

## Senate waiting on GMO labeling bill proposal from Kansas Senator Roberts

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The wait is still on for Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts to introduce his bill to preempt state GMO labeling laws, but details of what's in the measure are slowly dribbling out. A source familiar with the bill tells [Politico's Morning Agriculture] that it calls for permanent preemption of state laws and give the USDA authority to set standards on what companies can disclose on their packages. While the food and agriculture industries are optimistic that farm-state Democrats will get on board with the bill, thus far none have been quick to voice their support and it's unclear if supporters of the legislation will reach the 60-vote threshold needed to move it forward.

The push for Senate action makes it clear that industry groups have all but given up hope on an injunction from the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to block Vermont's state law mandating GMO labeling from going into effect on July 1, 2016. Oral arguments in that case — *Grocery Manufacturers Association, et al., v. Sorrell* — took place Oct. 8 in New York City but the court has yet to rule. The underlying case in the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont, meanwhile, is set to be ready to go to trial by late April.

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