

## Was GMO labeling a waste of Congress's time?

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. . . [S]elf-serving organic executives and environmental activists have teamed up to advance mandatory labeling in order to boost their own political and financial agendas. Instead of slamming the door on this dumb idea long ago, federal lawmakers, administration officials, and business groups capitulated. . . .

Even more galling is that the bill is toothless, a hollow shell of a law. . . . [C]o-sponsor Debbie Stabenow (D., Mich.) admitted the issue really wasn't about a food label at all: "There's a lot of emotionalism. I think this issue around information and GMO labeling is really a proxy fight in many ways for those who support biotechnology and those who don't, and those who want to debate pesticides and other important issues that don't relate to labeling." Yes, a proxy fight, an excuse, a substitute. Nothing of real meaning or purpose, just competing corporate interests asking Congress to referee their latest dispute.

Stabenow went on to admit the labels are "not a health-and-safety issue, but an information issue . . ." Let that sink in for a moment. This is about food advertising, with our elected senators acting like marketing executives.

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