

S 4768

AIM Act

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Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8238	Related bill	Sep 14, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.

Agricultural Intelligence Measures Act or the AIM Act

This bill establishes the Office of Intelligence in the Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the National Intelligence Program.

The office must

- leverage the capabilities of the intelligence community and the intelligence-related research of the National Laboratories to ensure that USDA is fully informed of threats by foreign actors to U.S. agriculture;
- focus on understanding foreign efforts to steal U.S. agriculture knowledge and technology, and develop or implement biological warfare attacks, cyber or clandestine operations, or other means of sabotaging and disrupting U.S. agriculture;
- prepare, conduct, and facilitate intelligence briefings for USDA;
- operate as the liaison between USDA and the intelligence community, with the authority to request intelligence collection and analysis on matters related to U.S. agriculture;
- collaborate with the intelligence community to downgrade intelligence assessments for broader dissemination within USDA; and
- facilitate the sharing of information on foreign activities related to agriculture with the intelligence community.

Actions Timeline

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