

## HR 339

### Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Sep 25, 2003
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Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 20, 2003
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Rep. John, Christopher [D-LA-7]	D · LA		Feb 11, 2004
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Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Mar 3, 2004
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2004
Rep. Stenholm, Charles W. [D-TX-17]	D · TX		Mar 4, 2004

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 19, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HRES 552	Procedurally related	<b>Mar 10, 2004:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
108 S 1428	Related bill	<b>Oct 16, 2003:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Hearings held.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2004)

Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act - Prohibits new and dismisses pending civil actions by any person against a manufacturer or seller of food or a trade association for any injury resulting from a person's consumption of food and weight gain, obesity, or any associated health condition, excluding actions alleging: (1) a knowing and willful violation of a Federal or State statute applicable to the manufacturing, marketing, distribution, advertisement, labeling, or sale of food where the violation was a proximate cause of injury related to a person's weight gain, obesity, or related health condition; (2) a breach of express contract or express warranty in connection with the purchase of food; or (3) a violation under the Federal Trade Commission Act or the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Requires: (1) a stay of discovery during the pendency of a motion to dismiss an action described in clause 1 or 2 above, unless necessary to preserve evidence or to prevent undue prejudice; and (2) document preservation during the stay. Requires the complaint in an action described in clause 1 above to plead with particularity the Federal and State statutes that were allegedly violated and the facts that are alleged to have proximately caused the injury claimed.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 26, 2004:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 463.
- **Mar 25, 2004:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Mar 11, 2004:** Received in the Senate.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** Rule H. Res. 552 passed House.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 552. (consideration: CR H946-982; text of measure as reported in House: CR H953-954)
- **Mar 10, 2004:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 339 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** The Speaker designated the Honorable John Abney Culberson to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 552 and Rule XVIII.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 339.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Sensenbrenner amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Scott (VA) amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** POSTPONED VOTE - At the conclusion of debate on the Scott (VA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Sensenbrenner demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Watt amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Andrews amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** POSTPONED VOTE - At the conclusion of debate on the Andrews amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Andrews demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Inslee amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Ackerman amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** POSTPONED VOTE - At the conclusion of debate on the Ackerman amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Ackerman demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Lampson amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Jackson-Lee amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Jackson-Lee amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** POSTPONED VOTE - At the conclusion of debate on the Jackson-Lee amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Jackson-Lee demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Watt amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** POSTPONED VOTE - At the conclusion of debate on the Watt amendment, the Chair put the question

on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr Watt demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

- **Mar 10, 2004:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 339.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 276 - 139 (Roll no. 54).
- **Mar 10, 2004:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 276 - 139 (Roll no. 54).
- **Mar 10, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 9, 2004:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 552 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 339 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Mar 5, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 108-432.
- **Mar 5, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 108-432.
- **Mar 5, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 248.
- **Mar 4, 2004:** Mr. DeLay asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Judiciary have until midnight on March 5 to file a report on H.R. 339. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 28, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 28, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 19, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law for purposes of hearing only (jurisdiction retained at Full Committee).
- **Jan 27, 2003:** Introduced in House
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