

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the transfer of functions of the Food
for Peace program to the Department of Agriculture.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. _____

To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural
and other programs of the Department of Agriculture
through fiscal year 2031, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MORAN

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle A of title III, add the following:

2 **SEC. 31 ____ . PLAN AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS OF FOOD**

3 **FOR PEACE TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-**

4 **CULTURE.**

5 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—

6 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of United States

7 international food assistance programs is to respond

8 to food security crises while supporting the growth

9 of healthier, more stable societies with which the

10 United States can engage in enduring security, de-

1 velopment, and trade partnerships and eventually
2 end the need for such assistance.

3 (2) FOOD FOR PEACE.—The Food for Peace
4 program under the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C.
5 1691 et seq.) has been, and remains, a critical ele-
6 ment of United States international food assistance
7 programs by—

8 (A) providing lifesaving, nutritious agricul-
9 tural commodities to people in need;

10 (B) enabling small holder farmers to be-
11 come more resilient to food shocks;

12 (C) catalyzing agriculture-led economic
13 growth; and

14 (D) opening markets for United States ag-
15 ricultural products.

16 (3) ALIGNMENT.—It is the policy of the United
17 States to be fully aligned with the humanitarian, de-
18 velopment, and economic growth programs of the
19 United States authorized under the Foreign Assist-
20 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.).

21 (b) PLAN AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—The
22 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.) is amended
23 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“TITLE VII—TRANSFER**
2 **PROVISIONS**

3 **“SEC. 701. DEFINITIONS.**

4 “In this title:

5 “(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF CON-
6 GRESS.—The term ‘appropriate committee of Con-
7 gress’ includes—

8 “(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
9 of the Senate;

10 “(B) the Committee on Appropriations of
11 the Senate; and

12 “(C) the Committee on Appropriations of
13 the House of Representatives.

14 “(2) PLAN.—The term ‘Plan’ means the trans-
15 fer and reorganization plan submitted under section
16 702(a).

17 **“SEC. 702. PLAN AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary, in con-
20 sultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit a trans-
21 fer and reorganization plan to the appropriate committees
22 of Congress describing the administration of this Act by
23 the Secretary, including—

24 “(1) steps that the Secretary will take to inter-
25 nally reorganize the Department of Agriculture to

1 carry out the functions transferred to it under the
2 Plan in accordance with subsection (b) and other
3 United States international food assistance pro-
4 grams managed by the Department of Agriculture,
5 including—

6 “(A) consolidating offices and functions;

7 “(B) establishing new offices and func-
8 tions; and

9 “(C) carrying out associated staffing plans
10 for each such office and function, including do-
11 mestic and overseas recruitment and staffing
12 plans to ensure efficient and effective planning,
13 execution, and monitoring and evaluation of
14 programs;

15 “(2) the funds that shall be transferred from
16 the Department of State to the Department of Agri-
17 culture to carry out the functions transferred under
18 the Plan;

19 “(3) the proposed disposition of the property,
20 facilities, contracts, records, and other assets and li-
21 abilities of the Department of State in connection
22 with the transfer of functions under the Plan, if ap-
23 plicable;

1 “(4) the actions that are necessary or planned
2 to complete the transfer and reorganization of the
3 applicable programs and funds;

4 “(5) the anticipated nature and substance of
5 any orders, directives, and other administrative and
6 operational actions that are expected to be required
7 for completing or implementing the Plan; and

8 “(6) any preliminary actions that have been
9 taken to initiate the Plan.

10 “(b) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND OTHER AU-
11 THORITIES.—Under the Plan, the functions, duties, re-
12 sponsibilities, congressional reporting requirements, and
13 privileges of the Administrator relating to carrying out
14 any authority under this Act shall be carried out by the
15 Secretary.

16 “(c) INTERIM INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—The
17 interagency agreement between the Department of State
18 and the Department of Agriculture relating to administra-
19 tion of this Act as of the date of enactment of this title
20 shall be extended until the Plan has been submitted by
21 the Secretary to the appropriate committees of Congress
22 under subsection (a).

23 “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Plan shall go into ef-
24 fect on the date that is 15 days after the date on which

1 the Secretary submits the Plan to the appropriate commit-
2 tees of Congress under subsection (a).

3 “(e) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Adminis-
4 trator or the United States Agency for International De-
5 velopment in any provision of law or regulation relating
6 to the functions, duties, or functions transferred pursuant
7 to the Plan shall be deemed to be a reference to the Sec-
8 retary or to any department or office of the Department
9 of Agriculture to which the Secretary assigns such func-
10 tions, duties, or responsibilities, respectively.

11 “(f) AUTHORITIES.—Subject to the requirements
12 under this section, any existing statutory authorities avail-
13 able to the Administrator on the date of enactment of this
14 title that have or could have been used by the Adminis-
15 trator to implement the functions, duties, or responsibil-
16 ities of the United States Agency for International Devel-
17 opment relating to implementing or administering this Act
18 shall apply to the Secretary in the manner such authorities
19 applied to the Administrator on the day before the date
20 of enactment of this title.

21 “(g) TRANSFER REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
22 after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary
23 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
24 a report that includes, with respect to the reporting pe-

1 riod, a description of the administration and implementa-
2 tion of this Act by the Secretary, including—

3 “(1) the functions, duties, responsibilities, con-
4 gressional reporting requirements, and privileges
5 that have been transferred to the Department of Ag-
6 riculture;

7 “(2) an implementation and coordination plan,
8 developed in coordination with the Secretary of
9 State, for United States international food security
10 assistance programs managed jointly by the Depart-
11 ment of State and the Department of Agriculture;

12 “(3) a budget analysis of the estimated costs
13 and potential savings related to the implementation
14 of this Act by the Secretary; and

15 “(4) personnel data, including the number of
16 staff hired, detailed, contracted, or working on the
17 program under this Act, including during the dura-
18 tion of the Interagency Agreement described in sub-
19 section (c).

20 **“SEC. 703. COORDINATION.**

21 “The Secretary shall coordinate with the Secretary
22 of State in carrying out—

23 “(1) the authorities under title II in support of
24 the Global Food Security Strategy; and

1 “(2) disaster and humanitarian assistance pro-
2 grams.”.

3 (c) NON-EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE.—Section
4 202(b) of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1722(b)) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES.—Non-emergency
7 food assistance activities funded by this title may in-
8 clude activities to support—

9 “(A) access to fertilizer and fertilizer solu-
10 tions; and

11 “(B) food resilience activities to prevent
12 food insecurity.”.

13 (d) COUNTRY SELECTION.—Section 202 of the Food
14 for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1722) is amended by adding at
15 the end the following:

16 “(i) COUNTRY SELECTION.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
18 tion with the Secretary of State and in consultation
19 with the Integrated Food Security Phase Classifica-
20 tion System, the annual Hunger Hot Spots Report
21 of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Eco-
22 nomic Research Service, and the Famine Early
23 Warning Systems Network, shall determine the
24 countries that are eligible for the Food for Peace
25 program under this Act after identifying countries

1 and populations with the most acute food insecurity
2 and the greatest need for food assistance from the
3 United States for both emergency and non-emer-
4 gency awards.

5 “(2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall con-
6 sult with the Secretary of State to ensure, with re-
7 spect to countries selected under paragraph (1), co-
8 ordination with disaster and humanitarian assistance
9 programs and other food security programs.

10 “(3) RESPONDING TO HUMANITARIAN NEEDS.—
11 The Secretary shall use all mechanisms, including
12 the procurement of locally and regionally produced
13 food and market-based mechanisms, to respond to
14 time-sensitive food crises.”.

15 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 407(f)(2) of the Food
16 for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1736a(f)(2)) is amended by add-
17 ing at the end the following:

18 “(J) A description of the waste, spoilage,
19 or destruction of any commodities, including
20 the amounts, value, and circumstances of such
21 waste, spoilage, or destruction.”.