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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
HB 1549	Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Rules.	3/17/2009	Congresswoman Lousie McIntosh Slaughter (NY-28)	To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.
HB 1324	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.	3/5/2009	Congresswoman Lynn C. Woolsey (CA-6)	Child Nutrition Promotion and School Lunch Protection Act of 2009
SB 666	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	3/23/2009	Senator Russell D. Feingold (WI)	A bill to prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products, milk protein concentrate, or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese, and for other purposes.
SB 667	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	3/23/2009	Senator Russell D. Feingold (WI)	Federal Milk Marketing Reform Act of 2009

Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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SB 536	Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.	3/5/2009	Senator Ron Wyden (OR)	A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify the definition of the term "renewable biomass".
SB 774	Referred to Committee on Finance.	4/1/2009	Senator Byron L. Dorgan (ND)	National Energy Security Act of 2009
SB 539	Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	3/5/2009	Senator Harry Reid (NV)	A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require the President to designate certain geographical areas as national renewable energy zones, and for other purposes.

SB 826	Referred to Committee on Finance.	4/3/2009	Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)	A bill to promote renewable energy, and for other purposes.
HB 1885	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	4/2/2009	Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-35)	To protect private property rights.
HB 1760	Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.	3/26/2009	Congressman Jay Inslee (WA-1)	To mitigate the effects of black carbon emissions in the United States and throughout the world.

Agriculture's Global Competitiveness and Profitability

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HB 1737	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, and Agriculture.	3/26/2009	Congressman Jerry Moran (KS-1)	To facilitate the sale of United States agricultural products to Cuba, as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000.
SB 665	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	3/23/2009	Senator Russell D. Feingold (WI)	A bill to allow modified bloc voting by cooperative associations of milk producers in connection with a referendum on Federal milk marketing order reform.
HB 1875	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.	4/2/2009	Congressman Peter A. DeFazio (OR-4)	To establish an Emergency Commission To End the Trade Deficit.

Economic Opportunities in Rural Areas

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
SB 790	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	4/2/2009	Senator Jeff Bingaman (NM)	A bill to improve access to health care services in rural, frontier, and urban underserved areas in the United States by addressing the supply of health professionals and the distribution of health professionals to areas of need.

Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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HB 1905	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	4/2/2009	Congresswoman Lois Capps (CA-23)	To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation planning and response program, and for other purposes.

HB 1914	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	4/2/2009	Congressman Nathan Deal (GA-9)	To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for the suspension of each provision of the Act during periods of drought with respect to Federal and State agencies that manage Federal river basins that are located in each region affected by the drought.
HB 1926	Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education.	4/2/2009	Congressman Michael M. Honda (CA-15)	To authorize the National Science Foundation to establish a Global Warming Education Program.
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 1738	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	3/26/2009	Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)	To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the city of Downey, California, regional wastewater treatment and reclamation facility projects.
HB 1759	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	3/26/2009	Congressman Jay Inslee (WA-1)	To distribute emission allowances under a domestic cap-and-trade program to facilities in certain domestic energy-intensive industrial sectors and subsectors to prevent an increase in greenhouse gas emissions by manufacturing facilities located in countries without commensurate greenhouse gas regulation, and for other purposes.
SB 519	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	3/3/2009	Senator Tom Harkin (IA)	A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to implement pesticide-related obligations of the United States under the international conventions or protocols known as the PIC Convention, the POPs Convention and the LRTAP POPs Protocol.
HRes. 281	On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 248 - 175 (Roll no. 156).	3/24/2009	Congressman Jared Polis (CO-2)	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1404) to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes.