

## 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.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** May 5, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure a

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5131-5132) (May 5, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/972>

### 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	<b>Oct 19, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

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