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**S. 3136**

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## AMENDMENTS

Intended to be proposed by Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. HUMPHREY, Mr. HUGH SCOTT, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. STONE, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. JAVITS, Mr. CASE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CLARK, Mr. PHILIP A. HART, and Mr. KENNEDY) to S. 3136, a bill to reform the Food Stamp Act of 1964 by improving the provisions relating to eligibility, simplifying administration, and tightening accountability, and for other purposes, viz:

1. On page 16, beginning with line 21, strike everything  
2 through line 2 on page 23 and insert in lieu thereof the  
3 following:

4 "ELIMINATION OF THE PURCHASE PRICE

- 5 "SEC. 6. (a) The first sentence of section 4 (a) of the  
6 Food Stamp Act, as amended, is amended to read as fol-  
7 lows: 'The Secretary is authorized to formulate and ad-

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1 minister a food stamp program under which, at the request  
2 of the State agency, eligible households within the State,  
3 including households with one or more elderly members,  
4 shall be provided with, through the use of a coupon allot-  
5 ment, an opportunity to obtain a nutritionally adequate  
6 diet.’.

7 “(b) The section head of section 7 of the Food Stamp  
8 Act of 1964 is amended by striking out ‘AND CHARGES TO  
9 BE MADE’.

10 “(c) Section 7 (a) of such Act is amended to read as  
11 follows: ‘The face value of the coupon allotment which  
12 State agencies shall be authorized to issue for any period to  
13 any household certified as eligible to participate in the food  
14 stamp program shall be in such amount as the Secretary  
15 determines to be the cost of a nutritionally adequate diet,  
16 reduced by an amount equal to 30 per centum of such  
17 household’s net income. The value of the coupon allotment  
18 shall be adjusted semiannually: *Provided*, That the adjust-  
19 ment of the coupon allotment shall be based on changes in  
20 the prices of food in the Consumer Price Index published  
21 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Department of  
22 Labor.’.

23 “(d) Sections 7 (b) and 7 (d) of the Act are repealed.

24 “(e) Section 7 (c) is redesignated as 7 (b) and the fol-

1 lowing is deleted: "which is in excess of the amount charged  
2 such household for such allotment".

3 " (f) (1) Clause (7) of the second sentence of section  
4 10 (e) of the Food Stamp Act of 1964 is amended to read  
5 as follows: '(7) notwithstanding any other provision of  
6 law, and at the option of the State agency, the institution of  
7 procedures under which any household participating in the  
8 program shall be entitled to have its coupon allotment dis-  
9 tributed to it with any grant or payment to which such house-  
10 hold may be entitled under title IV of the Social Security  
11 Act; and'.

12 " (2) Section 10 (g) of the Food Stamp Act of 1964 is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 " (g) If the Secretary determines that there has been  
15 negligence or fraud on the part of the State agency in the  
16 certification of applicant households, the State shall upon re-  
17 quest of the Secretary, deposit into a separate account estab-  
18 lished in the Treasury a sum equal to the face value of any  
19 coupon issued as a result of such negligence or fraud. Funds  
20 deposited into such account shall be available without fiscal  
21 year limitation for the redemption of coupons.'.

22 " (g) (1) The third sentence of section 16 (a) of the  
23 Food Stamp Act of 1964 is repealed.

24 " (2) Subsections (b) and (c) of section 16 of such Act

1 are repealed and subsection (d) is redesignated as subsection  
2 (b).”.

3 On page 4, between lines 3 and 4, insert a new subsec-  
4 tion as follows:

5 “(q) The term ‘adjusted semiannually’ means adjusted  
6 effective every January 1, and July 1, to the nearest \$1  
7 increment to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index  
8 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Depart-  
9 ment of Labor for the preceding six months ending Septem-  
10 ber 30, and March 31.”.

11 On page 6, line 23, after the word “households”, insert  
12 the following: “and adjusted semiannually, except that such  
13 adjustment shall be to the nearest \$1 increment: *Provided*,  
14 That the first such adjustment shall be effective July 1, 1977,  
15 and shall reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index pub-  
16 lished by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period from  
17 September 30, 1975, to March 31, 1977.”.

18 On page 5, delete lines 7 through 13 and insert in lieu  
19 thereof the following:

20 “(2) The income standards of eligibility in every State  
21 (except Alaska and Hawaii) shall be the income poverty  
22 guidelines prescribed by the Office of Management and  
23 Budget adjusted pursuant to section 625 of the Economic  
24 Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2971d),

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1 as adjusted semiannually: *Provided*, That the first such ad-  
2 justment of the income poverty guidelines shall be effective  
3 July 1, 1977, and shall be made by multiplying the income  
4 poverty guidelines in effect as of April 1, 1977, by the  
5 changes between the average 1976 Consumer Price Index  
6 and the Consumer Price Index for March 1977.”.

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