

## S 2695

National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (26 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Nov 7, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Nov 7, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 7, 2019
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Nov 14, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Nov 14, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Nov 14, 2019
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Nov 14, 2019
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 21, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 5, 2019
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Dec 5, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 12, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Dec 12, 2019
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Dec 19, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 19, 2019
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Jan 21, 2020
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Aug 6, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 17, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility Act of 2019**

This bill provides statutory authority for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to act through the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility to provide integrated research, development, and response capabilities to defend U.S. agriculture and food against bio- and agro-terrorism threats.

Specifically, the bill requires USDA to use the facility to implement research and development objectives to (1) develop veterinary countermeasures for emerging foreign animal diseases and animal transboundary diseases; (2) provide advanced test, diagnostic, and evaluation capability for threat detection, vulnerability assessment, and veterinary countermeasure assessment for animal and zoonotic diseases; and (3) assist with the development, and address vulnerability assessments, of the agriculture and food sectors.

USDA must also evaluate the work of the facility and publish an unclassified strategic research plan for the facility based on risk and threat assessment.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 17, 2019:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Dec 17, 2019:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Reported by Senator Roberts with amendments. Without written report.
- **Dec 17, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 376.
- **Oct 24, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 24, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.