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Legislative Issue

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Consumer Concerns, Food, Health and Safety

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
SB 990	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	5/6/2009	Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)	A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to expand access to healthy afterschool meals for school children in working families.
HB 2322	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.	5/7/2009	Congressman Bruce L. Braley (IA-1)	Healthy Food Choices for Kids Act
HB 2297	Subcommittee Hearings Held.	5/7/2009	Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-3)	To require the President to call a White House Conference on Food and Nutrition.
SB 934	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	4/30/2009	Senator Tom Harkin (IA)	Child Nutrition Promotion and School Lunch Protection Act of 2009
SB 893	Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	4/23/2009	Senator Charles E. Schumer (NY)	Imported and Domestic Product Safety Act of 2009

Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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HB 2234	Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.	5/4/2009	Congressman Eliot L. Engel (NY-17)	Electric Transportation Advancement Act of 2009
HB 2438	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	5/14/2009	Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1)	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a temporary bonus research credit for energy-related research.
HB 2453	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	5/15/2009	Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. (TN-2)	To provide for a national biological data center, and for other purposes.

HB 2454	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 33 - 25.	5/15/2009	Congressman Henry A. Waxman (CA-30)	To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.
HB 2300	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.	5/7/2009	Congressman Rob Bishop (UT-1)	To provide the United States with a comprehensive energy package to place Americans on a path to a secure economic future through increased energy innovation, conservation, and production.
HB 2407	Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology.	5/14/2009	Congressman Bart Gordon (TN-6)	To establish a National Climate Service at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
HB 2364	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	5/12/2009	Congressman Peter A. DeFazio (OR-4)	To amend section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act to change the definition of renewable biomass in the renewable fuel program, and for other purposes.
HB 2250	Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.	5/5/2009	Congressman Dan Burton (IN-5)	To immediately provide for domestic energy production and jobs and to pursue alternatives in renewable energy.
HB 2306	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.	5/7/2009	Congressman Norman D. Dicks (WA-6)	To provide for the establishment of a National Climate Service, and for other purposes.
SB 967	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.	5/4/2009	Senator Jeff Bingaman (NM)	A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to create a petroleum product reserve, and for other purposes.
SB 1035	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	5/13/2009	Senator Harry Reid (NV)	A bill to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes.

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SB 1062	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	5/18/2009	Senator Jon Tester (MT)	A bill to amend the Beef Research and Information Act to allow the promotion of beef that is born and raised exclusively in the United States and to establish new referendum requirements.
HR 458	Referred to Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.	1/9/2009	Congressman Jeff Fortenberry (AZ-4)	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Government should encourage organic farming, gardening, local food production, and farmers' markets.
SB 384	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 60 under General Orders.	2/5/2009	Senator Richard G. Lugar (IN)	Global Food Security Act of 2009
SB 889	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	4/23/2009	Senator Arlen Specter (PA)	Federal Milk Marketing Improvement Act of 2009

Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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HB 2368	Referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, on Oversight and Government Reform, and Armed Services.	5/12/2009	Congressman Rush D. Holt (NJ-12)	To encourage water efficiency.
HB 2188	Subcommittee Hearings Held.	4/30/2009	Congressman Frank Kratovil, Jr. (MD-1)	Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009
SB 849	Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.	4/22/2009	Senator Thomas R. Carper (DE)	A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.
HRES 352	On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.	4/22/2009	Congressman Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24)	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1145) to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes.
HB 1145	Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	2/24/2009	Congressman Bart Gordon (TN-6)	To implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes.
SB 1035	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	5/13/2009	Senator Harry Reid (NV)	A bill to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes.
HB 1790	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.	3/30/2009	Congressman Eliot L. Engel (NY-17)	To reduce global greenhouse gas emissions resulting from land conversion and deforestation in developing countries, to provide incentives for developing countries to increase forest carbon stocks, and for other purposes.
HB 2312	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.	5/7/2009	Congressman Steve Israel (NY-2)	United States-China Energy Cooperation Act

Other Legislation

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HB 957	Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	2/10/2009	Congressman Michael T. McCaul (TX-10)	To authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies.