

S 972

A bill 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.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		May 5, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Aug 4, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 5, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3623	Related bill	Oct 19, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of May 5, 2009)

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

- **May 5, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 5, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5131)
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