

Legislative History

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1960-61

Only 6 food stamp bills introduced.

1961

- Jan. 21: Kennedy issued an Executive Order initiating FSP pilot projects funded through Section 32 funds. Participants purchased coupons of a higher value than their cash contribution and used the coupons to purchase food at retail stores. Program purchases not limited to surplus commodities.
- Feb. 2: Kennedy announced the initiation of pilot program in 8 project areas.
- March 16: Kennedy's farm message to Congress reported on progress of pilot programs.
- May 29: Mr. and Mrs. Muncy of West Virginia bought the first food stamps since 1943.

1962

Kennedy asks for more money for pilot project. 56 new projects planned.

1963

- Jan. 31: Kennedy asks for legislation authorizing a permanent FSP.

1964

- Jan. 31: Johnson renewed request for permanent FSP.
- Aug. 31: [P.L. 88-525](#) The Food Stamp Act of 1964

1966

- Oct. 11: [P.L. 89-642](#) Child Nutrition Act of 1966

1967

Field Foundation Report on Poverty and Malnutrition; press, hunger coalitions; movie "Hunger in America"; all raised public awareness concerning need.

1969

- Increased appropriations for all food programs. FSP expanded.
- May 27: FNS formed to coordinate child and adult food programs.