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Harkin Statement on Passage of Food Safety

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP), tonight issued the following statement after the Senate passed a measure to update our nation's food safety system by unanimous consent. Harkin is a lead sponsor of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, and has worked closely with a bipartisan group of Senators over the past year to establish a broad coalition of support for the bill.

"It has been almost a century since our food safety system was updated -- and over a year since this bill first started to move in Congress. Tonight, we achieved a critical victory, bringing this bill one step closer to the finish line. I look forward to standing with the President as he signs this important measure into law, and in so doing, giving Americans one of the best holiday gifts they can receive this year -- the assurance that the foods they are eating are safer."

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