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S 27

A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Jan 7, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure a Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as

introduced: CR S42) (Jan 7, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

Party: Republican • State: IA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$		Jan 7, 2003
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D·IA		Jan 7, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	$D \cdot SD$		Jan 7, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	$D \cdot VT$		Jan 9, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 14, 2003
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Jan 16, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Amends the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 to prohibit livestock packers from owning, controlling, or feeding livestock to such an extent that the producer no longer materially participates in the management of the operation, with exceptions for: (1) animals held for not more than seven days before slaughter; (2) certain cooperatives that own, control or feed livestock and provide such livestock for slaughter; (3) packers that are not required to report price and quantity information on each reporting day; or (4) packers that own one livestock processing plant.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 7, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 7, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S42)
- Jan 7, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as introduced: CR S42)