

## HR 3623

To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to provide funding for successful claimants following a determination on the merits of Pigford claims related to racial discrimination by the Department of Agriculture.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Sep 22, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Oct 19, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/3623>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Davis, Artur [D-AL-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** AL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Oct 22, 2009
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 4, 2009
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Nov 16, 2009
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 12, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 22, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2009
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 972	Related bill	<b>May 5, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5131-5132)

Amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to make it unlawful for a person to knowingly commit specified fraudulent acts relating to a *Pigford* claim (relating to racial discrimination by the Department of Agriculture). Subjects a violator to criminal fine and/or up to five years in prison.

Provides for: (1) access to the permanent judgment fund for additional claims payments or debt relief after the expenditure of amounts otherwise made available for claims payments; and (2) reasonable attorney fees, administrative costs, and expenses to be paid from such fund.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 19, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Oct 19, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Sep 22, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 22, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Sep 22, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Sep 22, 2009:** Referred to House Agriculture