

Public Law 96-243
96th Congress

Joint Resolution

Making an urgent appropriation for the food stamp program for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, for the Department of Agriculture.

May 16, 1980

[H.J. Res. 545]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sum is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, namely:

Food stamp
program,
additional
appropriations.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the "Food Stamp Program", \$2,556,174,000: *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall remain available until September 30, 1980, in accordance with section 18(a) of the Food Stamp Act: *Provided further*, That up to 5 per centum of the foregoing amount may be placed in reserve to be apportioned pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, for use only in such amounts and at such times as may become necessary to carry out program operations: *Provided further*, That the Department of Agriculture is directed to study the effects of regulations which would limit benefits to participants in the food stamp program based upon value of the participants' assets, shall recommend an appropriate level of asset value which would deny or reduce benefits to a participant and analyze the impacts of such a restriction. Appropriate exemptions to this restriction should be considered. The Department is to analyze the administrative burden which this will impose upon the States. The Department is to report to Congress its findings in this matter not later than January 15, 1981: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall study the impact and advisability of counting, for the purposes of income in determining eligibility: all educational loans on which payment is deferred; grants, fellowships, scholarships, and veteran's educational benefits used for the payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any educational institution of higher learning; and all housing subsidies including, but not limited to payments made by an outside party on behalf of an individual or household. The Department is to report to Congress its findings in this matter not later than January 15, 1981: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make the determination on benefit reductions required by section 18 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, on the basis of a total appropriation for fiscal year 1980 of \$9,191,000,000: *Provided further*, That total appropriations shall not exceed \$9,191,000,000 for fiscal year 1980.

7 USC 2027.

31 USC 665.

Regulatory
effects of benefit
limitations,
study.

7 USC 2014 note.

Report to
Congress.

7 USC 2014 note.

Report to
Congress.

7 USC 2027.

Approved May 16, 1980.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 96-927 (Comm. on Appropriations) and No. 96-973 (Comm. of Conference).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 126 (1980):

May 13, considered and passed House.

May 14, considered and passed Senate, amended.

May 15, House agreed to conference report; receded and concurred in Senate amendments with amendments; Senate agreed to conference report and concurred in House amendments.