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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 2952	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	5/1/2008	Senator Robert Menendez (NJ)	Safe School Lunch Act of 2008
SB 2420	Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.	12/06/2007	Senator Charles Schumer (NY)	Federal Food Donation Act of 2007

Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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HB 6104	Referred to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Committee on Science and Technology.	5/21/2008	Congressman Michael Honda (CA-15)	To provide for the coordination of the Nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education initiatives.
HB 4279	Received in the Senate and read twice.	12/05/2007	Congressman John Conyers (MI-14)	Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007
HB 6078	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	5/15/2008	Congressman Ed Perlmutter (CO-7)	To encourage energy efficiency and conservation and development of renewable energy sources for housing, commercial structures, and other buildings, and to create sustainable communities.
H.Res. 1206	Referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Committee on Science and Technology.	5/15/2008	Congressman Robert Latta (OH-5)	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any comprehensive plan to reform our national energy policy must promote the expanded use of renewable and alternative energy sources; increase our domestic refining capacity; promote conservation and increased energy efficiency; expand research and development, including domestic exploration; and, enhance consumer education.

SB 2925	Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	4/28/2008	Senator Charles Schumer (NY)	National Energy Efficiency Development Act
SB 2940	Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	4/30/2008	Senator Sherrod Brown (OH)	A bill to promote green energy production, and for other purposes.
SB 2973	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 727 under General Orders.	5/02/2008	Senator Pete Domenici (NM)	American Energy Production Act of 2008/American Infrastructure Investment and Improvement Act of 2008
SB 2191	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 740 under General Orders.	10/18/2007	Senator Joseph Lieberman (CT)	America's Climate Security Act of 2007
SB 3036	Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate.	5/20/2008	Senator Barbra Boxer (CA)	Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act of 2008
SB 2307	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 752 under General Orders.	11/05/2007	Senator John F. Kerry (MA)	Global Change Research Improvement Act of 2007

Agriculture's Global Competitiveness and Profitability

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SB 2947	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	4/30/2008	Senator Charles Schumer (NY)	Maple Tapping Access Program Act of 2008
HB 5957	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.	05/05/2008	Congressman Edward Royce (CA-40)	To reduce subsidies for agricultural commodity programs.
HB 6001	Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.	05/08/2008	Congressman Steve Buyer	Main Street U.S.A. Energy Security Act of 2008

Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
HB 6107	Referred to Committees on Natural Resources, and Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology.	05/21/2008	Congressman Don Young (AK)	To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal
SB 2739	Became Public Law No: 110-229	3/10/2008	Senator Jeff Bingaman	Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008

H.Res. 1175	On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays.	5/6/2008	Congressman Peter Welch (VT)	Providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation.
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Other Legislation

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HB 6051	To amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 16, 2008.	5/14/2008	Congressman Collin Peterson (MN-7)	To amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 16, 2008.
HB 6124	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 753 under General Orders.	5/22/2008	Congressman Collin Peterson (MN-7)	To provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.
HB 2419	On 5/22/2008 the House passed HR. 6124, a new bill containing 15 farm bill titles.	5/22/2008	Congressman Collin Peterson (MN-7)	Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007