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SEC. 4001. RENAMING THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

(a) Amendments to the Food Stamp Act of 1977.—

(1) References amended.—The provisions of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.)—

(A) specified in paragraph (2)(A) are amended in the section heading by striking “FOOD STAMP” each place it appears and inserting “SECURE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE”;

(B) specified in paragraph (2)(B) are amended in the subsection heading by striking “FOOD STAMP” each place it appears and inserting “SECURE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE”;

(C) specified in paragraph (2)(C) are amended by striking each place it appears “food stamp recipient” and inserting “member of a household that receives Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits”;

(D) specified in paragraph (2)(D) are amended by striking “food stamp recipients” each place it appears and inserting “members
of households that receive Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits’’,

(E) specified in paragraph (2)(E) are amended by striking “food stamp households” each place it appears and inserting “households that receive Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits’’;

(F) specified in paragraph (2)(F) are amended by striking “Simplified Food Stamp Program” each place it appears and inserting “Simplified Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program’’;

(G) specified in paragraph (2)(H) are amended by striking “food stamp participants” each place it appears and inserting “participants in the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program’’;

(H) specified in paragraph (2)(I) are amended by striking “food stamp informational activities” each place it appears and inserting “informational activities relating to the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program’’;

(I) specified in paragraph (2)(J) are amended by striking “food stamp caseload” each place it appears and inserting “caseload
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under the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Ass-

(J) specified in paragraph (2)(K) are
amended by striking “State’s food stamp house-
holds” each place it appears and inserting “the
number of households in the State receiving Se-
cure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-
gram benefits”; 

(K) specified in paragraph (2)(L) are
amended in the section heading by striking
“FOOD STAMP PORTION” each place it ap-
pears and inserting “SECURE SUPPLE-
MENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PRO-
GRAM BENEFITS”;

(L) specified in paragraph (2)(M) are
amended by striking “food stamps” each place
it appears and inserting “Secure Supplemental
Assistance Nutrition Program benefits”; 

(M) specified in paragraph (2)(N) are
amended by striking “Food stamp program”
each place it appears and inserting “Secure
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”; 

(N) specified in paragraph (2)(o) are
amended by striking “food stamp program ben-
efits” each place it appears and inserting “Se-
cure Supplemental Nutrition Program benefits”; and

(O) specified in paragraph (2)(O) are amended by striking “food stamp program” each place it appears and inserting “Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Nutrition Program”.

(2) PROVISIONS REFERRED TO.—The provisions of the of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 referred to in paragraph (1) are the following:

(A) Sections 4 and 26.

(B) Section 6(j).

(C) Section 6(o)(6)(A)(ii).

(D)(i) Subparagraphs (D) and (E) of section 6(o)(6);

(ii) sections 16(h)(1)(E)(i) and 12(a); and

(iii) paragraphs (1)(B)(ii)(II) and (3)(B) of section 17(b).

(E) Sections 7(h)(3)(B)(ii), 9(b)(1), 12(a), and 17(b)(1)(B)(ii)(I).

(F) Sections 11(e)(25) and 26(b).

(G) Section 11(f)(2)(B).

(H) Section 16(a).

(I) Section 16(e)(9)(C).

(J) Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iii)(I).
(K) Section 22.

(L)(i) Subsections (d)(3) and (o)(6)(A)(i) of section 6;

(ii) paragraphs (2)(B)(v)(II) and (14) of section 11(e); and

(i) sections 12(e)(16), 17(b)(3)(C), and 18(a)(3)(A)(ii).

(M) Section 3(h)

(N)(i) In section 6—

(I) subsection (h); and

(II) in subsection (o)—

(aa) paragraph (2); and

(bb) subclauses (IV) and (V) of paragraph (6)(A)(ii).

(ii) Section 7(k)(2).

(iii) In section 11—

(I) subsection (e)(25)(A);

(II) paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (s); and

(III) subsection (t)(1)(B).

(iv) In section 17—

(I) subsection (a)(2);

(II) paragraphs (1)(A), (2), and (3)(D) of subsection (b);
(III) paragraphs (1)(B), (2)(C)(ii), and (3)(E) of subsection (d); and

(IV) subsections (e) and (f).

(v) Section 21(d)(3).

(O)(i) Sections 2, 3(h), and 4.

(ii) In section 5—

(I) subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d);

(II) clauses (ii)(III) and (iv)(IV) of subsection (e)(6)(C);

(III) paragraphs (1), (3), and (6)(B)(iv) of subsection (g); and

(IV) subsections (h)(2)(A) and (k)(4)(B).

(iii) In section 6—

(I) subsections (a) and (b);

(II) in subsection (d)(1)—

(aa) subparagraphs (A) and (B);

(bb) clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subparagraph (C); and

(cc) clauses (v) and (vi) of subparagraph (D);

(III) paragraphs (2)(C), (3), and (4)(A)(i) of subsection (d);

(IV) subsections (e), (f), and (h);
(V) paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (i); and

(VI) subsections (j), (k), (l)(1), (m)(1), (n), (o)(5)(A);

(iv) In section 7—

(I) subsections (a), (b), and (g);

(II) paragraphs (1) and (2)(B) of subsection (j); and

(III) in subsection (k)—

(aa) paragraph (3); and

(bb) subparagraphs (B)(ii) and (C) of paragraph (4).

(v) In section 8—

(I) subsections (a), (c)(2), and (d)(2);

(II) in subsection (f)—

(aa) clauses (i)(II)(aa), (ii)(I), and (iv) of paragraph (1)(D), and

(bb) paragraph (3)(B)(ii)(II)(bb).

(vi) In section 9—

(I) paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (a); and

(II) subsections (b)(1), (d), (e), and (g).

(vii) In section 11—

(I) subsections (c) and (d);
(II) in subsection (e)—

(aa) paragraph (1)(A);

(bb) clauses (i) and (iv) of paragraph (2)(B); and

(cc) paragraphs (10), (17), (20)(B), and (22);

(III) subsections (f)(1), (g), (i), and (j)(1);

(IV) paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (o);

(V) subsections (p) and (q); and

(VI) paragraphs (2)(A) and (B)(4)(A) of subsection (t).

(viii) Sections 12(a) and 14(a)(1).

(ix) Subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section

(x) In section 16—

(I) subsection (a);

(II) paragraph (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (b);

(III) in subsection (e)—

(aa) the matter preceding sub-paragraph (A);

(bb) subparagraphs (D)(i)(II) and (F)(iii)(I) of paragraph (1); and
(cc) subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (9);

(IV) subsections (e), (g), and (i)(1);

and

(V) in subsection (k)—

(aa) subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2);

(bb) subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i) of paragraph (3); and

(cc) subparagraphs (A)(ii) and (B)(iv)(II) of paragraph (5).

(xi) In section 17—

(I) subsection (a)(1);

(II) in subsection (b)—

(aa) subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i) of paragraph (1); and

(bb) subparagraph (2);

(III) subsection (e);

(IV) subparagraphs (A) and (C) of subsection (d) (2); and

(V) subsections (e), (g), and (h)(2).

(xii) Subsections (a)(3)(D), (b), (d), and (e) of section 18.

(xiii) Subsections (a)(1) and (f) of section 20.
(xiv) In section 21—

(I) subsection (a); 

(II) in subsection (b)—

(aa) in paragraph (2)—

(AA) clause (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A); 

(BB) subparagraphs (B) and (C)(i); 

(CC) clause (ii), and subclauses (II), (III), and (IV) of clause (iii), of subparagraph (F); and 

-DD) subsection (G)(i); 

(bb) paragraph (3); 

(cc) in paragraph (4)—

(AA) subparagraphs (A) and (B); and 

(BB) the flush text at the end; 

(dd) paragraphs (5) and (7); 

(III) subsection (C)(2)(B); 

(IV) paragraphs (1)(A), (2), and (3) of subsection (d); and 

(V) paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (f).
(xv) In section 22—

(I) subsection (a)(1);

(II) in subsection (b)—

(aa) paragraph (2);

(bb) in paragraph (3)—

(AA) subparagraphs (A) and (B)(ii);

(BB) clauses (ii) and (iii) of subparagraph (C);

(CC) subparagraph (D)(ii);

and

(DD) clauses (i), (ii), and (iv) of subparagraph (E);

(cc) paragraph (5);

(dd) subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (6);

(ec) subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (7);

(ff) paragraphs (8) and (9);

(gg) in paragraph (10)—

(AA) subparagraph (A)

(BB) clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B); and

(CC) subparagraph (C); and
(hh) paragraphs (11), (12), and (13);

(III) in subsection (d)—

(aa) paragraph (1)(B)(i); and

(bb) paragraph (3); and

(IV) subsections (g)1 and (h).

(xvi) Section 23(c).

(xvii) In section 26—

(I) subparagraphs (B) and (C) of sub-

tion (c)(4); and

(II) subsection (f)(1).

(b) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS, DOCUMENT, AND RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES.—In any law (excluding the Food Stamp Act of 1977), regulation, rule, docu-

ment, or record of the United States—

(1) a reference to food stamp recipients shall be deemed to be a reference to recipients of Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits;

(2) a reference to food stamp households shall be deemed to be a reference to households that re-

cieve Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-

gram benefits;

(3) a reference to the Simplified Food Stamp Program shall be deemed to be a reference to the
Simplified Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

(4) a reference to food stamp participants shall be deemed to be a reference to participants in the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

(5) a reference to food stamp informational activities shall be deemed to be a reference to informational activities relating to the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

(6) a reference to food stamp caseload shall be deemed to be a reference to caseload under the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

(7) a reference to food stamps shall be deemed to be a reference to Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; and

(8) a reference to the food stamp program shall be deemed to be a reference to Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

SEC. 4002. FOOD DISTRIBUTION ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2013) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—Distribution of commodities, with or without the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, shall be made whenever a request for concurrent or separate food program operations, respectively, is made by a tribal organization.

“(2) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), in the event of distribution on all or part of an Indian reservation, the appropriate agency of the State government in the area involved shall be responsible for the distribution.

“(B) ADMINISTRATION BY TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—If the Secretary determines that a tribal organization is capable of effectively and efficiently administering a distribution described in subparagraph (A), then the tribal organization shall administer the distribution.

“(C) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary shall not approve any plan for a distribution described in subparagraph (A) that permits any household on any Indian reservation to participate simultaneously in the Secure Supplemental
Nutrition Assistance Program and the distribution of federally donated foods.

“(3) DISQUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary shall ensure that an individual who is disqualified from participation in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations under this subsection is not eligible to participate in the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under this Act.

“(4) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary is authorized to pay such amounts for administrative costs of such distribution on Indian reservations as the Secretary finds necessary for effective administration of such distribution by a State agency or tribal organization.

“(5) TRADITIONAL AND LOCAL FOODS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall purchase traditional and locally-grown food, designated by region, for recipients of food distributed under this subsection.

“(B) NATIVE AMERICAN PRODUCERS.—For recipients of food distributed under this subsection, at least 50 percent shall be produced by Native American farmers, ranchers, and producers.
“(C) Definition of traditional and locally grown.—For purposes of this subsection, the Secretary, in conjunction with the Indian Tribal Organizations, shall determine the definition of the term ‘traditional and locally-grown’.

“(D) Authorization of appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated $5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to carry out this paragraph.”.

(b) FDPIR Food Package.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes—

(1) how the Secretary derives the process for determining the food package under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations established under section 4(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)) (referred to in this subsection as the “food package”);

(2) the extent to which the food package—

(A) conforms (or fails to conform) to the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans pub-
lished under section 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341); 
(B) addresses (or fails to address) the nutritional and health challenges that are specific to Native Americans; and 
(C) addresses the nutritional needs of low-income Native Americans, compared to the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
(3) any plans of the Secretary to revise and update the food package to conform with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including any costs associated with the planned changes; and
(4) if the Secretary does not plan changes to the food package, the rationale of the Secretary for retaining the food package.

SEC. 4003. DEOBLIGATE FOOD STAMP COUPONS.
(a) In General.—Section 7 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2016) is amended—
(1) by striking the section designation and heading and all that follows through “subsection (j)) shall be’’ and inserting the following:
“SEC. 7. ISSUANCE AND USE OF BENEFITS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (j), EBT cards shall be”.

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “(b) Coupons” and inserting the following:

“(b) USE.—Benefits”; and

(B) by striking “: Provided further” and all that follows through “denominations issued” ;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “(c) Coupons” and inserting the following:

“(c) DESIGN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—EBT cards”;

(B) in the 1st sentence by striking “and define their denomination”; and

(C) by striking the 2d sentence and inserting the following:

“(2) PROHIBITION.—The name of any public official shall not appear on any EBT card.”;

(4) by striking subsection (d);

(5) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”; and

(B) by striking “coupon issuers” each place it appears and inserting “benefit issuers”;
(6) in subsection (f)—

(A) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”; 

(B) by striking “coupon issuer” and inserting “benefit issuer”; and 

(C) by striking “section 11(e)(20)” and all that follows through the period and inserting “section 11(e)(19).”;

(7) by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

“(g) BENEFIT SYSTEM.—

“(1) COST.—The cost of documents or systems that may be required by subsection (i) may not be imposed upon a retail food store participating in the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

“(2) DEVALUATION AND TERMINATION OF ISSUANCE OF PAPER COUPONS.—

“(A) COUPON ISSUANCE.—Beginning on the effective date of this subsection, no State shall issue any coupon, stamp, certificate, or authorization card to a household that receives benefits under this Act.

“(B) EBT CARDS.—Beginning 1 year after the effective date of this subsection, only an
EBT card issued under subsection (i) shall be eligible for exchange at any retail food store.

“(C) DE-OBLIGATION OF COUPONS.—Coupons not redeemed in the 1-year period beginning on the effective date of this subsection will no longer be an obligation of the Federal Government and shall not be redeemable.”.

(8) in subsection (h)(1) by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”;

(9) in subsection (j)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) by striking “printing, shipping, and redeeming coupons” and inserting “issuing and redeeming benefits”; and

(B) in paragraph (5) by striking “coupon” and inserting “benefit”; and

(10) in subsection (k)—

(A) by striking “coupons in the form of” each place it appears and inserting “benefits in the form of”; and

(B) by striking “a coupon issued in the form of” each place it appears and inserting “benefits in the form of”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
(1) Section 3 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a) by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”;

(B) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) ‘Benefit’ means the value of assistance provided under this Act to a household by means of an electronic benefit transfer under section 7(i), or other means of providing assistance, as determined by the Secretary.”;

(C) in the 1st sentence of subsection (c) by striking “authorization cards” and inserting “benefits”;

(D) in subsection (d) by striking “or access device” and all that follows through “number”;

(E) in subsection (e)—

(i) by striking “coupon issuer” and inserting “benefit issuer”; and

(ii) by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”;

(F) by after paragraph (f) the following:

“(f-1) EBT CARD.—The term ‘EBT card’ means an electronic benefit transfer card issued under section 7(i).”;

(G) in subsection (i)(5)(D) by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”; and

(H) in subsection (t) by inserting “including point of sale devices,” after “other means of access”.

(2) Section 4(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2013(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”; and

(B) by striking “coupons issued” and inserting “benefits issued”.

(3) Section 5(i)(2)(E) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(i)(2)(E)) is amended by striking “, as defined in section 3(i) of this Act,”.

(4) Section 6(b)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(b)(1)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (B) by striking “coupons or authorization cards” and inserting “benefits”; and

(B) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”.

(5) Section 7(j)(5) is amended by striking “coupon” and inserting “benefit”.

(6) Section 8(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017(b)) is amended by striking “,
whether through coupons, access devices, or otherwise”.

(7) Section 9 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2018) is amended—

(A) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”; and

(B) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1) by striking “coupon” and inserting “benefit”; and

(ii) in paragraph (3) by striking “coupons, or to redeem,”.

(8) Section 10 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2019) is amended—

(A) by striking the section designation and heading and all that follows through “Regulations” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 10. REDEMPTION OF BENEFITS.

“Regulations”; and

(B) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”.

(9) Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

(A) in subsection (e)—

(i) in paragraph (15) by striking “when using its authorization card in order
to receive its coupons” and inserting “when receiving benefits”; and 

(ii) in paragraph (19) by striking “that,” and all that follows through “paragraph;” and inserting “that eligible households may be required to present photographic identification cards in order to receive their benefits.”;

(B) in subsection (h) by striking “coupon or coupons” and inserting “benefits”; 

(C) by striking “coupon” each place it appears and inserting “benefit”; and 

(D) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”.

(10) Section 13 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2022) is amended by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”.

(11) Section 15 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2024) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a) by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”; 

(B) in subsection (b)(1)—

(i) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;
(ii) by striking “coupons or authorization cards” and inserting “benefits”; and

(iii) by striking “access device” each place it appears and inserting “benefit”;

(C) in subsection (c) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;  

(D) in subsection (d) by striking “Coupons” and inserting “Benefits”;

(E) in subsections (e) and (f) by striking “coupon” each place it appears and inserting “benefit”; and

(F) in subsection (g) by striking “coupon, authorization cards or access devices” and inserting “benefits”; and

(12) Section 16(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”.

(13) Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(2) by striking “coupon” and inserting “benefit”;  

(B) in subsection (b)(1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B)(v)—
(I) by striking “countersigned food coupons or similar”; and

(II) by striking “food coupons” and inserting “EBT cards”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C)(i)(I) by striking “coupons” and inserting “EBT cards”; and

(C) in subsection (j) by striking “coupon” and inserting “benefit”.

(14) Section 21 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2030) is amended—

(A) in subsection (d)(3)—

(i) by striking “food coupons” and inserting “benefits”; and

(ii) by striking “food stamp benefits” and inserting “benefits”.

(15) Section 22 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2031) is amended—

(A) by striking “food coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;

(B) by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”; and

(C) in subsection (g)(1)(A) by striking “coupon” and inserting “benefit”.

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(c) References in Other Laws, Documents, and Records of the United States.—In any law (excluding the Food Stamp Act of 1977), regulation, rule, document, or record of the United States, a reference to “coupon”, “authorization card”, or “other access device” as used in the Food Stamp Act of 1977 as in effect before the date of the enactment of this Act shall be deemed to be a reference to “benefit” as defined in such Act as in effect after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4004. ALLOW FOR THE ACCRUAL OF BENEFITS.

Section 7(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2016(i)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(12) Recovering electronic benefits.—

“(A) A State agency may recover benefits from a household’s electronic benefits account because of inactivity in the account after the household has not accessed the account the lesser of—

“(i) 3 months during which the account has continuously had a balance in excess of $1,000, adjusted for changes in the thrifty food plan since June 2007; or

“(ii) 12 months.

“(B) A household whose benefits are recovered under subparagraph (A) shall receive no-
tice and shall have the benefits made available again upon a request made during a period of not less than 12 months after the recovery.”.

**SEC. 4005. STATE OPTION FOR TELEPHONIC SIGNATURE.**

Section 11(e)(2)(C) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(2)(C)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(i)” after “(C)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) A State agency may establish a system by which an applicant household may sign an application through a recorded verbal assent over the telephone. Any such system shall—

“(I) record for future reference the household member’s verbal assent and the information to which assent was given;

“(II) include effective safeguards against impersonation, identity theft, or invasions of privacy;

“(III) not deny or interfere with the right of the household to apply in writing;

“(IV) promptly send the household member a written copy of the application, with instructions on a simple procedure for correcting any errors or omissions;

“(V) comply with paragraph (1)(B);
“(VI) satisfy all requirements for a signature on an application under this Act and other laws applicable to the Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, with the date on which the household member provides verbal assent effective as the date of application for all purposes; and

“(VII) comply with such other standards as the Secretary may establish.”

SEC. 4006. REVIEW OF MAJOR CHANGES IN PROGRAM DESIGN.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Section 11(e)(6) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(6)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

“(B) only State employees employed in accordance with the current standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration, or any standards later prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management pursuant to section 208 of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4728) modifying or superseding
such standards relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis, shall—

“(i) represent the State agency in any official communications with a prospective applicant, applicant, or recipient household regarding their application or participation, except that a nonprofit organization may assist a household under paragraph (1);

“(ii) participate in making any determinations relating to a household’s substantive or procedural compliance with the requirements of this Act or implementing regulations, including the adequacy of the household’s application or of verification of other information the household has submitted in support of that application; or

“(iii) perform any other acts or participate in making any other determinations required under this subsection; and

“(C) the State agency shall not use any Federal funds—

“(i) to implement, to perform, or to carry out any contract that does not com-
ply with the requirements in effect under subparagraph (B); or
“(ii) to pay any cost associated with the termination, breach, or full or partial abrogation, of any contract that does not comply with the requirements in effect under such subparagraph;”.


SEC. 4007. GRANTS FOR SIMPLE APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION SYSTEMS AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO BENEFITS.

Section 11(t)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(t)(1)) is amended by striking “2007” and inserting “2012”.

SEC. 4008. CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION OF RETAIL FOOD STORES AND WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS.

Section 12 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2021) is amended—
(1) by striking the section heading and all that follows through “(a) Any approved”, and inserting the following:

“SEC. 12. CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION OF RETAIL FOOD STORES AND WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS.

“(a) DISQUALIFICATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An approved’’;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the 1st sentence by striking “$10,000 for each violation” and all that follows through the period at the end, and inserting “$100,000 for each violation.”; and

(B) in the 2d sentence—

(i) by striking “Regulations” and inserting the following:

“(2) REGULATIONS.—Regulations”;

(ii) by striking “violation and” and inserting “violation of”; 

(iii) by inserting a comma after “disqualification of”; and

(iv) by striking “a retail store” and inserting “and the assessment of a civil money penalty against, a retail store”;

(3) in subsection (b)—
(A) by striking “(b) Disqualification” and all that follows through “shall be—”, and inserting the following:

“(b) PERIOD OF DISQUALIFICATION.—Subject to subsection (c), a disqualification shall be—”;

(B) in paragraph (1) by striking “of no less than six months nor more than five years” and inserting “not to exceed 5 years”;

(C) in paragraph (2) by striking “of no less than twelve months nor more than ten years” and inserting “not to exceed 10 years.”;

(D) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by striking “coupons or trafficking in coupons or authorization cards” each place it appears, and inserting “program access devices or benefit instruments or trafficking in program access devices or benefit instruments”; and

(II) by inserting “or a finding of the unauthorized redemption, use, transfer, acquisition, alteration, or possession of benefits or access de-
vice” after “concern” the 1st place it appears;

(4) in paragraph (3)(C) by striking “and” at the end;

(5) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “(c) The action” and inserting the following:

“(c) TREATMENT OF DISQUALIFICATION AND PENALTY DETERMINATIONS.—

“(1) Review.—The action”; and

(B) by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”;

(6) in subsection (d) by striking “coupons” in each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;

(7) in subsection (f) by striking “food coupons” and inserting “benefits”;

(8) by redesignating subsection (c) through (g) as subsection (d) through (h), respectively;

(9) inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) In addition to a disqualification under subsection (b), the Secretary may assess a civil monetary penalty of up to $100,000;”;

and

(10) by adding at the end:

“(i) The Secretary shall, in consultation with the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, provide
for procedures by which the processing of benefit redemp-
tions for certain retail food stores and wholesale food con-
cerns may be immediately suspended pending administra-
tive action to disqualify such a store or concern. Under 
the procedures prescribed pursuant to this subsection, if 
the Secretary, in consultation with the Inspector General, 
determines that a retail food store or wholesale food con-
cern is engaged in flagrant violations of this Act or the 
regulations issued pursuant to this Act, unsettled benefits 
that have been redeemed by the retail food store or whole-
sale food concern may be suspended and, if the suspension 
is upheld, subject to forfeiture pursuant to section 12(g). 
If the disqualification action not upheld, suspended funds 
held by the Secretary shall be released to such store or 
such concern. The Secretary shall not be liable for the 
value of any interest on funds suspended under this sub-
section.”.

SEC. 4009. MAJOR SYSTEMS FAILURES.

Section 13(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 
U.S.C. 2022(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
lowing:

“(5) OVER ISSUANCES CAUSED BY SYSTEMIC 
STATE ERRORS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary deter-
mines that a State agency over issued benefits
to a substantial number of households in a fiscal year as a result of a major systemic error by the State agency, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary may prohibit the State agency from collecting these over issuances from some or all households.

“(B) Procedures.—

“(i) Information reporting by states.—Every State agency shall provide to the Secretary all information requested by the Secretary concerning the issuance of benefits to households by the State agency in the applicable fiscal year.

“(ii) Final determination.—After reviewing relevant information provided by a State agency, the Secretary shall make a final determination—

“(I) whether the State agency over issued benefits to a substantial number of households as a result of a systemic error in the applicable fiscal year; and

“(II) as to the amount of the over issuance in the applicable fiscal
year for which the State agency is liable.

“(iii) Establishing a Claim.—Upon determining under clause (ii) that a State agency has over issued benefits to households due to a major systemic error determined under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall establish a claim against the State agency equal to the value of the over issuance caused by the systemic error.

“(iv) Administrative and Judicial Review.—Administrative and judicial review, as provided in section 14, shall apply to the final determinations by the Secretary under clause (ii).

“(v) Remission to the Secretary.—

“(I) Determination Not Appealed.—If the determination of the Secretary under clause (ii) is not appealed, the State agency shall, as soon as practicable, remit to the Secretary the dollar amount specified in the claim under clause (iii).
“(II) Determination Appealed.—If the determination of the Secretary under clause (ii) is appealed, upon completion of administrative and judicial review under clause (iv), and a finding of liability on the part of the State, the appealing State agency shall, as soon as practicable, remit to the Secretary a dollar amount subject to the finding of the administrative and judicial review.

“(vi) Alternative Method of Collection.—

“(I) In general.—If a State agency fails to make a payment under clause (v) within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary may reduce any amount due to the State agency under any other provision of this Act by the amount due.

“(II) Accrual of interest.—During the period of time determined by the Secretary to be reasonable
under subclause (I), interest in the
amount owed shall not accrue.
“(vii) LIMITATION.—Any liability
amount established under section
16(c)(1)(C) shall be reduced by the
amount of the claim established under this
subparagraph.”.

SEC. 4010. FUNDING OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PRO-
GRAMS.

Section 16(h)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
U.S.C. 2025(h)(1)) is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (A)(vii) by striking “fiscal
years 2002 through 2007” and inserting “fiscal
years 2008 through 2012”; and
(2) in subparagraph (E)(i) by striking “fiscal
years 2002 through 2007” and inserting “fiscal
years 2008 through 2012”.

SEC. 4011. REDUCTIONS IN PAYMENTS FOR ADMINISTRA-
TIVE COSTS.

Section 16(k)(3) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
U.S.C. 2025(k)(3)) is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “2007”
and inserting “2012”; and
(2) in subparagraph (B)(ii) by striking “2007”
and inserting “2012”.
SEC. 4012. CASH PAYMENT PILOT PROJECTS.


SEC. 4013. FINDINGS OF CONGRESS REGARDING SECURE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NUTRITION EDUCATION.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) Nutrition education under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 plays an essential role in improving the dietary and physical activity practices of low income Americans, helping to reduce food insecurity, prevent obesity, and reduce the risks of chronic disease.

(2) Expert bodies, such as the Institute of Medicine, indicate that dietary and physical activity behavior change is more likely to result from the combined application of public health approaches and education than from individual education alone.

(3) State programs are currently implementing such nutrition education using effective strategies, including direct education, group activities, and social marketing.

(b) SUPPORT NUTRITION EDUCATION.—The Secretary of Agriculture should support and encourage the most effective interventions for nutrition education under the Food Stamp Act of 1977, including public health ap-
proaches as well as traditional education, to increase the likelihood that recipients of Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits and those who are potentially eligible for such benefits will choose diets and physical activity practices consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. To promote the most effective implementation of publicly funded programs, State nutrition education activities under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 should be coordinated with other federally funded food assistance and public health programs and should leverage public/private partnerships to maximize resources and impact.

SEC. 4014. NUTRITION EDUCATION AND PROMOTION INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS OBESITY.

Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(k) NUTRITION EDUCATION AND PROMOTION INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS OBESITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a demonstration program, to be known as the ‘Initiative to Address Obesity Among Low-Income Americans’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Initiative’), to develop and implement solutions to reduce obesity in the United States.

“(A) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall solicit and competitively select demonstration pro-
posals for strategies to address obesity among low-income Americans.

“(B) EVALUATION.—The effectiveness of these strategies shall be rigorously evaluated to assess the impact on overweight and obesity among low-income persons.

“(C) DISSEMINATION.—Evaluation results shall be shared broadly to inform policy makers, service providers, other partners, and the public in order to promote wide use of successful strategies.

“(2) GRANTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Initiative, the Secretary may enter into competitively awarded contracts or cooperative agreements with, or grants to, public or private organizations or agencies as defined by the Secretary, for use in accordance with projects that meet the strategy goals of the Initiative.

“(B) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a contract, cooperative agreement, or grant under this paragraph, an organization shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.
“(C) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Demonstration proposals shall be evaluated against publicly disseminated criteria that include—

“(i) identification of a low-income target audience that corresponds to individuals living in households with incomes at or below 185 percent of the poverty level;

“(ii) incorporation of a scientifically-based strategy that is designed to improve diet quality through more healthful food purchases, preparation, or consumption;

“(iii) a commitment to a demonstration plan that allows for a rigorous outcome evaluation, including data collection; and

“(iv) other criteria, as determined by the Secretary.

“(D) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(i) PROHIBITION.—Funds shall not be used for projects that limit the use of benefits.

“(ii) MONITORING AND EVALUATION.—The Secretary may use funds provided for the Initiative to pay costs associ-
ated with monitoring, evaluation, and dissemination of the Initiative’s findings.

“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection $10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012, except that no new grants may be made under this subsection after September 30, 2012.”.

SEC. 4015. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.


SEC. 4016. CONSOLIDATED BLOCK GRANTS FOR PUERTO RICO AND AMERICAN SAMOA.


SEC. 4017. STUDY ON COMPARABLE ACCESS TO SECURE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR PUERTO RICO.

Section 19 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2028) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study of the feasibility and effects of including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico under section 3(m), in lieu of providing
the block grant under this section. The study shall in-
clude—

“(1) an assessment of the administrative, finan-
cial management, and other changes that would be
required by the Commonwealth to establish a com-
parable Secure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Program;

“(2) a discussion of the appropriate program
rules under the other sections of the Act, such as
benefit levels under section 3(o), income eligibility
standards under sections 5 and 6, and deduction lev-
els under section 5(e), for the Commonwealth to es-
tablish a comparable Secure Supplemental Nutrition
Assistance Program;

“(3) an estimate of the impact on Federal and
Commonwealth benefit and administrative costs;

“(4) an estimate of the impact of the Secure
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program on hun-
ger and food insecurity among low-income Puerto
Ricans, and

“(5) such other findings as the Secretary deems
appropriate.”.
SEC. 4018. REAUTHORIZATION OF COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECT COMPETITIVE GRANTS.

(a) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section 25 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2034) is amended—

(1) in subsections (c), (d), (e)(1), and (f)(1) by striking “subsection (b)” each place it appears and inserting “subsection (g)”;

(2) by striking subsection (b);

(3) by redesignating subsections (c) through (g) as subsections (b) through (f), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (f) the following:

“(g) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to make grants available to assist eligible private nonprofit entities to establish and carry out community food projects $30,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”.

(b) Preferences for Certain Projects.—Subsection (e) of section 25 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2034), as so redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3) by striking “or” at the end;
(2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at
the end and inserting ‘‘; or’’; and
(3) by adding at the end the following:
“(5) serve special needs in areas of—
“(A) transportation and processing for ex-

panding institutional and emergency food serv-

ice demand for local food;
“(B) retail access to healthy foods in un-

dereserved markets;
“(C) integration of urban and metro-area

food production in food projects; and
“(D) technical assistance for youth, so-

cially disadvantaged individuals, and limited re-

source groups.”

(e) MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENTS.—Subsection
(d)(1) of section 25 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
U.S.C. 2034), as so redesignated by subsection (a) of this
section, is amended by striking “50” and inserting “75”.

(d) TERM OF GRANT.—Subsection (e)(2) of section
25 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2034(e)(2)),
as so redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, is
amended by striking “3” and inserting “5”.

(e) FUNDING FOR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS.—Sub-
section (h)(4) of section 25 of the Food Stamp Act of
1 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2034), as so redesignated by subsection
2 (a) of this section, is amended—
3   (1) by striking “fiscal years 2003 through 2007”
4       and inserting “fiscal years 2008 through 2012”; and
5   (2) by striking “200,000” and inserting
6       “$500,000”.

Subtitle B—Commodity
Distribution

SEC. 4201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 204(a)(1) of the Emergency Food Assistance
Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7508(a)(1)) is amended by striking
“$60,00,00,00 for each of the fiscal years 2003 through
2007” and inserting “$100,00,00,00 for each of the fiscal
years 2008 through 2012”.

SEC. 4202. DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS COMMODITIES; SPE-
CIAL NUTRITION PROJECTS.

Section 1114(a)(2)(A) of the Agriculture and Food
Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 1431e(a)(2)(A)) is amended by
striking “2007” and inserting “2012”.

SEC. 4203. COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.

(a) Commodity Distribution Program.—Section
4 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973
(7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by striking “2007” and
inserting “2012”.
(b) Commodity Supplemental Food Program.—

Section 5 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1) by striking “fiscal years 2003 through 2007” and inserting “for fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(i) in the heading by striking in “2007” and inserting “2012”; and

(ii) by striking “2007” and inserting “2012”;

(2) in subsection (d)(2) by inserting “, and for each fiscal year thereafter,” after “2007”;

(3) by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

“(g) Use of Resources.—Each local agency shall use funds made available to the agency to provide assistance under the program to low-income elderly individuals, women, infants, and children in need for food assistance in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.”;
(4) in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (h) by inserting “elderly individuals,” before “pregnant”; and (5) by adding at the end the following:

“(m) INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall establish maximum income eligibility standards to be used in conjunction with such other risk criteria as may be appropriate in determining eligibility for the program. Such income standards shall be the same for all pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, for infants, for children, and for elderly individuals qualifying for the program, and shall not exceed the maximum income limit prescribed under section 17(d)(2)(A)(i) of the Child Nutrition Action of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)(i)).”.

Subtitle C—Child Nutrition and Related Programs

SEC. 4301. PURCHASE OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS AND SERVICE INSTITUTIONS.

Section 10603 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 612c–4) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following new subsection:
“(b) PURCHASE OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS AND SERVICE INSTITUTIONS.—

“(1) PURCHASE AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for distribution to schools and service institutions in accordance with section 6(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(a)), using, of the amount specified in subsection (a)—

“(A) not less than $50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009; and

“(B) not less than $75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2012.

“(2) SERVICING AGENCY.—The Secretary of Agriculture may provide for the Secretary of Defense to serve as the servicing agency for the procurement of the fresh fruits and vegetables under this subsection on the same terms and conditions as provided in the memorandum of agreement entered into between the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Food and Consumer Service, and the Defense Personnel Support Center during August 1995 (or any successor memorandum of agreement).”.
SEC. 4302. BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) Federal law requires that commodities and products purchased with Federal funds be, to the extent practicable, of domestic origin.

(2) Federal Buy American statutory requirements seek to ensure that purchases made with Federal funds benefit domestic producers.

(3) The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the use of domestic food products for all meals served under the program, including foods products purchased with local funds.

(b) BUY AMERICAN STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.—The Department of Agriculture should undertake training, guidance, and enforcement of the various current Buy American statutory requirements and regulations, including those of the National School Lunch Act and the DOD Fresh program.

Subtitle D—Miscellaneous

SEC. 4401. SENIORS FARMERS’ MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Section 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 3007) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
“(a) Authorization.—

“(1) The Secretary of Agriculture shall use $15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 of the funds available to the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out and expand the seniors farmers’ market nutrition program.

“(2) There are authorized to be appropriated $20,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, $30,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, $45,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and $75,000,000 for fiscal year 2012 to carry out and expand the seniors farmers’ market nutrition program.”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1) by inserting “honey,” after “vegetables,”;

(3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Exclusion of Benefits in Determining Eligibility for Other Programs.—The value of any benefit provided to any eligible seniors farmers’ market nutrition program recipient under this section shall not be considered to be income or resources for any purposes under any Federal, State, or local law.”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) Prohibition on Collection of Sales Tax.—The State shall ensure that no State or local taxes
are collected within the State on purchases of food with
coupons distributed under the seniors farmers’ market nu-
trition program.

“(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may issue such
regulations as the Secretary considers necessary to carry
out the seniors farmers’ market nutrition program.”.

SEC. 4402. CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER CENTER.

Section 4404 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note) is amended to
read as follows:

“SEC. 4404. BILL EMERSON NATIONAL HUNGER FELLOWS
AND MICKEY LELAND INTERNATIONAL HUN-
GER FELLOWS.

“(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
‘Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows and Mickey Le-
land International Hunger Fellows Program Act of 2007’.

“(b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

“(1) There is a critical need for compassionate
individuals who are committed to assisting people
who suffer from hunger to initiate and administer
solutions to the hunger problem.

“(2) Bill Emerson, the distinguished late Rep-
resentative from the 8th District of Missouri, dem-
onstrated his commitment to solving the problem of
hunger in a bipartisan manner, his commitment to
public service, and his great affection for the institution and ideals of the Congress of the United States.

“(3) George T. (Mickey) Leland, the distinguished late Representative from the 18th District of Texas, demonstrated his compassion for those in need, his high regard for public service, and his lively exercise of political talents.

“(4) The special concern that Mr. Emerson and Mr. Leland demonstrated during their lives for the hungry and poor was an inspiration for others to work toward the goals of equality and justice for all.

“(5) These two outstanding leaders maintained a special bond of friendship regardless of political affiliation and worked together to encourage future leaders to recognize and provide service to others, and therefore it is especially appropriate to honor the memory of Mr. Emerson and Mr. Leland by creating a fellowship program to develop and train the future leaders of the United States to pursue careers in humanitarian service.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Administrator’ means—

“(A) if the Secretary of Agriculture enters into a contract described in subsection (d)(3),
the head of the Congressional Hunger Center;
or
“(B) if the Secretary does not enter into such a contract, the Secretary.
“(2) FELLOW.—The term ‘fellow’ means—
“(A) a Bill Emerson Hunger Fellow; or
“(B) a Mickey Leland Hunger Fellow
“(3) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS.—The term ‘Fellowship Programs’ means the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program established by subsection (d).
“(d) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—There is established in the Department of Agriculture the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program.
“(1) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Fellowship Programs are—
“(A) to encourage future leaders of the United States to pursue careers in humanitarian and public service, to recognize the needs of low-income people and hungry people, and to provide assistance to people in need; and
“(B) to seek public policy solutions to the challenges of hunger and poverty, to provide
training and development opportunities for such
leaders through placement in programs oper-
ated by appropriate organizations or entities.

“(2) FOCUS OF PROGRAMS.—

“(A) FOCUS OF BILL EMERSON HUNGER
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—The Bill Emerson
Hunger Fellowship Program shall address hun-
ger and poverty in the United States.

“(B) FOCUS OF MICKEY LELAND HUNGER
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—The Mickey Leland
Hunger Fellowship Program shall address
international hunger and other humanitarian
needs.

“(3) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
graph (B), the Secretary shall offer to enter
into a contract with the Congressional Hunger
Center to administer the Fellowship Programs.

“(B) REQUIREMENT.—As a condition of a
contract described in subparagraph (A), the
Congressional Hunger Center shall agree to
submit to Congress each year the results of an
independent financial audit that demonstrates
that the Congressional Hunger Center uses ac-
counting procedures that conform to generally
accepted accounting principles and auditing
procedures that conform to chapter 75 of title
31, United States Code (commonly known as
the ‘Single Audit Act of 1984’).

“(e) FELLOWSHIPS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
make available Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowships
and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships in accord-
ance with this subsection.

“(2) CURRICULUM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The fellowship pro-
grams shall provide experience and training to
develop the skills necessary to train fellows to
carry out the purposes described in subsection
(d)(1), including—

“(i) training in direct service pro-
grams for the hungry and other anti-hun-
ger programs in conjunction with commu-
nity-based organizations through a pro-
gram of field placement; and

“(ii) providing experience in policy de-
velopment through placement in a govern-
mental entity or nongovernmental, non-
profit, or private sector organization.
“(B) WORK PLAN.—To carry out subparagraph (A) and assist in the evaluation of the fellowships under paragraph (6), the Administrator shall, for each fellow, approve a work plan that identifies the target objectives for the fellow in the fellowship, including specific duties and responsibilities relating to those objectives.

“(3) PERIOD OF FELLOWSHIP.—

“(A) EMERSON FELLOW.—A Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship awarded under this subsection shall be for not more than 15 months.

“(B) LELAND FELLOW.—A Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship awarded under this subsection shall be for not more than 2 years.

“(4) SELECTION OF FELLOWS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Fellowships shall be awarded pursuant to a nationwide competition established by the Administrator.

“(B) QUALIFICATIONS.—A successful program applicant shall be an individual who has demonstrated—

“(i) an intent to pursue a career in humanitarian service and outstanding potential for such a career;
“(ii) leadership potential or actual leadership experience;
“(iii) diverse life experience;
“(iv) proficient writing and speaking skills;
“(v) an ability to live in poor or diverse communities; and
“(vi) such other attributes as are considered to be appropriate by the Administrator.

“(5) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—A fellow shall receive a living allowance during the term of the Fellowship and, subject to subparagraph (B), an end-of-service award.

“(B) REQUIREMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF FELLOWSHIP.—Each fellow shall be entitled to receive an end-of-service award at an appropriate rate for each month of satisfactory service completed, as determined by the Administrator.

“(C) TERMS OF FELLOWSHIP.—A fellow shall not be considered an employee of—
“(i) the Department of Agriculture;
“(ii) the Congressional Hunger Center; or
“(iii) a host agency in the field or policy placement of the fellow.
“(D) RECOGNITION OF FELLOWSHIP AWARD.—
“(i) EMERSON FELLOW.—An individual awarded a fellowship from the Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship shall be known as an ‘Emerson Fellow’.
“(ii) LELAND FELLOW.—An individual awarded a fellowship from the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship shall be known as a ‘Leland Fellow’.
“(6) EVALUATION.—The Administrator shall conduct periodic evaluations of the Fellowship Programs.
“(f) AUTHORITY.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), in carrying out this section, the Administrator may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or devises of services or property, both real and personal, for the purpose of facilitating the work of the Fellowship Programs.
“(2) LIMITATION.—Gifts, bequests, or devises of money and proceeds from sales of other property received as gifts, bequests, or devises shall be used exclusively for the purposes of the Fellowship Programs.

“(g) REPORT.—Each year, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes the activities and expenditures of the Fellowship Programs during the preceding fiscal year.

“(h) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section $3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”.

SEC. 4403. JOINT NUTRITION MONITORING AND RELATED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

Subtitle D of title IV of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–171; 116 Stat. 333) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 4405 (2 U.S.C. 1161 note; Public Law 107–171) as section 4406; and

(2) by inserting after section 4404 the following:
“SEC. 4405. JOINT NUTRITION MONITORING AND RELATED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

“The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall continue to provide jointly for national nutrition monitoring and related research activities carried out as of the date of enactment of this section—

“(1) to collect continuous dietary, health, physical activity, and diet and health knowledge data on a nationally representative sample;

“(2) to periodically collect data on special at-risk populations, as identified by the Secretaries;

“(3) to distribute information on health, nutrition, the environment, and physical activity to the public in a timely fashion;

“(4) to analyze new data that becomes available;

“(5) to continuously update food composition tables; and

“(6) to research and develop data collection methods and standards.”.