

S 4054

United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Jun 24, 2020

Current Status: By Senator Roberts from Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry filed written report. Repo

Latest Action: By Senator Roberts from Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry filed written report. Report No. 116-334. (Dec 16, 2020)

Law: 116-216 (Enacted Dec 16, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/4054>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Jun 24, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2020

This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 the United States Grain Standards Act, which authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish official marketing standards for grains, and to provide procedures for grain inspection and weighing.

Additionally, the bill

- requires a state agency to notify customers or applicants for weighing or inspection services if it intends to temporarily discontinue the services;
- extends the authority of USDA to collect fees to fund official inspections and provide official weighing services through FY2025;
- extends the cap on the administrative and supervisory costs through FY2025;
- requires USDA to publish quarterly reports describing data from the tests and inspections for intrinsic quality factors (including protein, oil, and starch) and food safety factors;
- requires USDA to publish quarterly reports including the number of certain waivers and exceptions that were requested and granted;
- prohibits the use of user fees for activities related to the development or maintenance of grain standards, or for any activity that is not directly related to the performance of an official inspection or weighing service;
- provides that members of the advisory committee with respect to the act may serve up to two consecutive terms and extends the authorization of the committee through FY2025; and
- requires USDA to conduct a comprehensive nationwide review of the official agency geographical areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2020:** By Senator Roberts from Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry filed written report. Report No. 116-334.
- **Dec 11, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 11, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-216.
- **Dec 8, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Mr. Peterson moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6028-6031)
- **Dec 2, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 4054.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6028-6029)
- **Dec 2, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6028-6029)
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6715-6716)
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text: CR S6715-6716)
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S6715-6716)
- **Jun 24, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 24, 2020:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Roberts. Without written report.
- **Jun 24, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 484.