

## FY2015 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

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### Language about Potatoes and the WIC Food Package

3 SEC. 753. (a) None of the funds made available by  
4 this Act or any other Act may be used to exclude or re-  
5 strict, or to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel  
6 to exclude or restrict, the eligibility of any variety of fresh,  
7 whole, or cut vegetables (except for vegetables with added  
8 sugars, fats, or oils) from being provided under the Special  
9 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and  
10 Children under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of  
11 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) (in this section referred to as the  
12 “program”).

13 (b) Not later than 15 days after the date of enact-  
14 ment of this Act, each State agency shall carry out the  
15 program in a manner consistent with subsection (a).

16 (c) Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-  
17 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall com-  
18 mence under section 17(f)(11)(C) of the Child Nutrition  
19 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(11)(C)) the next regular  
20 review of the supplemental foods available under this pro-  
21 gram, including a review of the nutrient value of all vege-  
22 tables.

23 (d) If, upon completing the review under subsection  
24 (c), the Secretary of Agriculture recommends that a vege-  
25 table be eligible for purchase under the program, none of

1 the funds made available under this Act or any other Act  
2 may be used to exclude or restrict the eligibility of that  
3 variety of vegetable (except if that vegetable has added  
4 sugars, fats, or oils) from being purchased under the pro-  
5 gram, and subsection (a) shall continue to be effective.  
6 (e) If the review in subsection (c) recommends that  
7 any vegetable shall not be available for purchase under  
8 the program, based upon the nutritional content of the  
9 vegetable and the nutrition needs of WIC participants,  
10 subsection (a) shall expire upon the publication of the reg-  
11 ularly scheduled review.  
12 (f) Not later than 90 days after completing the review  
13 under subsection (c), the Secretary of Agriculture shall  
14 make publicly available all scientific research and data  
15 used to make the final recommendations and explain the  
16 results of the review by submitting a report containing  
17 such information to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
18 tion, and Forestry of the Senate, the Committee on Edu-  
19 cation and Workforce of the House of Representatives,  
20 and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and  
21 the House of Representatives.  
22 (g) Upon completion of the review under subsection  
23 (c) by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Comptroller Gen-  
24 eral of the United States shall conduct an audit of the

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1 review which shall include an audit of the scientific re-  
2 search and data used to conduct the review.