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#### HR 3242

Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Oct 2, 2003

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Law: 108-465 (Enacted Dec 21, 2004)

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#### **Sponsor**

Name: Rep. Ose, Doug [R-CA-3]

Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

## Cosponsors (123 total)

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Dooley, Calvin M. [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	$R \cdot PA$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	$R \cdot CA$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	$D \cdot TX$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	$R \cdot NY$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	$R \cdot GA$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Kolbe, Jim [R-AZ-8]	$R \cdot AZ$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	$D\cdotWA$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	$R \cdot NY$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-21]	$R \cdot CA$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Radanovich, George [R-CA-19]	$R \cdot CA$		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	$D \cdot OR$		Oct 2, 2003
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Oct 8, 2003
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	$R \cdot VA$		Oct 8, 2003
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	$D \cdot MN$		Oct 8, 2003
Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	$D \cdot NC$		Oct 17, 2003
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	$R \cdot FL$		Oct 17, 2003
Rep. Houghton, Amo [R-NY-29]	$R \cdot NY$		Oct 17, 2003
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Oct 17, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D·MS		Oct 17, 2003
Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Oct 21, 2003
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Oct 21, 2003
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Oct 29, 2003
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Oct 29, 2003
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]	D · MI		Oct 29, 2003
Rep. Harris, Katherine [R-FL-13]	$R \cdot FL$		Oct 29, 2003
Rep. Lucas, Ken [D-KY-4]	D · KY		Oct 29, 2003
Rep. Pombo, Richard W. [R-CA-11]	R · CA		Oct 29, 2003
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-28]	D·TX		Oct 29, 2003
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	$R \cdot MI$		Oct 29, 2003
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Nov 5, 2003
Rep. Lewis, Ron [R-KY-2]	R·KY		Nov 5, 2003
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D 141		N. F. 0000
Nop. Woodham, Betty [5] Wife +]	D · MN		Nov 5, 2003

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Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO	Role	Nov 5, 2003
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2003
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Nov 7, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Nov 7, 2003
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		
	D · WV		Nov 17, 2003 Nov 17, 2003
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	R · FL		Nov 17, 2003
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	D · HI		
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]  Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		Nov 19, 2003
			Nov 19, 2003
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jan 21, 2004
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jan 21, 2004
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Jan 21, 2004
Rep. Bilirakis, Michael [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Jan 27, 2004
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2004
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 3, 2004
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2004
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	D · ND		Feb 25, 2004
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2004
Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Mar 17, 2004
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2004
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 24, 2004
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Mar 24, 2004
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Apr 1, 2004
Rep. Jenkins, William L. [R-TN-1]	R·TN		Apr 1, 2004
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Apr 1, 2004
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Apr 21, 2004
Rep. Collins, Mac [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Apr 22, 2004
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		May 6, 2004
Rep. Burr, Richard [R-NC-5]	R · NC		May 6, 2004
Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6]	R · GA		May 6, 2004
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 6, 2004
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		May 6, 2004
Rep. Sherwood, Don [R-PA-10]	R · PA		May 6, 2004
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R·OR		May 6, 2004
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R·FL		May 13, 2004

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Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN	Kule	May 13, 2004
Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · IN		May 13, 2004
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		May 13, 2004
Rep. Matsui, Robert T. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 13, 2004
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		May 13, 2004
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 13, 2004
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		May 13, 2004
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jun 1, 2004
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Jun 1, 2004
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Jun 14, 2004
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]			Jun 17, 2004
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jul 9, 2004
Rep. Taylor, Charles H. [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jul 9, 2004
Rep. Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2004
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Sep 8, 2004
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Sep 8, 2004
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2004
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Sep 13, 2004
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Sep 21, 2004
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 21, 2004
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Sep 23, 2004
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Sep 23, 2004
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33] D · CA			Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2004
Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Sep 30, 2004
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Sep 30, 2004
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Sep 30, 2004

# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 30, 2004
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 12, 2003

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

# **Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 2902	Related bill	Oct 6, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on October 7, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 - (Sec. 3) Defines "specialty crop" as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and nursery crops (including floriculture).

**Title I: State Assistance for Specialty Crops -** (Sec. 101) Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to make FY 2005 through 2009 State grants to enhance specialty crop competitiveness. Bases grant amounts on specialty crop production value. Sets minimum State grants at \$100,000 per fiscal year. Authorizes FY 2005 through 2009 appropriations.

**Title II: Specialty Crop Advancement -** (Sec. 201) Authorizes FY 2005 through 2009 appropriations for specialty crop technical assistance under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

(Sec. 202) Directs the Secretary to: (1) reduce the number of backlog permit applications for the export of agricultural commodities without diluting or diminishing existing personnel resources that are currently managing sanitary and phytosanitary issues; and (2) report annually respecting such backlog, including the number of applications and backlog applications processed to completion.

(Sec. 203) Directs the Secretary to report on the significant sanitary and phytosanitary issues affecting specialty crop exports.

**Title III: Specialty Crop Research -** (Sec. 301) Directs the Secretary to elevate the priority of methyl bromide alternative research and extension activities and reexamine the risks and benefits of extending the phase-out deadline. Authorizes FY 2005 through 2009 appropriations.

(Sec. 302) Amends the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include specialty crop research among high priority research and extension activities.

(Sec. 303) Amends the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to direct the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board to establish a permanent specialty crops committee to study the scope of research, extension, and economics programs affecting the specialty crop industry.

**Title IV: Pest and Disease Response Fund -** (Sec. 401) Establishes in the Treasury the Pest and Disease Response Fund. Authorizes FY 2005 through 2009 appropriations.

(Sec. 402) Directs the Secretary to enter into an agreement with the National Plant Board for peer review of the procedures and standards of import and export requests under the Plant Protection Act, which shall address: (1) the preparation of risk assessments; and (2) the sufficiency, type, and quality of data that should be submitted to the Secretary.

(Sec. 403) Authorizes FY 2005 through 2009 appropriations for maintenance of the Agricultural Marketing Service inspection training center in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Dec 21, 2004: Signed by President.
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- Dec 21, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-465.
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- Dec 10, 2004: Presented to President.
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- Dec 7, 2004: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11879)
- Dec 7, 2004: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11879)
- Dec 7, 2004: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Oct 7, 2004: Mr. Ose moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- Oct 7, 2004: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8377-8382)
- Oct 7, 2004: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3242.
- Oct 7, 2004: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8377-8379)
- Oct 7, 2004: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8377-8379)
- Oct 7, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Oct 7, 2004: Received in the Senate, read twice.
- Oct 6, 2004: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 108-750, Part I.
- Oct 6, 2004: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 108-750, Part I.
- Oct 6, 2004: House Committee on Ways and Means Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 6, 2004.
- Oct 6, 2004: Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
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- Oct 6, 2004: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 467.
- Sep 30, 2004: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture Discharged.
- Sep 30, 2004: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Sep 30, 2004: Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- Oct 15, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture.
- Oct 15, 2003: Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- Oct 12, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- Oct 2, 2003: Introduced in House
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- Oct 2, 2003: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a
  period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within
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