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Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2015
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 24, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HRES 369	Related bill	Jul 22, 2015: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015

TITLE I--FOOD SAFETY AFFIRMATION FOR CERTAIN PLANT PRODUCTS

Subtitle A--Food and Drug Administration

(Sec. 101) This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to continue the voluntary consultation process established under the FDA's "Statement of Policy: Foods Derived from New Plant Varieties." In that process, the FDA evaluates a scientific and regulatory assessment provided by the developer of a food produced from, containing, or consisting of a plant that is a genetically engineered organism (GMO).

The FDA may require a GMO food to have a label that informs consumers of a material difference between the GMO food and a comparable food if the disclosure is necessary to protect public health and safety or to prevent the label from being false or misleading. The use of a GMO does not, by itself, constitute a material difference.

Subtitle B--Department of Agriculture

(Sec. 111) This bill amends the Plant Protection Act to allow the sale of a GMO food (including imported food and excluding plant pests) only if the FDA has determined through the consultation process that the GMO food is safe and lawful and that determination has been shared with the Department of Agriculture (USDA). The FDA and USDA must report on implementation of this process. A GMO plant may be sold for research, to produce a processing aid or enzyme, or as a nutrient source for microorganisms without meeting these requirements.

USDA must publish a list of GMO plants that can be sold as food and the determinations made by the FDA and USDA regarding those foods.

(Sec. 113) State and local requirements for GMO food are preempted by this Act.

TITLE II--GENETIC ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION

(Sec. 201) This bill amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to establish a voluntary genetically engineered food certification program. This program must be implemented through certifying agents accredited by the AMS.

For a food to be sold as a product produced without genetic engineering (non-GMO), the food must be subject to supply chain process controls that keep the product separated from GMOs and must be produced and handled in compliance with a non-genetically engineered food plan, which is a description of procedures to ensure compliance, monitoring records, and corrective actions in the event of a deviation from the plan.

For food derived from livestock to be sold as non-GMO, the product, livestock, feed, and products used in processing the feed must be produced without GMOs.

A food's label or advertising cannot suggest that non-GMO foods are safer or of higher quality than GMO foods.

For a food to be sold as a GMO food, it must be produced and handled in compliance with a genetically engineered food plan. A GMO food's label or advertising cannot suggest that it is safer or of higher quality solely because it is GMO.

The AMS must allow a person to voluntarily disclose how a product has been genetically engineered.

Imported products may be labeled as produced with or without genetic engineering if the products have been produced and handled under a genetic engineering certification program that provides safeguards and guidelines at least equivalent to the AMS's requirements.

(Sec. 203) State and local requirements for the labeling of GMO products are preempted unless the state or local government establishes a program that matches the programs described in this Act.

(Sec. 204) Claims made before enactment of this Act regarding whether a product was produced with or without genetic engineering may continue to be made for 36 months after enactment of this Act. After that period, the claims must meet the standards in this Act. Products from certified organic producers are deemed to be certified non-GMO.

TITLE III--NATURAL FOODS

(Sec. 302) The FDA must regulate the term "natural" on food labeling.

(Sec. 303) State and local requirements for the term "natural" are preempted by FDA regulations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 369. (consideration: CR H5416-5439)
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1599 and H.R. 1734.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 369 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Michael K. Simpson to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 1599.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 369, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DeFazio amendment No. 1.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the DeFazio amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. DeFazio demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 369, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Huffman amendment No. 2.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Huffman amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Huffman demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 369, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DeLauro amendment No. 3.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the DeLauro amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. DeLauro demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 369, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pingree amendment No. 4.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on adoption of amendments, which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 1599.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H5438)
- **Jul 23, 2015:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text of measure in the nature of a substitute: CR H5426-5430)
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 275 - 150 (Roll no. 462).
- **Jul 23, 2015:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 275 - 150 (Roll no. 462).
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 21, 2015:** Mr. Conaway asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1599. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 21, 2015:** Supplemental report filed by the Committee on Agriculture, H. Rept. 114-208, Part II.
- **Jul 21, 2015:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 369 Reported to House. Resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1599 and H.R. 1734.
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 114-208, Part I.
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 8, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Mar 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.