

Statement By Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack On Passage Of 2014 Farm Bill

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - On Tuesday, the U.S. Congress passed the 2014 Farm Bill following three years of debate. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack issued the following statement in response to the 68 to 32 vote in the U.S. Senate.

The U.S. House passed the bill last week by a vote of 251 to 166. The new Farm Bill replaces the 2008 version and is projected to cost \$500 billion.

“Today's action will allow the proud men and women who feed millions around the world to invest confidently in the future. Our communities will have additional support to attract new economic opportunity and create jobs. During difficult times, children, working families, seniors and people with disabilities will have access to nutritious food. The potential of new products, treatments and discoveries will be strengthened through new agricultural research. Renewed conservation efforts will protect our fields, forests and waters creating new tourism options. This legislation is important to the entire nation.

Building on the historic economic gains in rural America over the past 5 years, this bill will accomplish those goals while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. While no legislation is perfect, this bill is a strong investment in American agriculture and supports the continued global leadership of our farmers and ranchers.”