Senate's GMO labeling compromise appears headed for passage

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The ongoing legislative battle around the labeling of genetically engineered (GE) or genetically modified organisms (GMOs) has reached a turning point. Despite serious concerns about confusing, inconsistent language and potential loopholes that would limit the bill's scope being raised in a June 27 Food and Drug Administration's Technical Assistance document prepared for Congress, a GMO labeling compromise bill negotiated by Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Ranking Member Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) passed a key procedural hurdle late on [June 29].

In [June 29's] motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, a procedural vote often considered a sign of where the votes lie for passage of a bill, the compromise GMO labeling bill received a <u>positive vote of 68-29</u>, laying the foundation for eventual passage. On the heels of this promising sign, votes to end debate on the bill and then move to final passage are scheduled for [the week of July 4].

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