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Seeding Rural Resilience Act

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Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Nov 14, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 14, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 5, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Dec 16, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 6, 2020
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Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		May 6, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4049	Related bill	Aug 7, 2020: Held at the desk.
116 HR 4820	Identical bill	Nov 21, 2019: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H9158)

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This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to implement a public service announcement campaign to address the mental health of farmers and ranchers, including television, radio, print, outdoor, and digital public service announcements.

Additionally, USDA must

- establish a voluntary program to train employees of the Farm Service Agency, the Risk Management Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the management of stress experienced by farmers and ranchers, including the detection of stress and suicide prevention; and
- convene a task force of agricultural and rural stakeholders at the federal, state, and local levels to assess the causes of mental stress in farmers and ranchers and identify best practices for responding to such stress.

Actions Timeline

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