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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 and Link
HB 5762	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	4/10/2008	Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-3)	Food Safety Recall Information Act
HB 2063	Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	4/26/2007	Congresswoman Nita Lowey (NY-18)	Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2007
HB 5904	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	4/24/2008	Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20)	Safe Food Enforcement, Assessment, Standards and Targeting Act of 2008
HB 5827	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	4/16/2008	Congressman Peter Roskam (IL-6)	To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve food safety.

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### Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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HB 5858	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	4/22/2008	Congressman Leonard Boswell (IA-3)	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for carbon sequestration.
HB 906	Placed on Union Calendar No. 376.	2/7/2007	Congressman Mark Udall (CO-2)	Global Change Research and Data Management Act of 2007
HB 5805	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	4/15/2008	Congressman Stevan Pearce (NM-2)	Zeroing In American Energy Act of 2008'
HB 5161	Reported by the Committee on Science and Technology.	1/29/2008	Congresswoman David Wu (OR-1)	Green Transportation Infrastructure Research and Technology Transfer Act
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HB 5808	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	4/15/2008	Congresswoman Louise McIntosh Slaughter (NY-28)	To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to develop multidisciplinary research centers regarding women's health and disease prevention, and for other purposes.
HB 5161	Reported by the Committee on Science and Technology.	1/29/2008	Congresswoman David Wu (OR-1)	Green Transportation Infrastructure Research and Technology Transfer Act
HB 5770	Referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.	4/10/2008	Congressman John Hall (NY-19)	To provide for a study by the National Academy of Sciences of potential impacts of climate change on water resources and water quality.

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## Agriculture's Global Competitiveness and Profitability

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SB 2830	Referred to Committee on Finance pursuant to section 2103(c) of Public Law 107-210.	4/8/2008	Senator Harry Reid (NV)	A bill to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.
HB 5724	Rule H. Res. 1092 passed House.	4/8/2008	Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD-5)	To implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

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## Economic Opportunities in Rural Areas

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 5682	Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.	4/2/2008	Congressman Thomas Allen (ME-1)	To improve access to broadband service in rural and underserved areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

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## Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 5902	Referred to House Committee on Education and Labor.	4/24/2008	Congresswoman Yvette Clarke (NY-11)	To enhance environmental justice education in middle and high schools that serve disadvantaged students.
SB 1522	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 649 under General Orders.	5/24/2007	Senator Ron Wyden (OR)	Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2007

SR 520	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary	4/17/2008	Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA)	A resolution designating May 16, 2008, as "Endangered Species Day".
HB 5820	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	4/16/2008	Congressman Thomas Allen (ME-1)	To authorize the Forest Service to provide financial assistance to States for the acquisition of land to preserve and maintain such land for traditional use by the public, and for other purposes.
SB 357	This bill text was generally incorporated in <u>S. 1419</u> .	1/22/2007	Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA)	Ten-in-Ten Fuel Economy Act
HB 3221	Passed Senate by vote number 96 with an amendment to the Title by Yea-Nay Vote.	7/30/2007	Congressman Nancy Pelosi (CA-8)	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act/Advanced Geothermal Energy Research and Development Act of 2007/Biofuels Research and Development Enhancement Act/Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000
SB 2739	Held at the desk.	3/10/2008	Senator Jeff Bingaman (NM)	Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008

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## Other Legislation

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HB 5881	Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Energy and Commerce.	4/23/2008	Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-29)	Environment and Public Health Restoration Act of 2008
HB 5819	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.	4/16/2008	Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez (NY-12)	To amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, and for other purposes.