this
4	individual doesn't produce any of the other
5	citrus fruit?
6	MR. HAMNER: No he does not.
7	MS. SCHMAEDICK: To your
8	knowledge, is this individual aware of the
9	proposal to potentially regulate pummelos?
10	MR. HAMNER: Very much so, and he
11	is very in favor of doing this. He's wondered
12	why we're taking so long.
13	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. I'll
14	just ask the question, and whoever has an
15	answer can answer. How about that? Okay.
16	Are there any other, or any hybrid fruit or
17	varieties that are fairly new to the market
18	that are currently competing and not
19	regulated?
20	MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell.
21	Sugar belle is one that has, is it the sugar
22	belle?

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1	DR. GMITTER: That's right.
2	MR. CHADWELL: Is in it's, I would
3	still say in it's experimental stage, and has
4	not been classified nor regulated yet.
5	MS. SCHMAEDICK: And is the
6	MR. CHADWELL: Very limited
7	quantities have been produced.
8	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Is the sugar
9	belle a product of one of the current covered
10	categories? Is it an orange, grapefruit,
11	tangerine or tangelo?
12	DR. GMITTER: We released it and
13	called it a mandarin hybrid. So it's a
14	tangerine.
15	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you.
16	DR. GMITTER: Tangerine and
17	mandarin are
18	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Right, right.
19	DR. GMITTER: very confusing
20	terms, and have different meanings to
21	different people but, basically, are the same
22	thing.

Page 311 1 MS. SCHMAEDICK: So, in your 2 professional opinion, because it is part of 3 the tangerine family, the committee would have 4 the authority to recommend that that variety 5 become a regulated variety. Is that correct? DR. GMITTER: They could have 6 7 that, yes. 8 MR. HAMNER: George Hamner. Yes 9 ma'am, that's what I would think, yes. 10 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. 11 JUDGE CLIFTON: This is very 12 small. How do you spell sugar belle? 13 DR. GMITTER: S-u-g-a-r second 14 word belle. Here's your chance for French, B-15 e-1-1-e. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. 17 DR. GMITTER: You're welcome. 18 MS. SCHMAEDICK: And I believe 19 this question would be more directed toward 20 either Mr. Chadwell or Mr. Hamner. In your opinion, could assessment collected under the 21 22 marketing order potentially be used to develop

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1	hybrids, specifically, through research and
2	development programs?
3	MR. HAMNER: Yes ma'am, I do
4	believe that would be considered, could be
5	considered.
6	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Are there any
7	programs currently?
8	MR. HAMNER: No ma'am, because we
9	are, the Department of Citrus is funding the
10	development for the industry right now. But
11	if that failed, I guess the CAC could pick up
12	the ball if we needed to.
13	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Do you believe
14	that that would be supported by producers and
15	handlers regulated
16	MR. HAMNER: Yes ma'am. The
17	original New Varieties Development Management
18	Corporation was started through Florida Citrus
19	Packers and funded by fresh fruit growers,
20	transferred to the, the funding has gone to
21	the DOC, and it's still funded through fresh
22	fruit funds. And, as a fresh fruit items, yes

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1	ma'am, it would be very supported. You heard
2	Frank Hunt's testimony about the future. And
3	he's just, as a grower to himself, it's very
4	much across the board.
5	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. I'm
6	not sure if this particular issue is relevant
7	in the citrus industry, but Dr. Gmitter you
8	earlier said that the hybrid process, I guess,
9	involves genetic mapping and, I guess,
10	manipulation, perhaps, of the genetics to
11	create hybrids. Is that correct?
12	DR. GMITTER: Genetic mapping is a
13	tool.
14	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Oh, I'm sorry.
15	DR. GMITTER: That's okay.
16	MS. SCHMAEDICK: I'm not very
17	technical in this area.
18	DR. GMITTER: That's all right.
19	Of the varieties that we've produced up until
20	this point in time that have been made
21	available for release, these have all been
22	developed using traditional plant breeding

Page 314 1 approaches, including crossing a male and a 2 female parent, as well as the selection of naturally occurring mutations. Which has been 3 the history of citrus genetic improvement for 4 5 several millennia. MS. SCHMAEDICK: So, I guess my 6 7 question is, and I think you touched on this 8 in your testimony. In the process of 9 developing these hybrids, you mentioned that 10 there are patents that go along with that. 11 DR. GMITTER: Yes. 12 MS. SCHMAEDICK: So then, how does that work within the industry in terms of how 13 14 would one get a license to produce a new 15 fruit? And is that costly? Would it be a 16 burden on small entities, for example, small 17 producers that want to produce a new fruit? 18 Do you want to give DR. GMITTER: 19 it a shot? 20 MR. HAMNER: Sure. We have, 21 George Hamner. We have, within the industry, 22 through New Varieties Development Management

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1	Corporation, that's part of its purpose. Is
2	to set up licensing and handling the
3	coordination of development of the plant
4	material from the seed through people like Dr.
5	Gmitter, and into the hands of small growers.
6	You heard earlier today about fast
7	track, where we have tier one, tier two, tier
8	three. That is the process. It's in place,
9	and we have agreed funding on, already, on
10	paper for the licensing. Where we actually
11	make royalty payments to the people involved,
12	and move through the system accordingly. And
13	every grower has a shot at doing this.
14	So, the system does exist, and it
15	is to the benefit of small growers because of
16	the way it's set up. More so even than big
17	growers, frankly.
18	DR. GMITTER: If I might
19	elaborate. The University of Florida position
20	begins with an invitation to negotiate which
21	goes out to all. And the process is open and
22	transparent for who may be licensed,

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1	ultimately, for any given cultivar. And, up
2	until this point in time, the process has
3	resulted in licenses being granted, not
4	directly from the University of Florida, but
5	from Florida Foundation Seed Producers, this
6	direct support organization that was listed
7	earlier.
8	Licenses have been granted for the
9	two varieties, thus far, that have been
10	licensed to the New Varieties Development
11	Management Corporation.
12	MS. SCHMAEDICK: So these new
13	varieties are as accessible to small producers
14	as they would be to large producers?
15	DR. GMITTER: Absolutely.
16	MR. HAMNER: Yes, provided you
17	sign up in the beginning, when they're first
18	offered. There is a process you have to
19	follow, not matter what your size.
20	MS. SCHMAEDICK: And if you miss
21	that window, what happens? Does it become
22	more expensive?

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1	MR. HAMNER: You just, you don't
2	do, you can pick up in tier three later on.
3	Further down the road, you can pick up, you
4	can pick up the material that is available to
5	everyone after a period of time anyway. You
6	just miss out on the early experimentation,
7	and maybe the early start of a process.
8	DR. GMITTER: The process was
9	designed to incentivize growers who are
10	interested to come forward.
11	MR. HAMNER: Right.
12	DR. GMITTER: There's a nominal
13	fee to enter tier one, \$50, and you're
14	entitled to up to 30 trees. And that tier one
15	status gives you tier two statues, a lower
16	royalty rate, should you decide to go
17	commercial. If you miss the window, you still
18	have a chance to get in as tier three at a
19	higher fee. And it's also important to say
20	that these royalty rates were negotiated
21	painstakingly between the University of
22	Florida, Florida Foundation Seed Producers,

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1	and the industry at large.
2	MS. SCHMAEDICK: And Mr. Hunt, in
3	your opinion, at that tier three level does
4	the royalty expense, would that prohibit a
5	small producer from deciding to grow that new
6	hybrid?
7	MR. HUNT: No, I don't think so.
8	You have to understand that this has been an
9	evolving process that is intellectual
10	property, or the breeding of new varieties has
11	become something that, globally, is being
12	licensed and patented and controlled by
13	private entities, by public entities, by, you
14	know, it's a very evolving thing.
15	And, once upon a time, it was a
16	25-30 year process to get a new variety. And
17	times have changed. The industry's changed.
18	It was imperative that we were able to get
19	these varieties out, get them evaluated. And,
20	truthfully, until you got them in the hands of
21	a commercial grower, the breeders couldn't
22	give you a variety with a guarantee to it.

Page 319 1 They didn't know. And they could research it on 2 3 small plantings in various conditions. But 4 once it got out into the industry, it may or 5 may not perform. So, what we've developed here is, with the realization that they were 6 7 going to be released with patents. There were 8 going to be royalties attached to them. Then 9 we formed the NVDMC to represent the industry. 10 And this was done, really, at initiative of 11 the Florida Citrus Packers. 12 The NVDMC, then, has negotiated and worked with Florida Foundation of Seed. 13 14 Florida Foundation of Seed, though you can't 15 legally be given a preference, they have given 16 preference to us, and we have gotten varieties 17 and worked with them, and it's made these 18 varieties available. 19 The three-tier process was 20 designed to say okay, we have a variety that looks like it's got potential. 21 It's got 22 characteristics that we're really interested

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1	in. Fred's got three trees. Maybe it works,
2	maybe it doesn't work. And so, we want to get
3	those varieties out into a commercial setting.
4	So that what we're trying to do is
5	incentivize growers in that tier one to take
6	these trees, grow them out, see what various
7	cultural practices, various environmental
8	settings, soils and so forth would produce.
9	And if it looks good, we'll go commercial with
10	it, tier two. But you're giving those growers
11	that were in tier one a little bit of a head
12	start into tier two.
13	The grower that's in tier three,
14	and in some cases it may be the small grower
15	that says you know, I really can't afford to
16	experiment here. I'm going to just ride this
17	one out. They have the opportunity to be in
18	tier one, but they can ride it out, wait and
19	see okay, yeah, this is going to be a winner.
20	I'm in tier two.
21	The royalty at that level is
22	somewhat higher, but it's not prohibitive to

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1	that grower being able to enter at that level.
2	And then he's getting something that's proven.
3	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Right, so it's
4	kind of a trade off on the cost benefit
5	analysis.
6	MR. HAMNER: Right.
7	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Do you take the
8	risk at the early stage, and may not have the
9	return. Or do you wait until it's proven.
10	MR. HAMNER: Exactly.
11	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Is that what
12	you're saying?
13	MR. HAMNER: Exactly.
14	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Okay, thank you.
15	And, this question has been asked several
16	times, but could anyone of you tell me what is
17	the general grower level of enthusiasm within
18	the industry for the development of hybrids?
19	Do you think it's widely supported? Anybody?
20	MR. HAMNER: Yes ma'am. It's very
21	highly supported.
22	MR. HUNT: I think so. And, in

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1	fact, in the current environment we're in,
2	there's some angst over why we don't have
3	something faster.
4	MR. HAMNER: Actually, they're
5	taking a little too long.
6	MS. SCHMAEDICK: I see.
7	MR. HAMNER: We dropped from 30
8	years, and we're looking for six months.
9	MS. SCHMAEDICK: I see.
10	DR. GMITTER: Our breeding program
11	has been supported, not only by NVDMC over
12	time, but also through another taxing
13	mechanism within the industry for more than 15
14	years now. So, it's been a long-term
15	investment, a long-term interest on behalf of
16	all segments of the industry.
17	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. Those
18	are my questions for now, thank you.
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: Before I ask for
20	more questions from USDA, do any of you want
21	to add anything at this point?
22	MR. HAMNER: No.

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1	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, then
2	other questions from USDA employees first?
3	Mr. McFetridge.
4	MR. MCFETRIDGE: Marc McFetridge,
5	USDA. To be honest, I've never eaten a
6	pummelo. Just a quick question. I know you
7	said that it was very popular with the Asian
8	population. Is pummelo native to Florida, or
9	is that a species that's been brought over
10	from the Pacific Rim or Asia?
11	DR. GMITTER: There are no citrus
12	that are native to Florida. Citrus originated
13	in the old world in Southeast Asia. Primarily
14	in between China and Northeastern Indian, and
15	we used to Indochina Southeast Asia.
16	MR. MCFETRIDGE: Thank you. I
17	didn't know that. Dr. Gmitter, I have a quick
18	question for clarification. Your testimony,
19	on Page 3, the top part of it you're talking
20	about the scientific names for pummelo and for
21	the other one, I'm sorry, I can't even come
22	close to pronouncing it correctly. So, is the

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1	notice of hearing, is that incorrect for the
2	scientific names for pummelos? You have it
3	here for citrus maxima and in the transcript
4	it's C. gradu
5	DR. GMITTER: C. grandis.
6	MR. MCFETRIDGE: Grandis.
7	DR. GMITTER: You know, citrus
8	taxonomists come and go, and names come and
9	go.
10	MR. MCFETRIDGE: Okay.
11	DR. GMITTER: The currently most
12	widely recognized binomial name, which is the
13	two names, the Latins names for pummelo is
14	citrus maxima, and that has been the case for,
15	perhaps, the last 15 years. In scientific
16	circles, that's the name that's expected to
17	appear in journal articles, refereed journal
18	articles and so on. Citrus grandis was widely
19	used, and still you can find it. But, citrus
20	maxima is the preferred.
21	The second one, poncirus
22	trifoliata, many times spell check will
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1	convert trifoliata to trifoliate. And I don't
2	know if that's the case in this situation or
3	not. But the official name of that species is
4	poncirus trifoliata, with an a at the end.
5	MR. MCFETRIDGE: Okay. So, based
6	on your professional opinion, to basically
7	made the order as accurate as possible, the
8	pummelo probably should be switched over from
9	the citrus grandis to citrus maxima?
10	DR. GMITTER: That is my
11	suggestion, yes.
12	MR. MCFETRIDGE: All right. And
13	just double checking the hearing, the notice
14	of the hearing. It looks like the spell check
15	did transfer it over to an "e" instead of an
16	"a." Thank you. On Page 4, Dr. Gmitter, you
17	talked about the so-called grapefruit effect.
18	Could you just elaborate on that for us?
19	DR. GMITTER: Certainly. There is
20	this family of chemicals called
21	furanocoumarins that are found in grapefruit.
22	These chemicals interact with an enzyme

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1	produced in the liver, in the human liver.
2	This enzyme is involved in the metabolism of
3	pharmaceutical drugs, things such as statins,
4	for example, blood pressure medications, birth
5	control pills, depression medications.
6	These enzymes break down the
7	medicines into smaller molecules. They
8	metabolize. And so, as pharmaceutical
9	companies and the medical community are trying
10	to determine what the dosages should be for
11	people, they're assuming that these enzymes
12	are functioning within a certain normal range
13	of activity. So the drugs are being broken
14	down.
15	Furanocoumarins inhibit the
16	activities of these enzymes. So what happens
17	with certain specific pharmaceuticals, not all
18	meds, is that rather than being metabolized,
19	they remain unmetabolized and are absorbed in
20	the bloodstream at higher concentrations. So
21	the concentration of the medicines in the
22	human bloodstream is higher than what was

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1 calculated and anticipated.

2	Therefore, the medical community,
3	generally, recommends people who are taking
4	certain statins, not all statins, certain
5	blood pressure medications, if you're on these
6	medicines, you should not drink grapefruit
7	juice, you should not eat grapefruit. I think
8	it's important to state that there are few or
9	no documented cases of any harm occurring to
10	people as a consequence of this.
11	It's also important to state that
12	there is variation among human beings, among
13	individuals, in terms of the suppression of
14	enzyme activity or, in fact, even their own
15	native level of these enzymes. Grapefruit
16	juice was the first food in which such
17	potentially significant interactions were
18	discovered. So it became, if you will, the
19	poster child for food medical interactions,
20	and it's received negative notoriety as a
21	consequence of that.
22	MR. MCFETRIDGE: Based on this

Page 328 1 grapefruit effect, do you see that this could 2 have some type of, I guess, affect on 3 resulting in the decline in grapefruit juice 4 consumption, too? 5 It clearly has. DR. GMITTER: If we look at our population who enjoy 6 7 grapefruit, generally, they're older people. 8 Younger people aren't particularly fond of 9 that sour bitter fruit like some of the old 10 timers are. The older people, generally, are 11 more likely to be on blood pressure meds, on 12 statins, and so on. And so, you do have this, 13 there has been, certainly, an impact on the 14 market for grapefruit and grapefruit products. 15 MR. MCFETRIDGE: Thank you. Τ 16 just have another quick question for Mr. Hunt. 17 In your testimony, you talked about the top 18 two tangerine varieties are not Sunburst or 19 Honey. I was wondering if you'd just 20 elaborate what are the two top varieties now? MR. HUNT: What I was referring to 21 22 is what was being propagated in the nurseries,

Page 329 1 so what are growers now planting going 2 forward. And so, though the Sunburst was very 3 popular in the early '90's and through the 4 '90's and up until recent years, sunburst 5 today are not being propagated in the nurseries and planted. And growers today are 6 7 looking towards some of the new varieties that 8 have come in more recently such as the Tango 9 and the U.S. Early Pride. 10 MR. MCFETRIDGE: Okay, thank you. 11 That's all the question I have. 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: What other 13 questions do USDA employees have, of any of 14 the people sitting at what I'm calling the 15 board table? Ms. Schmaedick. 16 MS. SCHMAEDICK: I have another 17 question for Dr. Gmitter. Would you mind looking at the definition of fruit in the 18 19 notice? Oh, you might not have it. 20 I don't have that. DR. GMITTER: 21 MS. SCHMAEDICK: That's okay. 22 I'll just elaborate on my question.

Page 330 1 DR. GMITTER: Okay, I'm looking at 2 copy. So, in the 3 MS. SCHMAEDICK: current definition of fruit, we have Temple 4 5 oranges, tangelos and Honey tangerines listed as, I believe you referred to them as 6 7 categories. In the proposed changed 8 definition, Temple oranges, tangelos and 9 tangerines are removed. And my question is, 10 I'll break it down into a series. 11 In the removal of Temple oranges, 12 based on your professional opinion, are Temple 13 oranges then classified along with the 14 Paragraph A which would be citrus sinensis, 15 Osbeck, commonly called oranges? 16 DR. GMITTER: Absolutely not. 17 MS. SCHMAEDICK: No. Where do 18 they go, then? 19 DR. GMITTER: They are, based on 20 our best information, they would be classified 21 under what we call the tangors, which are 22 hybrids of citrus reticulata, mandarin or

Page 331 1 tangerines, with sweet oranges. That they 2 were ever called Temple oranges is a misnomer. 3 And citrus history is full of misnomers. 4 There are Satsuma oranges, as well, which 5 really are not oranges at all, but are mandarin types. So the use of the word orange 6 7 there is an historical misnomer commonly used. 8 MS. SCHMAEDICK: So this, in 9 effect, is a correction in that it's not its 10 own category, but this Temple orange, which 11 is, I guess, a common name is, technically, a 12 fruit that would fall in the category of 13 tangerines or mandarin. Is that correct? 14 DR. GMITTER: It would fall in the 15 category of tangors. 16 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Tangors. Do we 17 have a --18 DR. GMITTER: Which is under --19 MR. HUNT: Citrus hybrids. 20 DR. GMITTER: -- citrus hybrids. 21 MS. SCHMAEDICK: I see, okay. 22 DR. GMITTER: You see the last

Page 332 1 sentence there? In addition, citrus hybrids 2 include tangelo, tangor, citrus reticulata x 3 citrus sinensis. 4 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. 5 MR. HUNT: And Temple oranges. DR. GMITTER: And Temple oranges. 6 7 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. So then, is it also 8 9 correct that tangelos, are tangelos a hybrid, 10 as well? 11 DR. GMITTER: Tangelos, yes, are 12 hybrid of citrus reticulata by citrus paradisi 13 or citrus maxima. Hybrids of tangerines with 14 grapefruits or with pummelos. 15 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Okay, thank you. 16 And then Honey tangerines, now would they be 17 captured in c) citrus reticulata, Paragraph C 18 DR. GMITTER: Yes and no. They 19 look like tangerines. They peel. We call 20 them Honey tangerines. The varietal name, actually is Murcott. Based on molecular 21 22 evidence that's been generated in recent

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1	years, we know, also, that the Honey
2	tangerine, like Temple, is a hybrid that
3	originated between some mandarin and some
4	sweet orange. When one makes hybrids, one
5	generates a diverse family of individuals. So
6	that's why they don't look like each other,
7	necessarily.
8	MS. SCHMAEDICK: I understand.
9	DR. GMITTER: Similar, but not the
10	same.
11	MS. SCHMAEDICK: And in the
12	proposed language, again I just want to
13	clarify that the proposal is to include a new
14	category which would be pummelo, and it would
15	remove these hybrids, Temple oranges,
16	tangelos, Honey tangerines, which would be
17	captured under a new Paragraph E. Is that
18	correct?
19	DR. GMITTER: Yes, as I read it.
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: Just so the record
21	is clear, a new paragraph what letter?
22	MS. SCHMAEDICK: D, as in David.

Page 33 JUDGE CLIFTON: D, as in David. Thank you. MS. SCHMAEDICK: The other question I have for you is regarding, just a moment, I need to find my copy of the notice.	4
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6 In the proposed Paragraph C, which reads	
7 citrus hybrids that are hybrids between or	
8 among one or more of the four fruits a through	L
9 d of this section. I just want to make sure	
10 that this is, technically, correct, in that	
11 Paragraph A refers to oranges, B refers to	
12 grapefruit, C refers to tangerines or	
13 mandarins, D refers to pummelo, and that all	
14 the hybrids that we're discussing today have	
15 a parent of one of the four above mentioned	
16 categories. Is that correct?	
17 DR. GMITTER: All that we've been	
18 discussing today, yes, that's correct.	
19 MS. SCHMAEDICK: And, in your	
20 professional experience, are there other	
21 hybrids that are being developed that do not	
22 include one of the four categories mentioned?	

Page 3 DR. GMITTER: Well, Paragraph E	35
DR. GMITTER: Well, Paragraph E	
2 lists one or more of the four fruits a through	h
3 d of this section, and the following, and it	
4 lists a whole range of other species, lemons,	
5 limes, kumquats, and the various hybrids of	
6 tangors and tangelos. As a plant breeder, I	
7 look at the whole collection as the pallet	
8 with which we work.	
9 MS. SCHMAEDICK: So, in your	
10 professional opinion, the way that Paragraph	
11 E is proposed, that would meet the industry's	
12 needs in terms of establishing authority to	
13 regulate future hybrids as they develop.	
14 DR. GMITTER: Yes. It's actually	
15 a fairly broad collection of other parents	
16 that may or may not, actually, be utilized in	
17 the process. So it's broad, and it should	
18 encompass	
19 MS. SCHMAEDICK: And is my	
20 understanding that of the two parents that ar	е
21 needed to create a hybrid, at least I think	
22 it's limited to two, can it be more than two?	

Page 336 1 DR. GMITTER: We can get very 2 complicated. 3 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Okay. 4 DR. GMITTER: Yes, there can be 5 more than two. In some cases, we have created what we call somatic hybrids. 6 7 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Oh. Most hybrids we talk 8 DR. GMITTER: 9 about are sexual hybrids, male and female. 10 We're able, through some tissue culture 11 technology, to create somatic hybrids, where 12 we are fusing cells of two different types, 13 and creating a new type, which then, in and of 14 itself, can be used as a male or a female 15 parent to make the crosses. 16 So, in reality, some of the new 17 hybrids that are coming out that are seedless 18 have been developed through this technological 19 approach. So, it is possible to have, there's 20 never more than one mother and one father. 21 But the father and/or the mother can be more 22 complicated than just itself alone.

Page 337 1 MS. SCHMAEDICK: So with that 2 information, the way I interpret this proposed 3 definition is that at least one of the parents 4 were, a faction of one of the parents needs to 5 be, in layman's terms, an orange, a grapefruit, tangerine or mandarin or a 6 7 pummelo. Is that correct? 8 DR. GMITTER: That's right, for 9 the varieties that are grown and produced in 10 Florida. If we begin to talk about lemons, 11 then we start to look at other parental 12 combinations to create lemons and limes. But, 13 with the varieties that are commonly grown 14 here in Florida, and that are regulated, it's 15 one of those four or, potentially, several 16 guys or ladies. 17 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Okay, thank you. 18 I want to turn your attention to the proposed 19 definition of variety. Specifically, there's 20 a new Paragraph F that is being proposed, and I want to, specifically, look at the phrase 21 22 that comes at the end of that paragraph. It

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1	says that in order to add any hybrid variety
2	to citrus fruit to be regulated under this
3	provision, such variety must exhibit similar
4	characteristics and be subject to cultural
5	practices common to existing regulated
6	varieties.
7	In your professional opinion, will
8	that language work with the future development
9	of hybrids for this industry?
10	DR. GMITTER: I think it should
11	work, given that the word similar is being
12	used there. Were identical there, I would say
13	no, that's restrictive and it's going to not
14	result in outcomes that we're all looking for.
15	But similar, yes, it works, in my opinion.
16	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you, and
17	just for the record, what might be some of the
18	subtle differences that could be seen? For
19	example, earlier today we heard about new
20	varieties that might be entering into the
21	market that have a shorter growing season.
22	Would that be a subtle difference in the

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1	cultural practices, or could you explain?
2	DR. GMITTER: No, I think what was
3	being referred to is a shorter period of time
4	when the fruit might actually be harvested,
5	not necessarily a shorter growing season.
6	With perennial planting, it's always there,
7	and I think that's what was being referred to
8	was the
9	MR. HAMNER: I think what
10	Melissa here I think you've worn us out.
11	MS. SCHMAEDICK: I've worn myself
12	out.
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: It's not just the
14	reporter, it's the rest of us. Talk into
15	that, if you will.
16	MR. HAMNER: Okay, the similar has
17	to do with the production practices. When you
18	grow oranges you'd have certain spray programs
19	with grapefruit, certain spray programs. In
20	any given grove there's never identical
21	programs, they're always similar, there are
22	different chemicals people use. And I think

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1	that that's what the implication here is, is
2	that you will be in a program similar to what
3	you were doing if you were growing that
4	category or that variety, et cetera, that's
5	all. It's pretty comprehensive and it's
6	pretty, there's never an identical. You could
7	use one chemical or another chemical, but in
8	the end it's a similar program, that's what I
9	think this intended here.
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11	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
12	Q Thank you.
13	A Coward.
14	Q So, to sum it up in layman's
15	terms, if it's grown like an orange?
16	A It's going to be grown like an
17	orange it's going to be called an orange, or
18	some, a hybrid or an orange, yes.
19	Q And it still should be covered by
20	the program?
21	A Yes, we think it's covered.
22	Q Okay.

Page 341 1 MR. GMITTER: I'm sorry, I gave a 2 specific example with this UF-914, which is a 3 hybrid of Pummelo with grapefruit. It's very grapefruit like, it's similar to grapefruit, 4 5 yet it's, if you saw it. MR. HAMNER: We grow it, we use 6 7 similar programs for growing it. MR. GMITTER: Yeah, the production 8 9 would be the same. It's similar but not 10 identical to grapefruit. 11 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Excellent, thank 12 you. And one last question for Mr. Chadwell. 13 In the definition of variety there are fairly 14 significant rearranging almost of the way varieties of oranges, grapefruit, tangerines 15 16 and mandarins are presented. Can you give me 17 the reason behind why this rearranging 18 occurred? Maybe Mr. Hamner? MR. HAMNER: Dr. Gmitter can 19 20 correct me if in layman's terms this is too 21 simplistic. But the reality starts with 22 hybrids working backwards, rather than from

Page 342 1 the fruit varieties or the past working 2 forward. We try to simplify the list and then 3 capture it in the part where we have hybrids 4 because that's what the hybrids are based on, 5 and that, with the rearranging was necessary to make the hybrid paragraph work. 6 If that 7 makes sense. And just for the 8 JUDGE CLIFTON: 9 record, the person who just gave us that 10 testimony was Hamner, not Chadwell. 11 MR. HAMNER: Right, I'm George 12 Hamner. BY MS. SCHMAEDICK: 13 14 So, a follow up question, for Q 15 example, under paragraph eight, oranges, 16 number two, you have Valencia, Lue Gim Gong 17 and similar late maturing oranges or the 18 Valencia type, so that's a fairly 19 comprehensive description. 20 Which paragraph, where are we? Α 21 I'm sorry, section 905.5. Q 22 I've got it, I'm with you, okay. Α

Page 343 1 So, is that a fairly comprehensive 0 2 description of a number of varieties that fall 3 4 Α Yes. 5 -- into that definition? 0 Yes, yes, for that very reason, 6 Α 7 yes. 8 Is there a listing of the specific Q 9 varieties somewhere? 10 Α I think it's yet to be determined. 11 0 Okay. 12 That's why we had to write this Α the way we did, underneath it. 13 14 Thank you. I have no further Q 15 questions, thank you. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: Are there other 17 questions from USDA employees? Are there 18 questions from anyone? I see none. I'm going 19 to turn to Exhibit 24, which has the Hunt 20 Brothers letterhead. Is there any objection to Exhibit 24 being admitted into evidence? 21 22 There is none, Exhibit 24 is admitted into

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1	here who could read quickly and make it work
2	is Hunt.
3	MR. HAMNER: He did good.
4	JUDGE CLIFTON: He did good.
5	MR. HAMNER: All right, Frank,
6	would you read these other two? Quentin Roe
7	is up and then Larry Black.
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, I'd
9	like to take, I'm sorry, but I'm going to eat
10	into your one hour. Let's take a ten minute
11	stretch break, and during that I want us to
12	advise the personnel who has to stay here with
13	us until six that we need them to stay here
14	with until six. And I want the sound man to
15	advise that we will not need the equipment
16	tomorrow, which means we have to finish
17	tonight.
18	MR. HAMNER: Yes, that's right.
19	JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, thanks.
20	MR. HAMNER: If that's okay, if
21	not we need to make other arrangements.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: Please be ready to

Page 346 1 go at 5:13. 2 (Off the record.) 3 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, we're 4 back on the record at 5:12. I'm going to 5 swear you in in the seated position. Would you raise your right hand, please. 6 7 Whereupon, 8 QUENTIN ROE, 9 called as a witness herein, after having been 10 first duly sworn, was examined and testified 11 as follows: 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you. Please 13 state and spell your name. 14 THE WITNESS: Quentin Roe, Q-u-e-15 n-t-i-n, R-o-e. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: And I've marked 17 the document that's entitled Quentin Rose, 18 testimony proposal number two and number 19 seven, as Exhibit 26. You may proceed. 20 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 26 was marked for 21 22 identification.)

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1	TESTIMONY BY QUENTIN ROE
2	THE WITNESS: My name is Quentin
3	Roe, I reside at 829 State Road 540 West in
4	Winterhaven, Florida. I am President of
5	William G. Roe and Sons, Inc., a family owned
6	shipper of Florida citrus, currently in our
7	85th year in operation. William G. Roe and
8	Sons, Inc. is a large shipper by the SBA
9	definition.
10	I personally own 25 acres of grove
11	in Polk County, Florida. I am on the
12	executive committee of both Florida Citrus
13	Packers, Florida Fruit and Vegetable
14	Association, and the board of directors of the
15	New Varieties Development and Management
16	Corporation. I served on the Florida Citrus
17	Commission for one term, and currently serve
18	as a shipper member of the Citrus
19	Administrative Committee, known as the
20	committee.
21	We have combined the second
22	proposal and the seventh proposal together, as
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1	they both address intrastate regulation of
2	fresh Florida citrus shipments.
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: Now, just to make
4	sure that gets typed right, please spell
5	intrastate.
6	THE WITNESS: I-n-t-r-a-s-t-a-t-e.
7	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you.
8	THE WITNESS: The production area
9	of Florida is defined as Section 905.7,
10	production area. Production area means that
11	portion of the State of Florida, which is
12	bounded by the Suwanee River, the Georgia
13	border, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Gulf of
14	Mexico. Production area boundaries are also
15	the boundaries used in the Florida citrus
16	industry to define the intrastate regulation
17	area.
18	Proposal number two revises
19	Section 905.9, handle or ship, to read as
20	follows, means handle or ships mean to sell,
21	transport, deliver, pack, prepare for market,
22	grade, or in any other way to place fruit in

Page 349 1 the current of commerce within the production 2 are, or between any point in the production 3 area and any point outside thereof. This proposal would authorize the regulation of 4 5 intrastate shipments, even though it is not being proposed to do so at this time. 6 7 Currently, grade and size for 8 intrastate shipments are regulated by the 9 Florida Citrus Commission under the Florida 10 Department of Citrus rules, chapter 20. The 11 order currently regulated interstate and 12 export fresh citrus. The inclusion of intrastate regulation of fresh shipments would 13 14 authorize all fresh Florida citrus regulation 15 to be under the order. This proposal has 16 industry support and does not conflict with 17 the existing state regulations. In the last 18 16 months the committee has reviewed and 19 considered this proposal. It has been 20 discussed by industry organizations and two 21 members of the Florida Department of Citrus 22 601 Committee, where on the committee's rule

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1	sub-committee, and at no time has the
2	inclusion of intrastate regulation been an
3	issue within our industry.
4	Proposal number seven revises
5	Section 905.52, issuance of regulations, to
6	read as follows, A, whenever the secretary
7	shall find from the recommendations and
8	reports of the committee, or from other
9	available information, that to limit the
10	shipment of any variety would tend to
11	effectuate the declared policy of the act, he
12	shall so limit the shipment of such variety
13	during a specified period or periods. Such
14	regulations may, one, limit the shipments of
15	any grade or size or both of any variety, in
16	any manner, as may be prescribed, and any such
17	limitation may provide the shipments of any
18	variety grown in regulation area two, shall be
19	limited to grades and sizes different from the
20	grade and size limitations applicable to
21	shipments of the same varieties grown in
22	regulation area one. Provided that whenever

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1	any such grade or size limitation restricts
2	the shipment of a portion of a specified grade
3	or size of a variety, the quantity of such
4	grade or size that may be shipped by a handler
5	during a particular week, shall be established
6	as a percentage of the total shipments of such
7	variety by such handler, in such prior period
8	established by the committee, with the
9	approval of the secretary in which he shipped
10	such variety. Clear? Okay.
11	Two, limit the shipment of any
12	variety by establishing and maintaining only
13	in terms of grades or sizes, or both, minimum
14	standards of quality and maturity. Three,
15	limit the shipment of total quantity of any
16	variety by prohibiting the shipment thereof,
17	provided that no such prohibition shall apply
18	to exports or be effective during any fiscal
19	period with respect to any variety other than
20	for one period, not exceeding five days during
21	the week in which Thanksgiving day occurs, and
22	for not more than two periods not exceeding a

Page 352 1 total of fourteen days during the period December 20th to January 20th, both dates 2 3 inclusive. Four, establish, prescribe and fix 4 5 the size, capacity, weight, dimensions, marking, parentheses, including labels and 6 7 stamps, end parentheses, or pack of the container or containers which may be used in 8 9 the packaging, transportation, sale, shipment, 10 or other handling of fruit, provided that such 11 regulation shall not authorize the use of any 12 container or marking which are prohibited under Florida statutes and regulations 13 14 effective thereunder. 15 Five, provide that any or all 16 requirement effective pursuant paragraphs A, 17 parentheses A, parentheses one, parentheses 18 two, parentheses three and parentheses four, 19 this section applicable to the handling of 20 fruit may be different for the handling of fruit within production area, the handling of 21 22 fruit for export, or the handling of fruit

Page 353 1 between the production area and any point 2 outside thereof within the United States. 3 Provided that such requirements shall not authorize the handling of fruit in any way 4 5 that is prohibited under Florida statutes and regulations effective thereunder. 6 7 B, prior to the beginning of any 8 such regulations the secretary shall notify 9 the committee of the regulation issued by him, 10 and the committee shall notify all handlers by 11 mailing a copy thereunder to each handler who 12 has filed his name with said committee for 13 this purpose. 14 MR. HILL: Can we stop for one 15 moment, Your Honor? I noticed that it was 16 section five is the last section that's 17 actually changed the regulation as it 18 currently sits. 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: So, what we just 20 read, B, really doesn't have to have 21 underlining because it's not new? 22 B, C and D, are all the MR. HILL:

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1	same.
2	JUDGE CLIFTON: So that's good, so
3	we still need you to read it, but it's not as
4	important because it's not a change. But go
5	back and read me again this B.
6	THE WITNESS: This will B, non-
7	underlined. Prior to beginning of any such
8	regulations the secretary shall notify the
9	committee of the regulation issued by him.
10	And the committee shall notify all handlers by
11	mailing a copy thereof to each handler who has
12	filed his address with said committee for this
13	purpose. C, not underlined, whenever the
14	secretary finds from the recommendations and
15	the reports of the committee, or from other
16	available information, that a regulation
17	should be modified, suspended or terminated
18	with respect to any of the shipments of fruit
19	in order to effectuate the declared policy of
20	the act, he shall so modify, suspend or
21	terminate such regulation. If the secretary
22	finds that a regulation obstructs or does not

Page 355 1 tend to effectuate the declared policy of the 2 act, he shall suspend or terminate such 3 regulation. On the same basis, and in like 4 manner, the secretary may terminate any such 5 modification or suspension. D, not underlined, whenever any 6 7 variety is regulated pursuant to paragraph, 8 parentheses A, parentheses three, of this 9 section, no such regulation shall be deemed to 10 limit the right of any person to sell, 11 contract to sell or export such variety, but 12 no handler shall otherwise ship any fruit of 13 such variety which was prepared for market 14 during the effective period of such 15 regulation. 16 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay, now before 17 you continue, does everyone who knows agree 18 that those last three sections are, include no 19 change? I believe it's 20 MR. HAMNER: 21 straight of the current order. 22 All right, thank JUDGE CLIFTON:

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1	you Mr. Hamner. All right, now you may
2	resume.
3	THE WITNESS: This proposal to
4	regulate containers and establish quality
5	standards for the production area intrastate
6	shipments would give intrastate regulatory
7	authority to the committee. The order does
8	not have the authority to regulate export
9	containers in part five of Section 905.52, if
10	the container is not prohibited under Chapter
11	601. Currently, the regulation of pack and
12	containers for intrastate, interstate and
13	export shipments are under the authority of
14	Chapter 20, approved by the Florida Citrus
15	Commission, and inspected for compliance by
16	the Division of Fruit and Vegetables.
17	The pack and containers are
18	standardized and not marked specific, even
19	though different containers are used in
20	different markets. Currently, recommendations
21	for changes to pack and container are
22	developed by the fresh industry and presented

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1	to the Florida Citrus Commission for their
2	approval. It should be noted that moving
3	forward with new varieties and hybrids, the
4	fresh segment of our industry needs to keep
5	the flexibility of current, flexibility to
6	establish minimum grade, size, pack and
7	container regulations for the different
8	markets.
9	The industry mandates inspection,
10	each lot of citrus packed for the fresh
11	market, and this will continue so there would
12	be no impact on this, on inspection.
13	Compliance has not been a problem within the
14	fresh industry, and these proposed changes
15	should not have any adverse impact on
16	compliance, of compliance.
17	The committee has determined that
18	all fresh Florida citrus regulations should be
19	under the authority of the order, as the fresh
20	segment of the Florida citrus industry
21	continues to contract, and has less
22	association with the process segment of the

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1	industry. Also, intrastate fresh markets are
2	regulated under Chapter 20.35, and are
3	currently regulated at different quality
4	standards then interstate or export shipments
5	regulated under the order.
6	Intrastate markets have been
7	recognized by our industry as unique, in part
8	as they are located within the production
9	area, and that much of the fruit is sold
10	locally by fruit stands and gift fruit
11	shippers. Much of this fruit is handpicked by
12	the consumer, and they know it is fresher and
13	they accept a lower external quality. It
14	should be noted that internal quality is
15	maintained at the highest U.S. number one
16	standard. Also, a much greater percentage of
17	this fruit is sold in bins, ten box
18	containers, as mentioned above fruit in these
19	containers are used by fruit stands so that
20	consumer, so that the consumer, so the
21	consumer may choose their own fruit versus
22	fruit packed in cartons or bagged.

Page 359 1 The proposals to regulate 2 intrastate shipments, proposal number two, and 3 the proposal, proposal number seven, to regulate containers and intrastate shipments 4 separately from interstate and export 5 shipments, would have no immediate impact on 6 growers, handlers or consumers. 7 The industry is currently regulating intrastate shipment in 8 9 containers through state regulations. 10 However, the fresh Florida citrus industry has 11 determined having the federal authority in 12 place would ensure quality standards remain if 13 the state authority is dropped. 14 This authority will not be 15 implemented unless state regulations are no 16 longer in effect. The proposed amendments do 17 include regulating intrastate shipments, 18 containers and different quality standards 19 within the production area would not have an adverse effect on small businesses if 20 21 approved. Adding the authority to regulate 22 intrastate shipments would have no direct cost

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1	to the industry. If implement at current
2	intrastate shipment level the committee would
3	collect grower assessments from shippers on
4	the approximately two million cartons,
5	additional cartons of fresh Florida citrus,
6	which are shipped to intrastate markets on
7	approximately six percent, or approximately
8	six percent of Florida's fresh citrus
9	shipments.
10	However, the net cost to the
11	industry may be negligible, or could even be
12	lower, as these costs would shift from the
13	state to the order. As presented earlier in
14	testimony, the industry supports these
15	proposals as it authorizes all fresh fruit
16	regulation for Florida citrus to be authorized
17	under the order for the Florida fresh citrus
18	grower and shipper, if the Florida citrus
19	industry chooses to move in that direction in
20	the future. As stated earlier, it is another
21	tool for the Florida citrus fresh fruit grower
22	to have in their toolbox. Thank you.

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1	JUDGE CLIFTON: Well done, Mr.
2	Roe. What questions does anyone from USDA
3	have for Mr. Roe? Ms. Schmaedick?
4	EXAMINATION
5	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
6	Q Thank you, Mr. Roe, for your
7	testimony. One of the questions I have for
8	you is can you provide examples of where pack
9	and container regulations might need to be
10	different for different markets? Do you have
11	an example that you can give to us?
12	A No, ma'am.
13	Q As far as marking, one of the
14	proposed changes is to include labels and
15	stamps as a form of marking on containers.
16	Could you provide me with more specific
17	examples of what those might be like, labels
18	and stamps, why would they be used or what
19	would they look like?
20	A Let me defer to Mr. Chadwell.
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Chadwell?
22	MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell.
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Page 362 1 These were just the stickers. 2 JUDGE CLIFTON: Microphone. 3 MR. CHADWELL: Referring to just 4 the type of identification that we put on the 5 fruit, marking, when we mark each fruit with labeling and stickers, so we're just covering 6 7 the bases, not such much as what's being done, 8 we just make sure that this authority was 9 there as we, as our industry changes, and with 10 new varieties and looking forward to how we 11 promote them, advertise them and identify 12 them. We wanted to make sure that they may 13 have different containers and may be different 14 marking requirements and labeling pieces of fruit for better identification. 15 So, we just 16 wanted to be inclusive that this language was 17 there moving forward if we so need in the 18 promotion and marketing and identifying fruit 19 for the customers, as these are going to be 20 new varieties. MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you for 21 22 that clarification. So, currently you don't

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1	have a situation where, for example you have
2	an export market that needs a particular type
3	of container and it is different from
4	something you would use for your domestic
5	market?
6	MR. CHADWELL: Not currently.
7	MS. SCHMAEDICK: But, if I'm
8	understanding you correctly, there is that
9	potential?
10	MR. CHADWELL: There is a
11	potential, and now knowing what the future
12	holds we just tried to cover the bases. As
13	marketing changes and the word is changing, so
14	to speak, we just want to make sure there was
15	an authority, if needed, that we could rely
16	upon, or come to use.
17	MR. HAMNER: Melissa, this is
18	George Hamner. I think what, we have
19	different markets with different containers
20	and markings now, but it's not regulated, it's
21	by choice of shipper, customer, et cetera.
22	Into the future there was a consideration

Page 364 1 given that maybe with new varieties, if we do 2 advertising, we may want an XYZ sticker to go 3 on a tangerine by requirement to go to that tangerine for identity if we have different 4 5 things. At present we do not have a regulation like that. So that's why that, 6 7 looking into the future, we were trying to get this done. 8 9 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you. In 10 reviewing the proposed changes to the 11 definition of handler, or handled, excuse me, 12 it would be Section 905.9 of the order, I 13 understand that the term consigned will be 14 removed. Can you tell me if that activity, 15 the act of consignment, would be captured in 16 the revised definition of to handle? 17 I'm going to defer THE WITNESS: 18 to Mr. Chadwell. 19 MR. CHADWELL: What section is 20 that? 21 MS. SCHMAEDICK: 905.9, the 22 definition that is currently in the CFR, it

Page 365 1 includes the term to sell or consign under the 2 act of handle of ship. Is that something that 3 is, is that a term that is outdated and are 4 you upgrading the definition? 5 MR. CHADWELL: Melissa, it's too late to give, catch a curve or --6 7 MS. SCHMAEDICK: I apologize. 8 MR. HAMNER: Consigned is left 9 out. 10 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Yes, is that on 11 purpose? 12 JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Hamner, just 13 so we know who you are. 14 MR. HAMNER: George Hamner. 15 Within industry norm I don't think, probably 16 it would be considered outdated, but the 17 reality, because handling fruit, buying, 18 flooring, selling, I mean all of it gets 19 lumped together now to us. I mean, consigned 20 would just be one entity, and so to me if 21 they, if you pulled it out its probably, I didn't 22 that's what I would have assumed.

Page 366 1 realize it. 2 MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell. I 3 don't remember ever discussing consigned, so 4 it may have just slipped through the cracks 5 and not be there, because that was never in any of our discussions at all, we never 6 7 discussed consigned. So, that, if it's omitted, that word would have been omitted 8 9 inadvertently. 10 MS. SCHMAEDICK: Thank you, I 11 believe that concludes my questions for 12 proposal to seven. Thank you. 13 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, and do 14 you have any for proposal seven. 15 MS. SCHMAEDICK: No, Your Honor, 16 I'm finished, thank you. 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right. Say it 18 again, Ms Varela. 19 EXAMINATION 20 BY MS. VARELA: 21 Q Jenny Varela, USDA. Mr. Roe, I 22 hopefully just have a couple quick questions

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1	for you so you can finish up. I want to ask
2	you some questions regarding your time you
3	served on the commission, just to get an idea
4	of how they function. We have already
5	established that there is really a small
6	percentage of fruit that is sold as fresh. I
7	would imagine that fruit sold within the state
8	that is fresh is an even smaller percentage.
9	Would you say that that makes their fresh
10	regulations kind of not the most important
11	item of discussion with the commission, do
12	they tend to focus on other issues first?
13	A Oftentimes that is true.
14	Q And in your opinion if, if they
15	did decide to do away with regulations is that
16	something, now that it's in the rules that
17	they can make decisions on, they could decide
18	one day through a vote to just get rid of the
19	regulation, correct? It wouldn't have to go
20	through the legislature anymore?
21	A I believe that is correct.
22	JUDGE CLIFTON: Before you ask

Page 368 1 your next question, who else said that's 2 correct? 3 MR. HAMNER: Sorry, George Hamner, 4 that is correct. 5 BY MS. VARELA: So, do you see making this type of 6 Q 7 decision to add the authority to the order now as a way of kind eliminating the time it would 8 9 take to add it later? I think you said early 10 in your testimony that we've talked about this for about 16 months. So do you as an active 11 12 member of the industry thing it's important to 13 have this in place before the commission takes 14 a step like that, if they ever do? 15 Α I think that's a prudent move for 16 the fresh food industry in Florida. 17 Q Thank you. 18 Does anyone else JUDGE CLIFTON: 19 from USDA have questions for Mr. Roe? Does 20 anyone else in the room have questions for Mr. Roe? Mr. Roe, do you agree with Ms. Varela's 21 22 assumption that the intrastate sales of citrus

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1	may in fact have even a smaller percentage of
2	fresh fruit? Do you have any basis of
3	measuring one way of the other on that?
4	THE WITNESS: Intrastate is fruit
5	that's just sold within the State of Florida,
6	that's a much smaller volume of fruit than is
7	sold throughout the rest of the country and
8	the rest of the world.
9	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, would
10	the proportion of fresh fruit be any different
11	from the interstate and export sales?
12	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure I
13	understand the question.
14	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, let's
15	assume just for a minute that, I don't know,
16	80 percent of the citrus that goes out of
17	Florida to other states or internationally is
18	processed, assume that, 80 percent of it is
19	processed and 20 percent of it is fresh.
20	THE WITNESS: Okay.
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Do you have any
22	reason to believe that percentages would be
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Page 370 1 any different for intrastate sales? 2 THE WITNESS: I think this is an 3 apple and orange question, okay. All the processed fruit sold in the state is processed 4 5 in the state, so it's not shipped out of the 6 state to process. 7 JUDGE CLIFTON: Okay. 8 THE WITNESS: So, all the fruit 9 that leave the state as fruit is fresh fruit. 10 You do not have any processed fruit that 11 leaves the state as fruit, it leaves the state 12 as a manufactured product. So I still might 13 not understand your question. 14 JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes. 15 MR. HAMNER: Your Honor, let me, 16 can I try and answer? 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes, would you 18 please, Mr. Hamner. 19 MR. HAMNER: This is George 20 I think what you're looking for is Hamner. 21 this proportion between what was intrastate 22 versus interstate.

Page 371 1 What I thought Ms. JUDGE CLIFTON: 2 Varela asked him to assume, what I thought she 3 asked him to assume is that the proportion of 4 sales that are fresh might even be lower for 5 the intrastate sales. Right, if you looked MR. HAMNER: 6 7 at sales as one entity now and forget about 8 interstate and intrastate for a moment as a number, 100, and interstate is 80 percent and 9 10 intrastate would be 20 percent, for instance. 11 Whether this rule goes through or not, the 12 proportion that is intrastate, which is very 13 small, versus what goes interstate, will stay 14 the same. I mean the intrastate shipments, 15 just because of population, delivery, et 16 cetera, is a very small portion of fresh fruit 17 sales, and it stays proportionate each year. 18 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, thank 19 you for that. And I may have totally 20 misunderstood Ms. Varela's question and what 21 she wanted him to assume. 22 It sounded like to me MR. HAMNER:

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1	what she wanted was, is within the commission
2	is that intrastate sales is even less of an
3	item that they look at and talk about, versus
4	the other fresh fruit sales, it's even lower.
5	If fresh fruit sales is a lower entity or
6	lower picture in the Department of Citrus
7	versus processed product, then intrastate
8	would be even smaller.
9	JUDGE CLIFTON: Is that what you
10	were alluding to, Ms. Varela?
11	MS. VARELA: Correct.
12	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, thank
13	you all. Mr. Chadwell?
14	MR. CHADWELL: Arthur Chadwell.
15	Not to belabor the point, but it would be two
16	million cartons historically for, it means a
17	million boxes, which when we have 170 million
18	box productions it's very minuscule and is
19	not, and is not even on the radar for the
20	Department of Citrus.
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Very helpful all
22	of you, thank you. All right, what other
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1	questions for Mr. Roe? Are there any
2	objections to the admission into evidence of
3	Exhibit 26? There are none. Exhibit 26 is
4	admitted into evidence. Thank you, Mr. Roe.
5	And the next witness, you may approach. I'm
6	going to mark the document that is entitled
7	Larry Black testimony as Exhibit 27. And I'll
8	swear you in seated. Would you raise your
9	right hand, please. Please state and spell
10	your name.
11	(Whereupon, Exhibit No.
12	26 was received into
13	evidence.)
14	(Whereupon, Exhibit No.
15	27 was marked for
16	identification.)
17	Whereupon,
18	NORMAN LARRY BLACK, JR.,
19	called as a witness herein, after having been
20	first duly sworn, was examined and testified
21	as follows:
22	THE WITNESS: Norman Larry Black,

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1	Jr. N-o-r-m-a-n, Larry, L-a-r-r-y, Black, B-
2	l-a-c-k, junior.
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, you may
4	proceed.
5	TESTIMONY BY NORMAN LARRY BLACK, JR.
6	THE WITNESS: Good afternoon, my
7	name is Larry Black, I reside at 1860 Pinnacle
8	Drive, Lakeland, Florida. I'm a small grower
9	producing oranges, tangerines and grapefruit
10	on 220 acres. I'm also the General Manager of
11	Peace River Packing Company, which has been in
12	our family for 85 years and is located in Ft.
13	Meade, Florida.
14	Peace River Packing Company grows,
15	harvests and packs Florida citrus from our
16	family's 2,000 acres of groves and also for
17	outside growers. Peace River Packing would be
18	considered a large shipper according to the
19	SBA definition. I'm a shipper member of the
20	committee, a board member of Florida Citrus
21	Mutual, the Florida Citrus Packers and the
22	Citrus Research and Development Foundation,

1 Incorporated.

2	Proposal nine would amend Section
3	905.7 to provide for the registration of
4	handlers, which would aid the committee in
5	compliance and increase communication by
6	keeping shippers better informed of provisions
7	of the order. The revision to Section 905.7,
8	handler, handler is synonymous with shipper
9	and means any person, except for a common
10	contract carrier transporting fruit for
11	another person, who as owner, agent or
12	otherwise, handles fruit in fresh form, causes
13	fruit to be handled, each handler shall be
14	registered with the committee pursuant to
15	rules recommended by the committee and
16	approved by the secretary. The State of
17	Florida Department of Citrus, Chapter 601,
18	Florida Statues, Florida Citrus Code 601.4,
19	requires each packing house or shipper that
20	prepares Florida citrus for fresh market in
21	Florida to register annually with the Florida
22	Department of Agriculture through the division

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1 of fruit	, and wagetables
	and vegetables.
2	In addition, Section 601.56,
3 Florida	Statutes, or the Florida Citrus Code,
4 requires	s Florida citrus shippers, as a citrus
5 fruit de	ealer in Florida, be approved by the
6 Departme	ent of Citrus for a citrus fruit
7 dealers	license. What the committee is
8 proposin	ng would not replace these requirements
9 as autho	orized by the Florida Citrus Code. The
10 committe	ee's propose this amendment to
11 strength	nen the order's compliance with
12 shippers	3.
13	Section 905.53, inspection and
14 certific	cation of the order, requires each
15 shipper	to have each lot of citrus inspected
16 by the H	Florida Department of Agriculture
17 Division	n of Fruit and Vegetables, also known
18 as the c	livision. The division certifies that
19 the lot	of fruit means all applicable
20 require	ments of the order as recommended by
21 the com	nittee and approved by the secretary.
22 Florida	Department of Citrus rules, chapter

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1	20.4, describes the information required to be
2	entered on the manifest, who it issues the
3	manifest, and certificate of inspection. The
4	inspector certifies on the manifest all the
5	pertinent information for that lot of citrus.
6	This includes certifying the lot meets the
7	regulatory requirements of the order, which
8	refers to minimum grade and size as authorized
9	by the secretary. Each shipper and inspector
10	has a copy of the most current CAC regulation
11	bulletin, which are updated each time the
12	committee recommends and the secretary
13	approves a regulation change.
14	A copy of the manifest goes with
15	each certified lot of citrus shipped to
16	regulated markets. The committee contracts
17	annually with the division to furnish the
18	committee, by month, each shippers regulated
19	shipments, both interstate and export, and
20	that's inter, i-n-t-e-r, state and export.
21	And these shipments are used to calculate each
22	shippers assessment. It is also from the

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1	manifest that we get the entire grade and size
2	information for each regulated shipment.
3	The committee has not experienced
4	major compliance issues in the past, but is
5	always looking for ways to improve compliance
6	of the orders regulations and the collection
7	of assessments. Each season the committee
8	conducts a review of the CAC compliance plan,
9	known as the compliance plan, and the CAC
10	internal control policies, known as internal
11	controls, and updates if needed, both to
12	improve it's compliance procedures. Upon the
13	committee's approval of the compliance plan is
14	forwarded to the USDA for their review and
15	approval. The internal controls are approved
16	and forwarded to the USDA.
17	Both the compliance plan and
18	internal controls are implemented by the
19	committee's management throughout the season
20	as each plan mandates. There are procedures
21	in both the compliance plan and internal
22	controls to ensure handlers are fully informed

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1	of any violations and are given time to take
2	corrective actions. In the very limited cases
3	of minimum grade and size regulation
4	violations, the majority of the reported
5	violations have been less than a pallet, which
6	would be equivalent to 54 cartons of citrus.
7	In the past, most of the violations have been
8	clerical errors by the shipper's shipping
9	department. In the last few seasons, with
10	most shippers using bar coding systems for
11	loading trucks or containers, these violations
12	have all but been eliminated.
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: Have all but been
14	eliminated, so almost?
15	THE WITNESS: Exactly, they're
16	very minimal and clerical in nature.
17	Collection of the committees assessments
18	should be enhanced, could be enhanced by using
19	the registration of shippers as a tool to
20	ensure compliance with the assessment
21	provision of the order.
22	It must be noted, the committee

Page 380 1 recommends an assessment fee to cover it's 2 expenses in the administration of the order 3 and as approved by the secretary. Shipper 4 collect the assessment fee from their growers, 5 so shippers should remit those assessments in a timely manner. The committee has not 6 7 experienced many late or uncollectible 8 assessments, but feel this proposal could aid 9 in the collection of assessments. The 10 committee does outline in the compliance plan 11 a detailed time line for the collection of 12 those assessments, which ensure due process 13 for the shipper to comply with the committees 14 collection of past due assessments. 15 The committee will develop a 16 shipper registration form, which would include 17 contact information along with other pertinent 18 information deemed necessary for the operation of the order. A notice and comment period 19 20 would be provided for the industry to comment 21 on the registration form. The information 22 from the shipper registration form will

Page 381 1 provide valuable contact information, be 2 beneficial in communication, and assist in the 3 compliance provisions of the order. Since this is an administrative proposal, the cost 4 5 to the order and shippers will be negligible and will require limited time by the shipper 6 7 to complete the registration form. This proposal is not controversial and there is 8 9 support within the industry. 10 In closing, there are a few main 11 points that should be noted. First, this is 12 another tool Florida citrus growers that market their fruit in the fresh channel of 13 14 trade would have available as our industry 15 works to meet challenges that lie ahead. This 16 would provide more efficient communication 17 with shippers, the committee would continue to 18 review and update our compliance plan and 19 internal controls annually to ensure shippers 20 are afforded due process in the handling of order violations, and also strengthen the 21 22 compliance provisions of the order. And last,

Page 382 1 there is support within our industry for this 2 proposal. 3 In closing, the Florida citrus growers producing fruit for the fresh market 4 5 have supported the order for 74 years, and the proposed amendment will afford the committee 6 7 more options in the administration of the order. Mr. Chadwell will give an overview of 8 9 how the committee would implement this 10 proposal. 11 JUDGE CLIFTON: Do you, Mr. 12 Chadwell, want to add anything before I invite 13 questions? 14 MR. CHADWELL: I think it might 15 help, because I think it's going to clarify a 16 few things. 17 JUDGE CLIFTON: You may proceed, 18 and you may stay there. 19 MR. CHADWELL: I will come up there because I've got a few things to hand 20 21 out. JUDGE CLIFTON: 22 All right, then

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1	let's go off record. Now, should Mr. Black
2	remain seated?
3	MR. CHADWELL: He can be
4	dismissed.
5	JUDGE CLIFTON: He can step down?
6	MR. CHADWELL: Yes.
7	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, thank
8	you so much, Mr. Black. Please stay because
9	you may have questions after Mr. Chadwell
10	speaks, thank you. And let's go off record
11	while Mr. Chadwell distributes what he's got.
12	(Off the record.)
13	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, we're
14	back on record, it's 5:56, and Mr. Black, I'm
15	aware that in four minutes you have to slip
16	away and I understand that. So, if we don't
17	get to ask you questions it's okay. All
18	right, you remain sworn, and would you again
19	state and spell your name.
20	Whereupon,
21	ARTHUR B. CHADWELL,
22	recalled as a witness herein, having been
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Page 384 1 previously sworn, testified as follows: 2 THE WITNESS: Arthur Chadwell, A-3 r-t-h-u-r, C-h-a-d-w-e-l-l. 4 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, you may 5 proceed. MR. HILL: Your Honor, if we 6 7 could, we'd like to ask him just a few 8 questions before he --9 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, let me 10 interrupt you Mr. Chadwell and do you want to 11 begin? Ms. Schmaedick, you may ask questions 12 that you have for Mr. Black. 13 EXAMINATION 14 BY MS. SCHMAEDICK: 15 Q Thank you, Mr. Black for your 16 testimony, and I'll say I can appreciate 17 needing to pick up your child, so I will be 18 brief. 19 Α Thank you. I understand that you're a small 20 0 21 grower, and I believe that you may be the only 22 small grower who has testified today, so I

Page 385 1 appreciate you taking time to answer 2 questions. In your capacity as a small grower 3 do you support all of these proposals? I do. 4 Α 5 Not just number nine that you 0 testified to? 6 7 I do, I'm aware and have been Α 8 involved in the process and feel the industry 9 is well aware of the proposals. They've been 10 vetted within the industry and they're good 11 for our future. 12 And have you interacted with other 0 small growers or small handlers? 13 14 Yes. Α And in your opinion do they also 15 Q 16 support, specifically, the small grower 17 entities? 18 Specifically the grower component, Α 19 I've interacted with other small growers and 20 all are in full support that I've interacted 21 with. 22 Do you anticipate any negative or Q

Page 386 1 increase in costs as a result of these 2 proposed amendments? 3 Α I believe the changes that are proposed will make the CAC more efficient and 4 5 will actually lower cost for the industry going forward. 6 7 And in your opinion, in general 0 has the marketing order provided you support 8 9 as a small grower entity, has it been 10 beneficial to you? 11 Α Absolutely. 12 Thank you for your time, I have no 0 13 further questions. 14 Thank you. Α 15 JUDGE CLIFTON: Thank you, Ms. 16 Schmaedick. Mr. Hill? 17 MR. HILL: Thank you, Your Honor. 18 JUDGE CLIFTON: That's all? Any 19 other questions of Mr. Black before he leaves? 20 All right, thank you so much Mr. Black, that 21 was important, thank you for doing that while 22 he was still here. Did I admit into evidence?

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1	All right, is there any objection to the
2	admission into evidence of Exhibit 27, which
3	is Larry Black's testimony? All right,
4	Exhibit 27 is admitted into evidence. Now,
5	Mr. Chadwell, back to you.
6	(Whereupon, Exhibit No.
7	27 was received into
8	evidence.)
9	THE WITNESS: My name is Arthur
10	Chadwell, I reside at 723 Success Avenue,
11	Lakeland, Florida. I am the Manger of the
12	Citrus Administrative Committee, and I have
13	few comments on the registration of shippers.
14	I have included a copy of the Florida
15	Department of Agriculture and Consumer
16	Services FDACS Division of Fruit and Vegetable
17	Inspection Manifest, it is the legal sized
18	document which provides the documentation
19	required by the order, as well as the Florida
20	Department of Citrus rules.
21	This is a document that provides
22	the committee with shipment information by
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1	completed, by documents, the shipment
2	information, well I don't, it's completed by
3	a document of fresh shipments as well as a
4	sample of the sample shipper registration
5	form.
6	MR. HAMNER: Would you like
7	Kathleen to re-write that?
8	THE WITNESS: Is there any
9	questions?
10	JUDGE CLIFTON: Pardon? Just
11	leave it like it is, it's fine.
12	THE WITNESS: I thought it was
13	important that, this is very much on the
14	administrative side of the committee and
15	that's why I chose to go, to present this
16	additional information that I am most familiar
17	with. It benefits the committee, improves
18	communication amongst, with growers, it aids
19	committee with compliance, those are the two
20	main issues for this. Shipper registration,
21	the shipper registration, and I have included
22	a sample form that we have developed, but

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1	shipper registration will be completed by the
2	shipment. The shipper must have a Florida
3	citrus fruit dealers license, as Mr. Black has
4	presented in his testimony. It would provide
5	the committee with contact information, a
6	physical address for their packing facility,
7	a billing address approved by the manger, and
8	then the committee would post-approve my
9	actions in approving the registrations.
10	Fresh shipments time frame, to
11	reiterate fresh shipments begin in late
12	September to early October. 95 percent of the
13	fresh shipments occur October through April.
14	The majority of the shippers have completed
15	shipments by late April. Five percent of the
16	fresh shipments occur after, in April through
17	June. And there is approximately anywhere
18	from 60 days to 150 days between seasons.
19	Due process for shippers, our
20	discussion of this way back in developing this
21	was concerned that, what kind of due process
22	would we have. We have the internal control

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1	policies which are reviewed and approved
2	annually, in their internal controls invoicing
3	policies are in the internal controls. Each
4	season the committee reviews and submits the
5	CAC compliance plan to the secretary for
6	approval. The compliance plan outlines time
7	frames for collection of assessment, and it
8	states in there payments are due 30 days after
9	invoice date, past due, first past due notices
10	are mailed after the 30 days, and second past
11	due notices are certified, or mailed certified
12	mail after 40 days.
13	In summary, this is going to be an
14	aid to support compliance. It's cost neutral,
15	promotes communications with shippers and is
16	supported by the industry. I also have
17	included just, I thought it would be good for
18	the record that I have included a copy of the
19	manifest, which is the legal document for the,

that is for the division of fruit and
vegetable, which is authorized under the order
as I mentioned earlier, and this contains the

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1	pertinent information required for regulation
2	of shipments. And this document is certified
3	by the division, before we get the information
4	that we use in the collection of assessments,
5	and also if there were a violation of any
6	greater sized regulations. So, I just wanted
7	to show that it's a very detailed document,
8	nothing would change in our registration of
9	shippers that would, that we would still use
10	this document, and so it wouldn't be any
11	change.
12	The other thing I've included is a
13	regulation bulletin just to show, I just
14	mentioned a time or two, by varieties that are
15	regulated what the minimum grade size and if
16	they're interstate or export. And I just
17	thought it would be good for the record to
18	have the documentation of what we put out as
19	the regulations required by, when recommended
20	by the committee and approved by the Secretary
21	of Agriculture. So, I'm open to any questions
22	that you may have.

Page 392 1 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, 2 questions for Mr. Chadwell on this part of his 3 testimony? Ms. Schmaedick. BY MS. SCHMAEDICK: 4 5 Thank you Mr. Chadwell for your 0 presentation. Can you tell me, in the 6 7 development of this proposal was there any research done on other agricultural marketing 8 9 order programs that have this authority? 10 Α Yes, in the development of this we 11 used the Florida Tomato Committee, yes, the 12 Florida Tomato Committee and their marketing 13 So, we were, we didn't try to, we used order. 14 language that had already been approved in a 15 different marketing order and had been 16 successfully used. So, we went to language 17 that was in an order that had been working for 18 an order and for an industry, that's where we 19 modeled this from. 20 And did you have or enter into any 0 21 discussions with that industry in terms of the 22 successfulness of that authority?

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1	A In the past year I have talked to
2	Reggie Brown, the manager of the Florida
3	Tomato Committee, and talked to him about it's
4	effectiveness for his industry, and he thought
5	it was a very good tool, and suggested that it
6	would be a good tool for our industry.
7	Q Do you anticipate a situation
8	where there may be a, well first of all let me
9	ask for clarification, what happens if you
10	have this handler registration authority in
11	effect, what happens if a handler does not pay
12	their assessments?
13	A That's why I put, if you'll notice
14	that's what, in our, we are approximately a
15	six month industry, and so because we, when we
16	assess a shipper it is on certified,
17	documented shipments. So there is a time
18	lapse, so when we start shipping in October
19	it's almost the end of November, a three to
20	four week time frame before we get the
21	certified numbers. So there's, we're always
22	playing catch up so to speak. And so our

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1	season, as I mentioned earlier, ends in March
2	to April, and so those billings would go out,
3	by then as the shipments are declining the
4	certification process speeds up. But in, our
5	physical year ends July 31, and so we would
6	have, the shipper would have time to, you
7	know, go through our due process. Then we
8	have, with the season starting in last
9	September, October, there is that, almost 150
10	day time frame from when they last did their
11	shipments, when we could, you know, do the due
12	process on billing, and before they start
13	again. And so because of that length of time
14	frame we feel that, you know, that a shipper
15	would have more than enough due process to pay
16	their assessments, before the beginning of
17	another season.
18	Q And what would happen if they did
19	not pay those assessments?
20	A I would anticipate, of course this
21	just give us authority, we would have to write
22	those rules, but my anticipation was that any

Page 395 1 marketing order violation, be it a grade size violation and or an assessment, after due 2 3 process they would have to clear it up before they could be issued a license to operate. 4 5 So, for clarification, are you 0 saying that they, if they were in violation, 6 7 having not paid their assessments, that they could potentially not be able to ship outside 8 9 of the State of Florida? 10 I would say so, yes. Α To me it 11 would be any regulated area, anywhere that we 12 regulate the fruit they would not be able to 13 ship to interstate or export markets. 14 Would they be able to ship within Q 15 the State of Florida, as long as DOC regulated 16 it? 17 Α Yes, because that is not, we do 18 not regulate that fruit, so yes, that would 19 not be part of it, under the existing law 20 without the intrastate regulation, that's correct. But the DOC has their own collection 21 22 in the State of Florida, as you would suspect,

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1	have their own due process on this. This was
2	mainly put in, just there again, to have the
3	authority to use as a tool for compliance and
4	not knowing what lies ahead. But we thought
5	it was a good idea, the industry did, to have
6	shipper registration, to just give us one more
7	layer of control on compliance. And also, a
8	more important tool to be able to communicate
9	with those shippers.
10	Q Within your industry are there
11	currently examples of handler not paying
12	assessments?
13	A We, the industry has a very good
14	track record on handlers paying assessments,
15	to say it is a problem that's not so.
16	However, in the tough economic times there
17	are, from time to time, shippers that go out
18	of business at the end of the season, and
19	without notice. And so this is, and it's
20	usually at the end of the season, and so
21	there's a lag in getting the certified numbers
22	and all. So, from time to time there are

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1	cases where shippers have gone out of business
2	and left the marketing order with unpaid
3	assessments. But at the same token, by that
4	state, they've left growers, the Department of
5	Citrus, the Department of Agriculture,
6	everybody in, we're not alone. You'll find
7	out that when a shipper, a handler that is in
8	financial trouble, be in financial trouble
9	with everyone, starting with the grower most
10	of the time.
11	MR. HAMNER: Melissa, can I, this
12	is George Hamner. But when we did this at the
13	committee level it was after we considered
14	intrastate, which is now here, we considered
15	it and we had done increased assessment
16	potential, this was kind of the last thing in
17	line. For the future, if we decide, if the
18	DOC did not exist and we had to have some form
19	or fashion to protect the CAC in collecting
20	assessments that we don't have today. The
21	anticipation would be registration would be
22	like a license, you couldn't ship without it

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1	if you didn't pay your bills. That was in a
2	nutshell. But we haven't written, because
3	that, we haven't gotten to the point of that,
4	we haven't written any of the, that kind of a
5	compliance penalty since it's only
6	authorization to do so.
7	BY MS. SCHMAEDICK:
8	Q Thank you for that clarification.
9	Mr. Chadwell, have you found that the, what
10	you describe as a due process that you
11	currently have within your compliance plan, is
12	that effective, the outline of time lines and
13	notices?
14	A Yes, it's, we've been effective in
15	collecting assessments, except for those cases
16	where they go out of business and close, just
17	close their doors. And then that time, and
18	most of those end up in bankruptcy. But yes,
19	we are successful in collecting, it's just
20	that every now and then you get a shipper
21	that, in most cases these are people that come
22	into the business for a year or two and then

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1	out. As you heard today, most of these					
2	businesses have been around for decades. But					
3	the cost of getting in the business now we					
4	have fewer people coming in, just because of					
5	the decline in production and shipments. But					
6	every now and then you'll get somebody that					
7	starts up, and is not as familiar with the					
8	regulations, all regulations not just ours.					
9	So, we thought this would be a tool that we					
10	could use, and we felt comfortable with the					
11	time frame between when we end the season and					
12	when we start, that that gave plenty of time					
13	for the due process to be served to the					
14	handler. Because these, technically the					
15	handler is taking the assessment from the					
16	grower returns. So it's the grower's money					
17	that they are not remitting to us.					
18	Q Thank you, no further questions,					
19	thank you.					
20	JUDGE CLIFTON: Mr. Chadwell, do					
21	you have anything you'd like to add?					
22	THE WITNESS: No, I guess the only					
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1	thing is that we were, in discussing this and						
2	bringing it forward we were very conscious of						
3	the due process to make sure that handlers						
4	were afforded the opportunity. And we felt						
5	that as we stated within our time frames and						
6	the 30 day first notice, then the second						
7	notice and by noticing with certified mail,						
8	that we were affording ample time to and due						
9	process for handlers. And this, and then when						
10	the registration would not occur the first						
11	day, August 1, it would occur when they were						
12	getting ready to ship. So, that adds another						
13	60 days, so we felt that there was going to be						
14	ample time if and when we ever had to pull a						
15	registration, to clarify that before the						
16	beginning of a season.						
17	JUDGE CLIFTON: Are there any						
18	questions of Mr. Chadwell on any of these						
19	exhibits or this part of his testimony from						
20	anyone? Is there any objection to the						
21	admission into evidence of Exhibit 28? There						
22	is none. Exhibit 29, which is the power						

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1	point? There is none. Exhibit 30, which is
2	the registration form? Exhibit 31, well wait
3	a minute, what is 30, 30 is not the
4	registration form, it's the manifest?
5	THE WITNESS: It's the manifest.
6	JUDGE CLIFTON: It's the manifest,
7	thank you. 31, which is the registration
8	form, or 32, what do I call 32, Mr. Chadwell?
9	THE WITNESS: That's a regulation,
10	Citrus Administrative Committee bulletin.
11	JUDGE CLIFTON: A regulation
12	bulletin, all right. Is there any objection
13	to any of those being admitted into evidence?
14	There is none, Exhibits 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32
15	are admitted into evidence. Is there any
16	other evidence to come before this proceeding?
17	Mr. Hill?
18	(Whereupon Exhibits No.
19	28 through 32 were
20	marked for
21	identification and
22	received into evidence.)

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1	MR. HILL: There is no evidence, 1							
2	through 32, that's fine							
3	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes, you may do							
4	that now, do you want to do anything further?							
5	MR. HILL: Just to propose that we							
6	very much make the proposed changes							
7	necessary to							
8	JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, very							
9	good. I'd like to make two comments. One is							
10	transcript will be posted on an agricultural							
11	marketing service website, the exhibits will							
12	be posted, the proposals to correct the							
13	transcript should be posted there to if anyone							
14	has any proposals to correct the transcript.							
15	Those are not made to improve people's							
16	grammar, those are not even made to correct a							
17	witnesses mis-statement. The only reason for							
18	transcript corrections is if the court							
19	reporter got it wrong. So, even if it's a bit							
20	of a mess, we leave it that way and the people							
21	who are putting together the orders know that.							
22	And it's not necessary that a persons written							

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1	testimony match what was said from the witness
2	stand, rather the person who is making use of
3	it can look at both of them and figure out
4	what to use.
5	So, there shouldn't be a lot of
6	transcript corrections. But if people's names
7	are spelled wrong and you know the right name
8	you should fix it, or if the court reporter
9	just mistook the word, got it wrong, then we
10	need to fix it. All right, do we know were
11	people would look on the website to find the
12	proceedings from this hearing, what part of
13	the website they will go to?
14	MS. SCHMAEDICK: This is Melissa
15	Schmaedick. On the marketing order and
16	agreement division website there are specific
17	links to each marketing order program. If one
18	were to click on the marketing order 905, all
19	information will be listed on that particular
20	page.
21	JUDGE CLIFTON: Excellent, very
22	good, all right, great. Now, I'll now
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1	entertain anything further that we need to put
2	on the record before we break down and depart.
3	Ms. Schmaedick?
4	MS. SCHMAEDICK: Will there be an
5	opportunity to file briefs?
6	JUDGE CLIFTON: Yes, normally the
7	transcript will take about 30 days before you
8	have it in your hand. You should have the
9	opportunity to consider it and file any
10	corrections and briefs. Some people like to
11	do that as one package, while their writing
12	their brief they're looking for corrections to
13	the transcript. Anything you want to do is
14	fine and any time table is fine, so long as
15	you do it from receipt of the transcript. So,
16	I can set parameters now if you want them, and
17	then for example, let's find out first do you
18	want to make your proposed transcript
19	corrections simultaneously with submitting a
20	brief? First of all, let's find out, who
21	might be submitting briefs? Let's go off
22	record for just a moment.

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1	(Off the record.)
2	MR. HAMNER: We found out if
3	you're not, you miss a meeting you get to be
4	chairman, you volunteer you get to be
5	something else, so no.
6	JUDGE CLIFTON: We're back on
7	record, it's 6:22. So, some of the things
8	that we might do, for example, is the
9	transcript is deposited with the hearing
10	clerk, along with the invoice. The hearing
11	clerk then keeps the original as the record
12	copy, and then forwards the copies that the
13	agricultural marketing service ordered, and
14	forwards the bill to the agricultural
15	marketing service. That, the date that the
16	hearing clerk receives the transcript is
17	identifiable. So you could measure from that
18	date and for example say proposals to correct
19	the transcript would be due 45 days after the
20	transcript is deposited with the hearing
21	clerk.
22	You could also say, and then I

Page 406 1 would expect the government to help there, as 2 well as the industry, then you could either 3 have your briefs due at that same time, or 4 later than that. So, what would you prefer, 5 for example, Mr. Chadwell, since you might be writing one? Do you think 45 days will be 6 7 enough, consider where you are in the 8 calendar. 9 MR. CHADWELL: Yes. 10 JUDGE CLIFTON: I know you're 11 busier at some times than others. 12 MR. CHADWELL: 45 days would be 13 fine. 14 Okay, now at 45 JUDGE CLIFTON: 15 days, will probably start about 30 days from 16 now, maybe a little shorter. 17 MR. CHADWELL: You get tier one in 18 30 days, tier two is 45 days. 19 JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, then 20 I'm going to order that proposed transcript corrections, if you have any. Now, you don't 21 22 have to make immaterial proposals, you don't

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1	have to do misspellings, but it's helpful if
2	its peoples names. So, there don't have to
3	be, you don't have to correct everything in
4	the transcript, but material changes, things
5	that would make a difference in the outcome
6	should be addressed, if the court reporter got
7	it wrong. If the court reporter got it right,
8	but you know its wrong, you should address it
9	in your brief. Such and such was said, that's
10	not true.
11	All right, so both the proposed
12	transcript corrections and the briefs should
13	be filed with the hearing clerk no later than
14	45 days after the hearing clerk receives the
15	transcripts from the court reporter. Then
16	what I do is I certify the transcript, which
17	actually means I say what the transcript
18	consists of, what corrections I approve and
19	what the exhibits were. Then I'm done, then
20	it's all up to the agricultural marketing
21	service to take it from there. All right,
22	what else do we need to do? Ms. Schmaedick?

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Page 408 1 MS. SCHMAEDICK: I believe that 2 covers our tasks for the day. JUDGE CLIFTON: All right, very 3 fine, who will apologize to our hosts for our 4 5 tardy departure? MR. HILL: I went out there and 6 did that before. 7 8 JUDGE CLIFTON: You're a good man, 9 thank you Mr. Hill. All right, this concludes 10 our record at 6:26. 11 (Whereupon, the hearing was 12 concluded at 6:26 p.m.) 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

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