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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 2418	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	12/5/2007	Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (PA)	A bill to ensure the safety of imported food products for the citizens of the United States, and for other purposes.

Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 4174	Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology	11/14/2007	Congressman Thomas Allen (ME-1)	Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2007 FOARAM Act
HB 4279	Subcommittee Hearings Held	12/5/2007	Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (MI-14)	Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007
HB 4306	Referred to Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary.	12/6/2007	Congressman Steve King (IA-5)	To amend the Clean Air Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the use of ethanol and bio-diesel, and for other purposes.

Agriculture's Global Competitiveness and Profitability

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 3688	Became Public Law No: 110-138	9/27/2007	Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD-5)	United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act
SB 2113	Became Public Law 110-138 on 12/14/2007	9/27/2007	Senator Max Baucus (MT)	United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act

SB 311	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 488 under General Orders.	1/17/2007	Senator Mary Landrieu (LA)	A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.
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Economic Opportunities in Rural Areas

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
SB 2333	Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	11/08/2007	Senator Edward Kennedy (MA)	A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to reauthorize the Community Health Centers program, the National Health Service Corps, and rural health care programs.
HB 3873	Placed on the Union Calendar No. 288.	10/17/2007	Congressman Paul Hodes (NH-2)	Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007
HB 4328	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	12/6/2007	Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (OH-11)	Community Economic Development Expertise Enhancement Act of 2007
SB 2442	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	12/11/2007	Senator Jon Kyl (AZ)	A bill to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with alternatives to comply with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act.

Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 4226	Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.	11/15/2007	Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (MD-1)	Climate Stewardship and Economic Security Act of 2007
SB 2355	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.	11/14/2007	Senator Maria Cantwell (WA)	Climate Change Adaptation Act
HB 767	Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	1/31/2007	Congressman Ron Kind (WI-3)	Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act
HB 6	Became Public Law No: 110-140	1/12/2007	Congressman Nick Rahall, II (WV-3)	CLEAN Energy Act of 2007 Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act of 2007/Ending Subsidies for Big Oil Act of 2007 Royalty Relief for American Consumers Act of 2007
HB 50	Became Public Law No: 110-132	1/4/2007	Congressman Don Young (AK)	Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2007

HCR 229	Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	10/9/2007	Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-6)	Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should seek a review of compliance by all nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendations for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and should pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and for other purposes.
HCR 266	Referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, and Financial Services.	12/6/2007	Congresswoman Janice Schakowsky (IL-9)	Expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to the world's freshwater resources.
SB 1429	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 534 under General Orders.	5/17/2007	Senator James Inhofe (OK)	A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the provision of technical assistance to small public water systems.
HB 4652	Referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources.	12/13/2007	Congressman Alcee Hastings (FL-23)	Environmental Justice Access and Implementation Act of 2007

Other Legislation

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HB 4139	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor	11/09/2007	Congressman Zachary Space (OH-18)	College and University Rural Education (CURE) Act of 2007
SR 401	Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.	12/11/2007	Senator Joseph Lieberman (CT)	A resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications.
HB 4137	Placed on the Union Calendar No. 305.	11/7/2007	Congressman George Miller (CA-7)	College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007