

## S 3538

A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to suspend a prohibition on payments to certain farms with limited base acres for the 2008 and 2009 crop years, to extend the signup for direct payments and counter-cyclical payments for the 2008 crop year, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Sep 23, 2008

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sep 23, 2008)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Sep 23, 2008
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Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 23, 2008
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Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 24, 2008
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Sep 24, 2008
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Sep 24, 2008
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 24, 2008
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Sep 25, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 23, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Sep 23, 2008)

Amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 with respect to producers, including peanut producers, with 10 or fewer base acres to: (1) suspend a prohibition on direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments; and (2) extend the 2008 signup deadline for direct payments and counter-cyclical payments until December 31, 2008.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure that no penalty is assessed against producers for failure to submit reports or comply with other program requirements as a result of compliance with the extended signup deadline.

### Actions Timeline

- **Sep 23, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
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