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Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act of 2022

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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. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 17, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 11, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7606	Identical 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.
117 S 2036	Related bill	Jun 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Summary (as of Jul 11, 2022)

Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act of 2022

This bill establishes within the Department of Agriculture (USDA) 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 and live poultry dealers. Further, the bill grants the office the authority to bring any civil or administrative action authorized by that act against a packer or live poultry dealer.

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,
- maintain a staff of attorneys and other professionals with appropriate expertise, and
- coordinate with the USDA Office of the General Counsel and the Packers and Stockyards Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2022:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Reported by Senator Stabenow with amendments. Without written report.
- **Jul 11, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 436.
- **Jun 22, 2022:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Apr 26, 2022:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Hearings held.
- **Mar 17, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 17, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.