

House to vote on GMO labeling bill

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The House is expected to vote Thursday on a bill on labels for foods with genetically modified ingredients.

The legislation from the Senate, hailed as a bipartisan compromise, blocks states from issuing their own mandatory labeling laws and directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture to create a national labeling standard instead.

USDA's rule would allow food producers to use text, symbols or QR codes consumers can scan with a smartphone to find out if a product contains genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.

Critics say the bill would only weaken state consumer protections.

And Democrats also took issue with the provision in the bill that would let make consumers use smartphones to look up GMO information.

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Republicans urged their colleagues to support science and pass the GMO labeling bill.

"We have been eating genetically modified foods since the beginning of time ... all of us have," said Rep. [Virginia Foxx](#) (R-N.C). "Anybody who raises a garden know you collect your good seeds and try to use them over and over again."

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