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Global Food Security Act of 2016

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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 21, 2015
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2015
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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 22, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Oct 5, 2015
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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 10, 2016
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 10, 2016
Sen. Coats, Daniel [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 16, 2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 5, 2016
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Apr 20, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 18, 2016
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 15, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1567	Related bill	Jul 14, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on April 20, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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This bill requires the President to develop and implement a Global Food Security Strategy to promote global food security, resilience, and nutrition.

(Sec. 3) This section specifies that it is in the U.S. national interest to promote global food security, resilience, and nutrition, consistent with national food security investment plans through programs and activities that:

- place food insecure countries on a path toward self-sufficiency and economic freedom by coordinating U.S. assistance programs;
- accelerate inclusive, agricultural-led economic growth that reduces global poverty, hunger, and malnutrition;
- increase the productivity, incomes, and livelihoods of small-scale producers;
- build resilience to food shocks among vulnerable populations and households while reducing reliance upon emergency food assistance;
- create an environment for agricultural growth and investment;
- improve the nutritional status of women and children;
- demonstrably meet, align with, and leverage U.S. strategies and investments in trade, economic growth, national security, science and technology, agriculture research and extension, maternal and child health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene;
- strengthen partnerships between U.S. and foreign universities that build agricultural capacity; and
- ensure the effective use of taxpayer dollars in furthering these objectives.

(Sec. 4) This section sets forth definitions that apply to this bill.

(Sec. 5) The President must coordinate a whole-of-government strategy to promote global food security, resilience, and nutrition, consistent with national food security investment plans.

This section specifies required goals and criteria for the strategy. The President must coordinate the efforts of federal departments and agencies to implement the strategy by establishing:

- monitoring and evaluation systems, coherence, and coordination across federal departments and agencies;
- linkages with other initiatives and strategies of federal departments and agencies; and
- platforms for regular consultation and collaboration with key stakeholders and congressional committees.

The President must submit the strategy, including agency-specific plans, to Congress by October 1, 2016.

(Sec. 6) To carry out the strategy, the President may provide assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to prevent or address food shortages.

(Sec. 7) This section states that it is U.S. policy to fully leverage, enhance, and expand the impact and reach of available U.S. humanitarian resources to mitigate the effects of manmade and natural disasters by utilizing innovative new approaches to delivering aid.

This section amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the President to provide emergency food assistance (including funds, transfers, vouchers, and agricultural commodities) acquired through local or regional procurement to meet emergency food needs arising from manmade and natural disasters.

The President must report annually to Congress on the use of this authority, including the amounts of assistance provided, intended beneficiaries, monitoring and evaluation strategies, anticipated outcomes, and actual outcomes.

(Sec. 8) The President must report to Congress on the implementation of the Global Food Security Strategy for 2017 and 2018.

The Office of Management and Budget must submit to Congress an interagency budget crosscut report including specified details regarding the proposed and actual expenditures of individual agencies for global food security activities.

(Sec. 9) This section specifies that nothing in the Global Food Security Strategy or this bill should be construed to supersede or otherwise affect the authority of federal departments and agencies to carry out specified food and nutrition security or emergency and nonemergency food assistance programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 20, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-195.
- **Jul 8, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 6, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4332-4333)
- **Jul 6, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 369 - 53 (Roll no. 354). (text: CR 7/5/2016 H4263-4266)
- **Jul 6, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 369 - 53 (Roll no. 354). (text: CR 7/5/2016 H4263-4266)
- **Jul 6, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 5, 2016:** Mr. Royce moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 5, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4263-4267)
- **Jul 5, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1252.
- **Jul 5, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 18, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 11, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Apr 21, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 21, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 21, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2344-2350; text of measure as reported in House: CR S2344-2346)
- **Apr 20, 2016:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S2347-2350)
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S2347-2350)
- **Mar 15, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Mar 15, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 393.
- **Mar 10, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 7, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 7, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.