

S 2036

Meat Packing Special Investigator Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 28, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Oct 28, 2021
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 28, 2021
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Oct 28, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 30, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 5, 2022
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 10, 2022
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 16, 2022
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 2, 2022
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 2, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3870	Related bill	Jul 11, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 436.
117 HR 7606	Related bill	Jun 21, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
117 HR 4103	Related bill	Jul 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

Summary (as of Jun 10, 2021)

Meat Packing Special Investigator Act

This bill establishes within the Department of Agriculture's Packers and Stockyards Division the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters.

Specifically, the office must use all available tools (e.g., subpoenas) to investigate and prosecute violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 by packers. Further, the bill grants the office the authority to bring any civil or administrative action authorized by that act against a packer.

Additionally, the office must

- serve as a liaison to the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission with respect to competition and trade practices in the food and agricultural sector,
- consult with the Department of Homeland Security on national security and critical infrastructure security in the food and agricultural sector, and
- maintain a staff of attorneys and other professionals with appropriate expertise.

Actions Timeline

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