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American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 20, 2023
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 20, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 20, 2023
Sen. Schmitt, Eric [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 10, 2024
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 18, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 20, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4293	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.

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This bill imposes limits and requirements on international food assistance provided under Title II of the Food for Peace Act and makes other changes to the assistance program.

First, the bill eliminates the use of food procured outside of the United States, food vouchers, or cash transfers as food as assistance under the program.

Second, the bill restricts the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) from using more than 50% of its annual appropriations for program expenses other than the procurement of agricultural commodities and ocean transportation.

Additionally, the bill limits the amount that USAID may provide to qualified organizations to be used for purposes such as administration, personnel, and program evaluation. Under current law, USAID must spend a minimum of 7.5% and a maximum of 20% of its annual appropriations for these purposes. The bill reduces the minimum to 5% and the maximum to 10%. The bill also cancels the Local and Regional Procurement assistance program, which funds field-based (i.e., outside the United States) agricultural projects.

The bill also modifies some of the respective powers of USAID and the Department of Agriculture (USDA). For example, the bill transfers from USAID to USDA the authority to approve drawing emergency food aid from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust.

The bill also renames the assistance program as the *Peter O'Brien Food for Peace Program*.

Actions Timeline

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