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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
HB 3967	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	10/25/2007	Congressman Michael Burgess (TX-26)	Imported Food Safety Improvement Act of 2007
HB 3937	Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce.	10/23/3007	Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-3)	To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of imported food.
HB 3697	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health	9/27/2007	Congressman Jim Matheson (UT-2)	To amend the Public Health Service Act to address antimicrobial resistance.
SB 2095	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	9/26/2007	Senator Sherrod Brown (OH)	A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require country of origin labeling for processed food items.
SB 2077	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	9/20/2007	Senator Tom Harkin (IA)	A bill to establish a program to assure the safety of fresh produce intended for human consumption, and for other purposes.
SB 2245	Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	10/25/2007	Senator Richard Durbin (IL)	A bill to establish a commission to ensure food safety in the United States, and for other purposes.
SB 2143	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	10/4/2007	Senator Herb Kohl (WI)	Student Breakfast and Education Improvement Act of 2007

## Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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SB 2307	Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	11/5/2007	Senator John Kerry (MA)	A bill to amend the Global Change Research Act of 1990, and for other purposes.
HCR 25	Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	1/10/2007	Congressman Collin Peterson (MN-7)	Expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the U.S. that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.
SB 2076	Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	9/20/2007	Senator Harry Reid (NV)	A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require the President to designate certain geographical areas as national renewable energy zones.
HB 3807	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	10/10/2007	Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (AZ-8)	Renewable Energy Assistance Act of 2007
HB 3776	Received in the Senate.	10/9/2007	Congressman Bart Gordon (TN-6)	Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007
HB 3775	Received in the Senate.	10/9/2007	Congressman Nick Lampson (TX-22)	Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007
SB 2155	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.	10/4/2007	Senator Robert Byrd (WV)	International Clean Energy Technologies Deployment and Global Energy Markets Investment Act of 2007
SB 2306	Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	11/5/2007	Senator Byron Dorgan (ND)	A bill to encourage and facilitate the use of renewable fuel in the United States.
SB 2144	Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	10/4/2007	Senator Norm Coleman (MN)	Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Study Act of 2007
HB 3957	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.	10/24/2007	Congressman Jim Matheson (UT-2)	Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act

## Agriculture's Global Competitiveness and Profitability

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HB 3920	Received in the Senate. House Reports: <a href="#">110-414</a>	10/22/2007	Congressman Charles Rangel (NY-15)	Trade and Globalization Act of 2007
SB 2222	Referred to the Committee on Finance.	10/24/2007	Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (NY)	Trade Agreement Assessment Act
SB 2232	Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.	10/25/2007	Senator Ted Stevens (AK)	Foreign Aid Lessons for Domestic Economic Assistance Act of 2007
SB 2242	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No 446 under General Orders.	10/25/2007	Senator Max Baucus (MT)	To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish supplemental agricultural disaster assistance and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for conservation and alternative energy sources and to provide tax relief for farmers.
SB 2228	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	10/24/2007	Senator Richard Lugar (IN)	A bill to extend and improve agricultural programs, and for other purposes.
HB 3905	Referred to the Committees on Ways and Means, on Foreign Affairs, and Financial Services.	10/18/2007	Congressman Jim McDermott (WA-7)	To provide for an additional trade preference program for least developed countries, and for other purposes.
HB 3375	Became Public Law No: 110-89	8/3/2007	Congressman Wally Herger (CA-2)	To extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months.
SB 2113	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 471.	9/27/2007	Senator Max Baucus (MT)	United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act
HB 3688	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 480	9/27/2007	Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD-5)	United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act
HB 3684	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means	9/27/2007	Congressman Mike McIntyre (NC-7)	To enhance reciprocal market access for United States domestic producers in the negotiating process of bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade agreements.

HB 3708	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	10/1/2007	Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR-3)	American Family Farm and Ranchland Protection Act
HB 3787	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	10/9/2007	Congressman John M. McHugh (NY-3)	Land-In-Trust Public Hearing Act
SB 221	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 410.	1/9/2007	Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)	A bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts.
SJR 20	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	10/3/2007	Senator Byron Dorgan (ND)	A joint resolution to disapprove a final rule of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to the importation of cattle and beef.

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## Economic Opportunities in Rural Areas

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HB 3817	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means	10/10/2007	Congressman Earl Pomeroy (ND)	Agricultural Bond Improvement Act of 2007
HB 3246	Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.	7/13/2007	Congressman James Oberstar (MN-8)	Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007
HB 3747	Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.	10/4/2007	Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (CA-25)	Workforce Investment Improvement Act of 2007
HB 3751	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.	10/4/2007	Congressman Leonard Boswell (IA-3)	To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish and provide for the administration of the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network.
SB 2167	Referred to the Committee on Finance	10/16/2007	Senator Jeff Sessions (AL)	Farm Savings Account Act of 2007

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## Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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HB 3989	Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources	10/29/2007	Congressman John McHugh (NY-23)	Healthy Air and Clean Water Act
HB 1495	Became Public Law No: 110-114	3/13/1007	Congressman James Oberstar (MN-8)	Water Resources Development Act of 2007
SB 2223	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under No. 442.	10/24/2007	Senator Max Baucus (MT)	An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to promote habitat conservation and restoration, and for other purposes.
HB 3945	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor	10/23/2007	Congressman Steve Israel (NY-2)	To provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Energy of a program of Federal support for local governments and school districts to implement clean energy projects.
SB 2191	Committee on Environment and Public Works.	10/18/2007	Senator Joseph Lieberman (CT)	A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.
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
SB 2211	Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.	10/19/2007	Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)	A bill to ensure the recovery, resiliency, and health of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes.
HB 3841	Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans	10/16/2007	Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (MD-1)	To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone.
HB 4059	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.	11/1/2007	Congressman Jay Inslee (WA-1)	Rural Clean Energy Superhighways Act
H.Res. 814	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	11/9/2007	Congressman Ron Kind (WI-3)	Encouraging the elimination of fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in the world's commercial fishing fleets and lead to overfishing of global fish stocks.

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## Other Legislation

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SB 2118	Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	9/28/2007	Senator Richard Lugar (IN)	Proven Programs for the Future of Education Act of 2007
HB 3637	Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.	9/24/2007	Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR-3)	Higher Education Sustainability Act of 2007
HB 3746	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.	10/4/2007	Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (CA) (CA-25)	College Access and Opportunity Act of 2007
HB 3046	Placed on the Union Calendar No. 210.	7/16/2007	Congressman Michael McNulty (NY-21)	Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2007
SB 2302	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 470.	11/2/2007	Senator Tom Harkin (IA)	An original bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.
SB 2299	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	11/1/2007	Senator Olympia Snowe (ME)	A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an advisory committee to develop recommendations regarding the national aquatic animal health plan developed by the National Aquatic Animal Health Task Force, and for other purposes.