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## HR 554

Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House Policy Area: Law

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(Oct 21, 2005)

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## **Sponsor**

Name: Rep. Keller, Ric [R-FL-8]

Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

# Cosponsors (85 total)

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
ep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2] R · MO		Feb 2, 2005	
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R·AL		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	$R \cdot TN$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	$R \cdot MO$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Boehner, John A. [R-OH-8]	$R \cdot OH$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	$R \cdot NH$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	$R \cdot SC$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	$R \cdot CA$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Cox, Christopher [R-CA-48]	$R \cdot CA$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large]	$R \cdot WY$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	$R \cdot VA$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. DeLay, Tom [R-TX-22]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	$R \cdot AZ$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	$R \cdot NJ$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	$R \cdot MD$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	$R \cdot WI$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	$R \cdot WA$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	$R \cdot NC$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Kennedy, Mark R. [R-MN-6]	$R \cdot MN$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	$R \cdot IL$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Mack, Connie [R-FL-14]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	$R \cdot NY$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Ney, Robert W. [R-OH-18]	$R \cdot OH$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	$R \cdot GA$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Otter, C. L. (Butch) [R-ID-1]	$R \cdot ID$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-6]	$R \cdot IN$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	$R \cdot WI$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Pryce, Deborah [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	$R \cdot WI$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	$R \cdot ID$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	$R \cdot NJ$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	$R \cdot TX$		Feb 8, 2005

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Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Feb 8, 2005
Resident Commissioner Fortuno, Luis G. [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Feb 8, 2005
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R·VA		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Shaw, E. Clay, Jr. [R-FL-22]	R·FL		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Cannon, Chris [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Feb 15, 2005
Rep. Everett, Terry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Feb 15, 2005
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Feb 15, 2005
Rep. Jindal, Bobby [R-LA-1]	R·LA		Feb 15, 2005
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Feb 15, 2005
Rep. Regula, Ralph [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Feb 15, 2005
Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Mar 2, 2005
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Mar 2, 2005
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Mar 2, 2005
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Mar 3, 2005
Rep. Hoekstra, Peter [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Mar 8, 2005
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Mar 16, 2005
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	$R \cdot TX$		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	$R \cdot MO$		Apr 5, 2005
Rep. Herseth, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		Apr 19, 2005
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Apr 19, 2005
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Apr 21, 2005
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	$R \cdot CA$		Apr 21, 2005
Rep. Bonilla, Henry [R-TX-23]	$R \cdot TX$		Apr 26, 2005
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	$R \cdot LA$		Apr 27, 2005
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Apr 27, 2005
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Apr 27, 2005
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	$R \cdot TX$		Apr 28, 2005
Rep. Harris, Katherine [R-FL-13]	R·FL		Apr 28, 2005
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R·LA		May 3, 2005
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 3, 2005
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		May 4, 2005
Rep. Northup, Anne M. [R-KY-3]	R · KY		May 5, 2005
Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		May 5, 2005
Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		May 10, 2005
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		May 17, 2005
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R·TX		May 18, 2005
Rep. Sodrel, Michael E. [R-IN-9]	$R \cdot IN$		May 24, 2005

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	$R \cdot GA$		Jun 7, 2005
Rep. Davis, Geoff [R-KY-4]	$R \cdot KY$		Jun 9, 2005

### **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	May 20, 2005

#### **Subjects & Policy Tags**

**Policy Area:** 

Law

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HRES 494	Procedurally related	Oct 18, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
109 S 908	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4261-4262)

#### **Summary** (as of Oct 19, 2005)

Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act of 2005 - Prohibits new and dismisses pending civil actions by any person against a manufacturer, marketer, distributor, advertiser, or seller of food or a trade association for any injury related to a person's accumulated acts of consumption of food and weight gain, obesity, or any associated health condition, excluding actions alleging: (1) a breach of express contract or express warranty provided that the grounds of recovery are unrelated to a person's weight gain, obesity, or related health condition; (2) a knowing violation of a federal or state statute applicable to the marketing, advertisement, or labeling of food with intent for a person to rely on that violation, where such person relied on that violation, and where such reliance was the proximate cause of injury related to that person's weight gain, obesity, or related health condition; or (3) a violation brought by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) under the Federal Trade Commission Act or by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Requires in any excluded action: (1) a stay of discovery during the pendency of any motion to dismiss, unless necessary to preserve evidence or to prevent undue prejudice; and (2) evidence preservation during the stay. Requires the complaint in such an action to plead with particularity for each defendant and cause of action: (1) each element of the cause of action and the specific facts alleged to satisfy each element of the cause of action; (2) the federal and state statutes that allegedly create the cause of action; and (3) the exception under this Act that is being relied upon and the specific facts that allegedly satisfy the requirements of that exception.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Oct 21, 2005: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 254.
- Oct 20, 2005: Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time
- Oct 19, 2005: Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 494. (consideration: CR H8925-8940; text of measure as reported in House: CR H8930-8931)
- Oct 19, 2005: Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 554 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- Oct 19, 2005: House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 494 and Rule XVIII.
- Oct 19, 2005: The Speaker designated the Honorable Candice S. Miller to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.
- Oct 19, 2005: GENERAL DEBATE The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 554.
- Oct 19, 2005: DEBATE Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 494, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sensenbrenner amendment.
- Oct 19, 2005: DEBATE Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 449, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson-Lee amendment.
- Oct 19, 2005: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS 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.
- Oct 19, 2005: DEBATE Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 449, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Filner amendment.
- Oct 19, 2005: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS At the conclusion of debate on the Filner amendment, the Chair put the
  question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Filner
  demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the
  amendment until later in the legislative day.
- Oct 19, 2005: DEBATE Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 449, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Scott (VA) amendment.
- Oct 19, 2005: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS 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.
- Oct 19, 2005: DEBATE Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 449, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Waxman amendment.
- Oct 19, 2005: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS At the conclusion of debate on the Waxman amendment, the Chair put
  the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Waxman
  demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the
  amendment until later in the legislative day.
- Oct 19, 2005: UNFINSHED BUSINESS The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- Oct 19, 2005: The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 554.
- Oct 19, 2005: The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H8939)
- Oct 19, 2005: 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.
- Oct 19, 2005: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 306 120 (Roll no. 533).
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- Oct 19, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Oct 18, 2005: Rule H. Res. 494 passed House.
- Oct 17, 2005: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 494 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 554 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.

Jun 14, 2005: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-130.

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- Jun 14, 2005: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 75.
- May 25, 2005: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 25, 2005: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 16 8.
- May 20, 2005: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law Discharged.
- Mar 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law.
- Feb 2, 2005: Introduced in House
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