

HR 3965

To authorize the establishment of a Center for Plant Disease Control in the Department of Agriculture.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Mar 14, 2002

Current Status: Executive Comment Requested from USDA.

Latest Action: Executive Comment Requested from USDA. (Mar 19, 2002)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/3965>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Nick [R-MI-7]

Party: Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 19, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 14, 2002)

Amends the Plant Protection Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to evaluate the need for establishing a Center for Plant Disease Control in the Department of Agriculture that: (1) would facilitate the compiling of information and the conducting of investigations respecting plant pests; and (2) could act as a first responder in the event of an accidental or deliberate use of a plant pest.

Authorizes the Secretary, if the evaluation supports such need, to establish the Center. Sets forth Center functions, including: (1) development of tools for disease detection and diagnosis, (2) expansion of genomics and plant biotechnology research; and (3) development of foreign and domestic pathogen databases. Provides for Center coordination with Federal and State agencies, in particular the Office of Homeland Security.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 19, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture.
- **Mar 19, 2002:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Mar 14, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 14, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 14, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.