

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 616

To amend section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services as members of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and to require the Committee to consider the security of the food and agriculture systems of the United States as a factor to be considered when determining to take action with respect to foreign investment, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2017

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Food Security is Na-
3 tional Security Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF FOOD INSECURITY IN DETER-**
5 **MINATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN**
6 **INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

7 Section 721(f) of the Defense Production Act of 1950
8 (50 U.S.C. 4565(f)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (10), by striking “; and” and
10 inserting a semicolon;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraph (11) as para-
12 graph (12); and

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (10) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(11) the potential effects of the proposed or
16 pending transaction on the security of the food and
17 agriculture systems of the United States, including
18 any effects on the availability of, access to, or safety
19 and quality of food; and”.

20 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE**
21 **AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ON THE**
22 **COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN**
23 **THE UNITED STATES.**

24 Section 721(k)(2) of the Defense Production Act of
25 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(k)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (H), (I),
2 and (J) as subparagraphs (J), (K), and (L), respec-
3 tively; and

4 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(H) The Secretary of Agriculture.

7 “(I) The Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services.”.

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