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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 4855	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Energy and Commerce.	12/19/2007	Congressman Leonard L. Boswell (IA-3)	To require studies by the Secretary of Agriculture on the effects of food products from cloned animals entering the food supply.

Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 6	Became Public Law No: 110-140	1/12/2007	Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II (WV-3)	CLEAN Energy Act of 2007 Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act of 2007 Ending Royalty Subsidies for Big Oil Act of 2007 Royalty Relief for American Consumers Act of 2007

Agriculture's Global Competitiveness and Profitability

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
SCR 60	Referred to the Committee on Finance.	12/18/2007	Senator Max Baucus (MT)	A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress relating to negotiating a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan.
SR 417	Referred to Committee on Finance.	12/19/2007	Senator Chuck Hagel	A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should expand trade opportunities with Mongolia and initiate negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with Mongolia.

HB 2419	Senate insisted requested a conference.	5/22/2007	Congressman Collin Peterson (MN-7)	Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007
H. Res. 928	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	1/17/2008	Congressman David Dreier (CA-26)	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the trade relationship between the United States and India.

Economic Opportunities in Rural Areas

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 3058	Placed on the Union Calendar No. 310.	7/17/2007	Congressman Peter DeFazio (OR-4)	Public Land Communities Transition Assistance Act of 2007
HB 3873	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.	10/17/2007	Congressman Paul Hodes (NH-2)	Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007

Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 1834	Placed on the Union Calendar No. 304.	3/29/2008	Congressman Jim Saxton (NJ-3)	National Ocean Exploration Program Act National Undersea Research Program Act of 2007
HB 135	House Committee on Transportation Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Feb. 29, 2008.	1/4/2007	Congressman John Linder (GA-7)	Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2007

Other Legislation

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 4137	Placed on the Union Calendar No. 305.	11/9/2007	Congressman George Miller (CA-7)	College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007
HB 5127	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	1/23/2008	Congressman Tom Latham (IA-4)	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.