

## S 2107

### Protecting America's Food and Agriculture Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Jul 11, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-122.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-122. (Mar 3, 2020)

**Law:** 116-122 (Enacted Mar 3, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2107>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 11, 2019
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 11, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 11, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 26, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 29, 2019
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 10, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 14, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4482	Identical bill	Oct 2, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.

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This bill authorizes U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), every fiscal year, to hire, train, and assign 240 new agricultural specialists until the total number of specialists equals and sustains the requirements identified each year in the Agriculture Resource Allocation Model.

The CBP may also hire, train, and assign support staff to assist the specialists and specified levels of agricultural canine teams.

In calculating the number of specialists needed at each port of entry through the Agriculture Resource Allocation Model, the Office of Field Operations of the CBP must (1) rely on data collected regarding the inspections and other activities conducted at each such port of entry; and (2) consider volume from seasonal surges, other projected changes in commercial and passenger volumes, the most current commercial forecasts, and other relevant information.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) must conduct a review of the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Agriculture, and other federal agencies to address risks to the agricultural supply. The GAO must analyze (1) interagency coordination and the distribution of responsibilities among federal agencies with respect to the inspection of agricultural commodities entering the United States; (2) the effectiveness of such inspection responsibilities among federal agencies; and (3) the training provided to, and working conditions of, CBP Agriculture Specialists.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 3, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 3, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-122.
- **Feb 20, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Ms. Torres Small (NM) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H983-986)
- **Feb 10, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2107.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H983)
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.
- **Oct 24, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6176-6177; text: CR S6177)
- **Oct 24, 2019:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6176-6177; text: CR S6177)
- **Sep 10, 2019:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson without amendment. With written report No. 116-94.
- **Sep 10, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 198.
- **Jul 24, 2019:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.