

HR 1238

Securing our Agriculture and Food Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 28, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Discharged From	Mar 16, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2017
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 24, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 16, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 500	Related bill	Apr 24, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 38.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to carry out a program to coordinate DHS efforts related to defending the food, agriculture, and veterinary systems of the United States against terrorism and other high-consequence events that pose a high risk to homeland security.

Such program shall:

- provide oversight and management of DHS's responsibilities pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9 - Defense of United States Agriculture and Food;
- provide oversight and integration of DHS activities related to veterinary public health, food defense, and agricultural security;
- lead DHS policy initiatives related to food, animal, and agricultural incidents and to overall domestic preparedness for, and collective response to, agricultural terrorism;
- coordinate with other DHS components on activities related to food and agriculture security and screening procedures for domestic and imported products; and
- coordinate with appropriate federal departments and agencies.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 30, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 30, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-43.
- **Jun 27, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Mr. Katko asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and agree to the Senate amendments. (consideration: CR H4974-4975)
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H4974-4975)
- **Jun 20, 2017:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H4974-4975)
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 25, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 24, 2017:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 24, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S3151-3152)
- **May 24, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 24, 2017:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Mr. Donovan moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2304-2307)
- **Mar 22, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1238.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** 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.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2330-2331)
- **Mar 22, 2017:** 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): 406 - 6 (Roll no. 187).(text: CR H2304-2305)
- **Mar 22, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 406 - 6 (Roll no. 187). (text: CR H2304-2305)
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 16, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-42, Part I.
- **Mar 16, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Mar 16, 2017:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Mar 16, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 22.
- **Mar 8, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and 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.