

Passage of S.3136, the National Food Stamp Reform Act of 1976

Senate, by a vote of 52-22 adopted the Dole-McGovern-Talmadge Substitute food stamp reform bill.

Major provisions:

- (1) Eliminates all households with net incomes above the poverty line from the food stamp program. (In terms of gross income, this translates into ceilings of \$6700 per year for non-working families and about \$7700 per year for working families).
- (2) Cuts out middle class college students who are dependents of their parents.
- (3) Strengthens the work registration requirements.
- (4) Requires strikers (and recently unemployed) to wait 30 days before receiving food stamps.
- (5) Greatly simplifies administration, and, thus, will lead to fewer errors (which cost the taxpayer over \$250 million last year).

Impact on recipients:

Nationally, an estimated 1.4 million persons will be eliminated from the program.

In Kansas, early estimates indicate that between 5000 and 6000 persons will have their benefits terminated.