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S 1549

A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to phase out reduced price lunches and breakfasts by phasing in an increase in the income eligibility guidelines for free lunches and breakfasts.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Jul 31, 2003

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2669)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2669) (Mar 12, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]

Party: Republican • State: NC • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	$R \cdot KS$		Jul 31, 2003
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		Sep 30, 2003
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	$R \cdot IN$		Sep 30, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Nov 21, 2003
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	$R \cdot ME$		Nov 22, 2003
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 22, 2003
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	$D \cdot IL$		Mar 25, 2004
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 6, 2004
Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]	$R \cdot CO$		Apr 20, 2004
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 20, 2004
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	$R \cdot ID$		Apr 20, 2004
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Apr 20, 2004
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 20, 2004
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 20, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3441	Related bill	Dec 1, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2003)

Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to phase out reduced price lunches and breakfasts by phasing in increases in income eligibility for free lunches and breakfasts by specified increments from 130 percent of the Office of Management and Budget nonfarm income poverty guidelines for July 1, 2003, to 185 percent of such guidelines for July 1, 2008, and every subsequent school year.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 12, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2669)
- Jul 31, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 31, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.