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# The Council Caller

## Legislative Issue

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### Consumer Concerns, Food, Health and Safety

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary
HB 2513	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	5/20/2009	Congressman Schauer, Mark H. (MI-7)	To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a Food Protection Training Institute, and for other purposes
S B 1101	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	5/20/2009	Senator Stabenow, Debbie (MI)	A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a Food Protection Training Institute, and for other purposes
SB 1060	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	5/18/2009	Senator Bingaman, Jeff (NM)	A bill to comprehensively prevent, treat, and decrease overweight and obesity in our Nation's populations
SB 1089	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	5/20/2009	Senator Baucus, Max (MT)	Promoting American Agricultural and Medical Exports to Cuba Act of 2009
HB 2800	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	6/10/2009	Congressman Burgess, Michael C. (TX-26)	To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of imported food, and for other purposes

HB 3100	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture	6/26/2009	Congressman Rush, Bobby L. (IL-1)	To establish the Food Desert Oasis Pilot Program, and for other purposes
HB 2795	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Rules	6/10/2009	Congressman McGovern, James P. (MA-3)	Roadmap to End Global Hunger and Promote Food Security Act of 2009
HB 3076	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	6/26/2009	Congressman Lewis, John (GA-5)	To establish a comprehensive process to inform American consumers about food and product recalls, and for other purposes
SB 1226	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	6/10/2009	Senator Casey, Robert P., Jr. (PA)	A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve paperless enrollment and efficiency for the national school lunch and school breakfast programs, and for other purposes
SB 1293	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	6/18/2009	Senator Bennet, Michael F. (CO)	A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve automatic enrollment procedures for the national school lunch and school breakfast programs, and for other purposes
SB 1269	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	6/16/2009	Senator Klobuchar, Amy (MN)	A bill to provide for enhanced food borne illness surveillance and food safety capacity, to establish regional food safety centers of excellence, and for other purposes
SB 1343	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	6/24/2009	Senator Brown, Sherrod (OH)	A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve and expand direct certification procedures for the national school lunch and school breakfast programs, and for other purposes

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## Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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HB 2454	Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 97.	5/15/2009	Congressman Waxman, Henry A. (CA-30)	To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy
SB 1189	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	6/4/2009	Senator Bayh, Evan (IN)	A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of the impact of energy and climate policy on the competitiveness of energy-intensive manufacturing and measures to mitigate those effects
SB 1191	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	6/4/2009	Senator Bayh, Evan (IN)	A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on climate change and energy policy in the People's Republic of China and in the Republic of India
SB 1172	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	6/3/2009	Senator Brown, Sherrod (OH)	A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to facilitate the production of clean, renewable energy from municipal solid waste, and for other purposes
SB 1175	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	6/3/2009	Senator Cantwell, Maria (WA)	A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to make loans to electric utilities to carry out projects to comply with any Federal renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes

HB 2662	Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	6/2/2009	Congressman Heinrich, Martin (NM-1)	To dedicate a portion of the rental fees from wind and solar energy projects on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management for the administrative costs of processing applications for new wind and solar projects, and for other purposes
HB 2569	Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote	5/21/2009	Congressman Wu, David (OR-1)	To reauthorize surface transportation research, development, and technology transfer activities, and for other purposes
SB 1092	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	5/20/2009	Senator Wyden, Ron (OR)	A bill to establish a program to provide loans for use in carrying out residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation energy efficiency and renewable generation projects
HB 2828	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment	6/11/2009	Congressman Bishop, Rob (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 2846	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources	6/12/2009	Congressman Boehner, John A. (OH-8)	To increase energy independence and job creation by increasing safe American energy production, encouraging the development of alternative and renewable energy, and promoting greater efficiencies and conservation for a cleaner environment
HB 3009	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources	6/23/2009	Congressman Ross, Mike (AR-4)	To promote alternative and renewable fuels and domestic energy production, and for other purposes

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## Agriculture's Global Competitiveness and Profitability

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HB 2507	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	5/19/2009	Congressman Young, Don (AK)	To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a demonstration program to adapt the lessons of providing foreign aid to underdeveloped economies to the provision of Federal economic development assistance to certain similarly situated individuals, and for other purposes
SB 1141	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	5/21/2009	Senator Feinstein, Dianne (CA)	A bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries, and for other purposes
SB 1086	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	5/20/2009	Senator Enzi, Michael B. (WY)	A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts
SB 1089	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	5/20/2009	Senator Baucus, Max (MT)	Promoting American Agricultural and Medical Exports to Cuba Act of 2009
HB 1709	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	3/25/2009	Congressman Gordon, Bart (TN-6)	To establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes

SB 1225	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	6/10/2009	Senator Sanders, Bernard (VT)	A bill to require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to take certain actions to prevent the manipulation of energy markets, and for other purposes
HB 3166	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	7/9/2009	Congressman Welch, Peter (VT)	To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to index for inflation the payment rate for payments under the Milk Income Loss Contract Program
HB 2914	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	6/17/2009	Congressman Chaffetz, Jason (UT-3)	To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to terminate marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments for mohair producers
SB 1330	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	6/23/2009	Senator Gillibrand, Kirsten E. (NY)	A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to increase the payment rate for certain payments under the milk income loss contract program as an emergency measure
SB 1331	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	6/23/2009	Senator Gillibrand, Kirsten E. (NY)	A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to index for inflation the payment rate for payments under the milk income loss contract program
SR 206	Referred to the Committee on Finance	6/25/2009	Senator Johanns, Mike (NE)	A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should immediately implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement
SB 1375	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	6/25/2009	Senator Roberts, Pat (KS)	A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs

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## Economic Opportunities in Rural Areas

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HB 2665	Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	6/2/2009	Congressman Matsui, Doris O. (CA-5)	To establish national centers of excellence for regional smart growth planning, and for other purposes
HB 2599	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	5/21/2009	Congressman Herseht Sandlin, Stephanie (SD)	To provide for the establishment of the Rural Health Quality Advisory Commission, and for other purposes
SB 1157	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	5/21/2009	Senator Conrad, Kent (ND)	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes
HB 2997	Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 105.	6/23/2009	Congressman DeLauro, Rosa L. (CT-3)	Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes
SB 1281	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	6/17/2009	Senator Lincoln, Blanche L. (AR)	A bill to enhance after-school programs in rural areas of the United States by establishing a pilot program to help communities establish and improve rural after-school programs
HB 3078	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor	6/26/2009	Congressman Hare, Phil (IL-17)	To support after-school programs in rural areas of the United States by establishing a pilot program to assist communities establish, enhance, or expand rural after-school programs
HB 3109	Referred to the	6/26/2009	Congressman	To improve access to health

	Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Veterans' Affairs, Education and Labor, Armed Services, and Natural Resources		Teague, Harry (NM-2)	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
SB 1406	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99	7/7/2009	Senator Kohl, Herb (WI)	An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes

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## Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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HB 2969	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	6/19/2009	Congressman Capps, Lois (CA-23)	To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish water system adaptation partnerships
HB 2489	Subcommittee Hearings Held	5/19/2009	Congressman Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie (SD)	To authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs

HB 2631	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources	5/21/2009	Congressman Paul, Ron (TX-14)	To reduce the price of gasoline by allowing for offshore drilling, eliminating Federal obstacles to constructing refineries and providing incentives for investment in refineries, suspending Federal fuel taxes when gasoline prices reach a benchmark amount, and promoting free trade
SB 1134	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	5/21/2009	Senator Casey, Robert P., Jr. (PA)	Responsible Use of Coal Act of 2009
HB 2847	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 87	6/12/2009	Congressman Mollohan, Alan B. (WV-1)	Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes
HB 3147	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor	7/9/2009	Congressman Carson, Andre (IN-7)	Young Adults Financial Literacy Act
HB 2880	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce,	6/15/2009	Congressman Pingree, Chellie (ME-1)	To require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a carbon incentives program to achieve supplemental greenhouse gas emissions reductions on private agricultural and forestland of the United States, and for other purposes
HB 3165	Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote	7/9/2009	Congressman Tonko, Paul D. (NY-21)	To provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, and for other purposes
SB 1399	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	7/6/2009	Senator Feinstein, Dianne (CA)	A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to establish a market for the trading of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes

HB 2996	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 98	6/23/2009	Congressman Dicks, Norman D. (WA-6)	Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.
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## Other Legislation

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HB 3077	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs	6/26/2009	Congressman McCollum, Betty (MN-4)	To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide assistance to foreign countries to promote food security and agricultural development, to develop rural infrastructure and stimulate rural economies, and to improve emergency response to food crises, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and for other purposes
HB 1886	Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 522 , the text of H.R. 1886 , as passed by the House, is appended as new matter at the end of the engrossment of H.R. 2410	4/2/2009	Congressman Berman, Howard L. (CA-28)	To authorize democratic, economic, and social development assistance for Pakistan, to authorize security assistance for Pakistan, and for other purposes.
HB 3012	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules	6/24/2009	Congressman Michaud, Michael H. (ME-2)	To require a review of existing trade agreements and renegotiation of existing trade agreements based on the review, to set terms for future trade agreements, to express the sense of the Congress that the role of Congress in trade policymaking should be strengthened, and for other purposes