

## HR 7606

Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Apr 27, 2022

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and F

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Jun 21, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7606>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Apr 27, 2022
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		May 11, 2022
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		May 11, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Discharged from	May 17, 2022
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 21, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3870	Identical bill	<b>Jul 11, 2022:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 436.
117 HR 7675	Related bill	<b>Jun 15, 2022:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 283.
117 HR 4140	Related bill	<b>Jun 14, 2022:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 279.
117 HRES 1170	Procedurally related	<b>Jun 14, 2022:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 7763	Related bill	<b>Jun 8, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
117 HR 7765	Related bill	<b>Jun 8, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
117 HR 2518	Related bill	<b>Jun 3, 2022:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 258.
117 HR 4103	Related bill	<b>Jul 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
117 HR 4410	Related bill	<b>Jul 14, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
117 S 2339	Related bill	<b>Jul 14, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 S 2036	Related bill	<b>Jun 10, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## Summary (as of Jun 16, 2022)

### Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act

This bill addresses provisions related to agriculture, food, and fuel, including by providing funds for nutrient management, precision agriculture, and biofuel infrastructure.

Specifically, the bill provides funding for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to (1) assist agricultural producers with the costs of crop nutrient use or adopting precision agriculture practices, and (2) provide grants to eligible entities (e.g., fueling and distribution facilities) for biofuel infrastructure.

The bill establishes within USDA the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters, which must investigate and prosecute violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 by packers and live poultry dealers.

Additionally, USDA must (1) establish an agriculture and food supply chain task force, and (2) provide assistance to address fertilizer shortages and reduce dependency on foreign sources for fertilizer.

The bill allows USDA to make loans and grants for livestock and poultry processing.

Further, the bill incorporates support for precision agriculture into various USDA programs.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service must enter into certain cooperative agreements for establishing supply chain regional resource centers to support small- and medium-sized producers of agricultural products and agricultural businesses.

The bill also applies the Reid vapor pressure (a measure of gasoline's volatility) requirements that are applicable to gasoline blended with 10% ethanol (E10) to gasoline blended with more than 10% ethanol. Thus, the waiver given to E10 gasoline, which allows an increase in the Reid Vapor Pressure volatility, is extended to gasoline blended with more than 10% ethanol.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 21, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1170. (consideration: CR H5615-5632; text: CR H5615-5618)
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2543, H.R. 2773 and H.R. 7606. Resolution provides for one hour of general debate on each bill and one motion to recommit. Rule also amends House Resolution 188 by striking "June 17, 2022" and inserting "June 22, 2022".
- **Jun 16, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 7606.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1170, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Khanna amendment No. 1.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1170, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Spanberger amendment No. 2.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Mrs. Cammack moved to recommit to the Committee on Agriculture. (text: CR H5631)
- **Jun 16, 2022:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Jun 16, 2022:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 206 - 218 (Roll no. 276).
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 221 - 204 (Roll no. 277).
- **Jun 16, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 221 - 204 (Roll no. 277).
- **Jun 16, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 14, 2022:** Rule H. Res. 1170 passed House.
- **Jun 13, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1170 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2543, H.R. 2773 and H.R. 7606. Resolution provides for one hour of general debate on each bill and one motion to recommit. Rule also amends House Resolution 188 by striking "June 17, 2022" and inserting "June 22, 2022".
- **Jun 9, 2022:** Supplemental report filed by the Committee on Agriculture, H. Rept. 117-357, Part II.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 117-357.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 270.
- **May 18, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 21.
- **May 17, 2022:** Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Discharged.
- **May 17, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 5, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.