

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8165

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2026

Mr. PAPPAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Protein for Every Plate  
5       Act of 2026”.

6       **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7       Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
8       2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (D) by striking “and” at  
2     the end,

3           (2) in subparagraph (E) and inserting the pe-  
4     riod at the end and inserting “; and”, and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(F) for each of the fiscal years 2026 and  
7     2027, the sum obtained by adding the total dol-  
8     lar amount of commodities specified in subpara-  
9     graph (E) for such fiscal year and  
10    \$200,000,000 for the purchase of animal pro-  
11    tein.”.

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