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H. R. 4346

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act so that labels on packages of meat include a statement on whether the meat contains lean finely textured beef.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2012

Ms. PINGREE of Maine (for herself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HOLT, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Requiring Easy and
5 Accurate Labeling of Beef Act” or the “REAL Beef Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING A STATEMENT ON WHETHER MEAT**
2 **CONTAINS LEAN FINELY TEXTURED BEEF ON**
3 **LABELS.**

4 Section 1(n) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21
5 U.S.C. 601(n)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (11), by striking “or” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (12), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “; or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following para-
11 graph:

12 “(13) if in a package or other container at the
13 final point of sale it contains low-temperature ren-
14 dered product, also known as lean finely textured
15 beef (as such terms are defined by the Secretary),
16 unless it bears a label stating that it contains such
17 product.”.

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