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# The Conservative Viewpoint

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**The Government Should Watch Its Waste,  
Not Your Waistline.**

- Today the House will consider the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act (H.R. 339) to prevent frivolous, greedy lawsuits against food manufacturers and sellers by people who claim that they were forced to eat certain foods that made them gain weight.
  - It's sad that this bill is necessary, but unscrupulous, overactive lawyers have fueled the current atmosphere of blaming all individual problems on everyone and everything *but* the individual. Therefore, this bill is clearly needed.
  - The responsibility for watching the waistlines of Americans lies squarely with each individual consumer of food.
  - While the food industry and government can and should disclose ingredients and other health information, neither can ever force people to eat (or avoid eating) anything and thus should not be held responsible for individual eating habits.
  - It's a shame that Congress has to take time to prevent these out-of-control, irresponsible lawsuits when it should be working on cutting things like tattoo-removal parlors and fruitfly research from the federal budget.
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