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MR. AuCOIN: Mr. Speaker, food in our country is going to waste while some Americans go hungry. In 1977, 20 percent of our nation's crops were left in the field to rot because there was no commercial market for them. This tremendous waste needs to be prevented in order to feed the hungry. The way to salvage this food is gleaning, the process of hand harvesting crops left behind after mechanized harvest or which remain unharvested because of adverse marketing conditions.

More and more people, are realizing that gleaning is a good way of providing food to people who might not otherwise be able to obtain it. I, therefore, introduced H.R. 2152 in February to allow a tax deduction for farmers to donate gleaned crops to charitable organizations. These organizations are also doing their part and one such example is Senior Gleaners in Sacramento, California. I read about the organization and its activities in THE WASHINGTON POST on Sunday, November 11, and I would like to share the article with my colleagues.

(See attached article for reprinting.)