

## HR 2031

### EATS Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** May 26, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture.  
(Jun 8, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/2031>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		May 31, 2011
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jun 14, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 8, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Expediting Agriculture Through Science Act or EATS Act - Amends the Plant Protection Act to include biotechnology products among the plant pests that a person may petition the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to have added or removed from regulations allowing such products' importation, entry, exportation, or movement in interstate commerce without a permit.

Revises provisions regarding the Secretary's response to such a petition to require the Secretary to: (1) determine whether to approve such petition not later than 180 days after the petition's receipt, with two permitted 30-day extensions; (2) notify the petitioner of such extensions; and (3) provide a denied petitioner with denial information and an opportunity to remedy deficiencies.

Deems a petition approved if the Secretary has not made a determination to approve the petition by the end of the 240-day period beginning on the date of the petition's receipt.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 8, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture.
- **May 27, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E984)
- **May 26, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 26, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.