

Monsanto Protection Act' Roll Call: How Did Your Congressperson Vote On HR 933?

A national chorus of rage is rising over the "Monsanto Protection Act," a provision of the HR 933 spending bill that was passed by Congress this month and signed into law Tuesday by President Barack Obama.

Many voters will be wondering how their members of Congress voted on [the HR 933 continuing resolution](#).

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This article provides a brief primer on the criticisms of Section 735 of the bill -- a provision that opponents have dubbed the "Monsanto Protection Act" -- followed by a breakdown of how each member of [the U.S. Senate](#) and [House of Representatives](#) voted on it.

The language in Section 735 effectively bars federal courts from being able to halt the sale or planting of genetically modified crops and seeds, no matter what health consequences from their consumption may come to light in the future, [according to interpretations of the law included in a petition](#) against the provision that was circulated by the advocacy group [Food Democracy Now](#).

"This provision is simply an industry ploy to continue to sell genetically engineered seeds even when a court of law has found they were approved by USDA illegally," the petition stated. "It is unnecessary and an unprecedented attack on U.S. judicial review. Congress should not be meddling with the judicial review process based solely on the special interest of a handful of companies. Many food safety advocates maintain that there have not been enough studies into the potential health risks of GMO and GE seeds and crops, and the judicial power to stop companies from selling or planting them was one key recourse they were relying on to stop them from being sold if health risks come to light."

The petition was signed by more than 200,000 people during a drive aimed at getting [Obama](#) to veto the bill that Congress sent to his desk. But their effort was not able to sway Obama, and the provision is now in force for the six months during which the continuing provision will remain the law of the land.

Now protesters, food advocates, organic farmers and others are coming together in a push either for Section 735 to somehow be repealed, or at least for it to be struck from any permanent

legislation that will likely arise as the period of the continuing resolution draws to a close later this year.

Below is a breakdown of the congressional voting record on HR 933, which provides insight into just how the bill, Section 735 included, made it from the Capitol to the White House:

Here is the 73-26-1 Senate roll call vote breakdown on HR 933, [as compiled by](#) the Senate's clerk office:

Alexander (R-TN), Yea

Baldwin (D-WI), Yea

Barrasso (R-WY), Yea

Baucus (D-MT), Yea

Begich (D-AK), Yea

Bennet (D-CO), Yea

Blumenthal (D-CT), Yea

Blunt (R-MO), Yea

Boozman (R-AR), Yea

Boxer (D-CA), Yea

Brown (D-OH), Yea

Cantwell (D-WA), Yea

Cardin (D-MD), Yea

Carper (D-DE), Yea

Casey (D-PA), Yea

Chambliss (R-GA), Yea

Coats (R-IN), Yea

Cochran (R-MS), Yea

Collins (R-ME), Yea

Coons (D-DE), Yea

Corker (R-TN), Yea

Cornyn (R-TX), Yea

Cowan (D-MA), Yea

Donnelly (D-IN), Yea

Durbin (D-IL), Yea

Feinstein (D-CA), Yea

Franken (D-MN), Yea

Gillibrand (D-NY), Yea

Hagan (D-NC), Yea

Harkin (D-IA), Yea

Hatch (R-UT), Yea

Heinrich (D-NM), Yea

Heitkamp (D-ND), Yea

Hirono (D-HI), Yea

Hoeven (R-ND), Yea

Isakson (R-GA), Yea

Johanns (R-NE), Yea

Johnson (D-SD), Yea

Kaine (D-VA), Yea

King (I-ME), Yea

Klobuchar (D-MN), Yea

Landrieu (D-LA), Yea

Leahy (D-VT), Yea

Levin (D-MI), Yea

Manchin (D-WV), Yea

McCaskill (D-MO), Yea

McConnell (R-KY), Yea

Menendez (D-NJ), Yea

Merkley (D-OR), Yea

Mikulski (D-MD), Yea

Moran (R-KS), Nay

Murkowski (R-AK), Yea

Murphy (D-CT), Yea

Murray (D-WA), Yea

Nelson (D-FL), Yea

Pryor (D-AR), Yea

Reed (D-RI), Yea

Reid (D-NV), Yea

Rockefeller (D-WV), Yea

Sanders (I-VT), Yea

Schatz (D-HI), Yea

Schumer (D-NY), Yea

Sessions (R-AL), Yea

Shaheen (D-NH), Yea

Shelby (R-AL), Yea

Stabenow (D-MI), Yea

Thune (R-SD), Yea

Udall (D-CO), Yea

Udall (D-NM), Yea

Warner (D-VA), Yea

Warren (D-MA), Yea

Whitehouse (D-RI), Yea

Wicker (R-MS), Yea

Wyden (D-OR), Yea

Here is the 318-109-4 House of Representatives roll call vote breakdown on the final version of HR 933, [as compiled by](#) the House's clerk office:

Yeas:

Aderholt

Alexander

Andrews

Bachus

Barber

Barletta

Barr

Barrow (GA)

Barton

Beatty

Benishek

Bentivolio

Bera (CA)

Bilirakis

Bishop (GA)

Bishop (UT)

Black

Blackburn

Blumenauer

Bonamici

Bonner

Boustany

Brady (PA)

Brady (TX)

Brooks (AL)

Brooks (IN)

Brown (FL)

Brownley (CA)

Buchanan

Bucshon

Burgess

Bustos

Butterfield

Calvert

Camp

Campbell
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Carney
Carson (IN)
Carter
Cassidy
Castro (TX)
Chabot
Chaffetz
Clay
Clever
Clyburn
Coble
Coffman
Cole
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Conaway
Cook
Cooper
Costa

Cotton

Courtney

Cramer

Crenshaw

Cuellar

Culberson

Cummings

Daines

Davis (CA)

Davis, Rodney

DeFazio

Delaney

DelBene

Denham

Dent

Diaz-Balart

Dingell

Duckworth

Duffy

Duncan (SC)

Edwards

Ellmers

Enyart

Eshoo

Esty

Farenthold

Fattah

Fincher

Fitzpatrick

Fleischmann

Flores

Forbes

Fortenberry

Foster

Foxx

Frankel (FL)

Franks (AZ)

Frelinghuysen

Gabbard

Gallego

Garcia

Gardner

Garrett

Gerlach

Gibbs

Gibson

Goodlatte
Gosar
Gowdy
Granger
Graves (GA)
Graves (MO)
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Griffin (AR)
Griffith (VA)
Grimm
Guthrie
Gutierrez
Hanna
Harper
Harris
Hartzler
Heck (NV)
Heck (WA)
Hensarling
Herrera Beutler
Himes
Hinojosa

Holding

Horsford

Hoyer

Hudson

Huffman

Huizenga (MI)

Hunter

Hurt

Israel

Issa

Jenkins

Johnson (GA)

Johnson (OH)

Johnson, E. B.

Johnson, Sam

Jordan

Joyce

Kaptur

Keating

Kelly

Kilmer

Kind

King (IA)

King (NY)

Kinzinger (IL)

Kirkpatrick

Kline

Kuster

Labrador

LaMalfa

Lamborn

Lance

Langevin

Lankford

Larsen (WA)

Latham

Latta

Levin

Lipinski

LoBiondo

Loebsack

Long

Lowenthal

Lowey

Lucas

Luetkemeyer

Lujan Grisham (NM)

Maffei

Maloney, Carolyn

Maloney, Sean

Marchant

Marino

Matheson

McCarthy (CA)

McCarthy (NY)

McCaul

McHenry

McIntyre

McKeon

McKinley

McMorris Rodgers

McNerney

Meadows

Meehan

Meng

Messer

Mica

Michaud

Miller (FL)

Miller (MI)

Miller, Gary

Moore

Moran

Mullin

Mulvaney

Murphy (FL)

Murphy (PA)

Negrete McLeod

Neugebauer

Noem

Nugent

Nunes

Nunnelee

O'Rourke

Olson

Owens

Palazzo

Pastor (AZ)

Paulsen

Payne

Pearce

Pelosi

Perry

Peters (CA)

Peterson

Petri

Pittenger

Pitts

Poe (TX)

Polis

Pompeo

Price (GA)

Price (NC)

Quigley

Radel

Rahall

Reed

Reichert

Renacci

Ribble

Rice (SC)

Rigell

Roby

Roe (TN)

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Rogers (MI)

Rohrabacher

Rokita

Rooney

Ros-Lehtinen

Roskam

Ross

Rothfus

Royce

Ruiz

Runyan

Ruppersberger

Ryan (WI)

Sanchez, Loretta

Scalise

Schiff

Schneider

Schock

Schwartz

Schweikert

Scott (VA)

Scott, Austin

Scott, David

Sensenbrenner

Sessions

Sewell (AL)

Shea-Porter

Sherman

Shimkus

Shuster

Sinema

Sires

Smith (NE)

Smith (NJ)

Smith (WA)

Southerland

Stewart

Stivers

Takano

Terry

Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)

Thompson (PA)

Thornberry

Tiberi

Tipton

Titus

Turner

Upton

Valadao

Van Hollen

Veasey

Vela

Visclosky

Wagner

Walberg

Walden

Walorski

Walz

Waxman

Weber (TX)

Webster (FL)

Wenstrup

Whitfield

Williams

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Wolf

Womack

Woodall

Yoder

Yoho

Young (AK)

Young (FL)

Young (IN)