

## S 1089

Promoting American Agricultural and Medical Exports to Cuba Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		May 20, 2009
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		May 20, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 20, 2009
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		May 20, 2009
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		May 20, 2009
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 20, 2009
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		May 20, 2009
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 20, 2009
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 20, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 20, 2009
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		May 20, 2009
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		May 20, 2009
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 20, 2009
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 20, 2009
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 20, 2009
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 20, 2009
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 6, 2009
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 14, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 11, 2010
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 11, 2010
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 20, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4645	Related bill	<b>Sep 29, 2010:</b> Reported by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 111-653, Part I.
111 S 3112	Related bill	<b>Mar 15, 2010:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
111 HR 1531	Related bill	<b>Mar 16, 2009:</b> Referred to House Financial Services

## Summary (as of May 20, 2009)

Promoting American Agricultural and Medical Exports to Cuba Act of 2009 - Prohibits the President from restricting direct transfers from a Cuban depository institution to a U.S. depository institution in payment for a product or agricultural commodity authorized for sale under the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to provide information and technical assistance to U.S. agricultural producers, cooperative organizations, or state agencies to promote U.S. agricultural exports products to Cuba.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) increase the airport ticket tax for transportation between the United States and Cuba by \$1; and (2) establish in the Treasury the Agricultural Export Promotion Trust Fund.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should issue temporary entry visas to Cuban nationals whose itinerary documents an intent to conduct activities, including phytosanitary inspections, relating to the purchase of U.S. agricultural commodities or products.

Amends the Democracy Act of 1992 to repeal the requirement for onsite verification of certain medical exports to Cuba.

Prohibits the President from regulating or prohibiting travel to or from Cuba by U.S. citizens or legal residents, or any of the transactions incident to such travel.

States that: (1) any regulation restricting or prohibiting such travel shall have no effect; and (2) such prohibition shall not apply in time of war or armed hostilities between the United States and Cuba, or of imminent danger to the public health or the physical safety of U.S. citizens or legal residents.

Amends the Department of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 to repeal the prohibition on enforcement of rights to certain U.S. intellectual properties and such properties' transfer.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 20, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5704)
- **May 20, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.