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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 |
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| SB 1737 | Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. | 10/1/2009 | Senator Al Franken (MN) | A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the number of children eligible for free school meals, with a phased-in transition period. |
| SB 1650 | Referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. | 9/8/2009 | Senator Blanche L. Lincoln (AR) | A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the purchase and processing of healthful commodities for use in school meal programs. |
| SB 1693 | Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. | 9/22/2009 | Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand (NY) | Safe Food for Schools Act of 2009 |
| SB 1503 | Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. | 7/22/2009 | Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand (NY) | A bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity and eating disorder prevention, and for other purposes. |
| SB 1480 | Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. | 7/21/2009 | Senator Herb Kohl (WI) | A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish a program to improve the health and education of children through grants to expand school breakfast programs, and for other purposes. |
| HB 2749 | Received in the Senate and referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. | 6/08/2009 | Congressman John Dingell (MI-15) | To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of food in the global market, and for other purposes. |
| HR 691 | On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 249 - 180 (Roll no. 677). | 7/29/2009 | Congresswoman Louise McIntosh Slaughter (NY-28) | Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2749) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of food in the global market, and for other purposes. |

Future Technologies and Infrastructure Investments

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| HB 3598 | Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote. | 9/17/2009 | Congressman Bart Gordon (TN-6) | Energy and Water Research Integration Act |
| HB 3165 | Referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. | 7/09/2009 | Congressman Paul Tonko (NY-21) | To provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, and for other purposes. |
| HB 3534 | Committee Hearings Held. | 9/08/2009 | Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II (WV-3) | Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009 |
| SB 1675 | Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. | 9/16/2009 | Senator Daniel K. Akaka (HI) | A bill to implement title V of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 and to promote economical and environmentally sustainable means of meeting the energy demands of developing countries, and for other purposes. |
| SB 1462 | Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 110 under General Orders. | 7/16/2009 | Senator Jeff Bingaman (NM) | American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009 |
| SB 1576 | Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. | 8/04/2009 | Senator Jeanne Shaheen (NH) | Forest Carbon Incentives Program Act of 2009 |
| HB 3523 | Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. | 7/31/2009 | Congressman Harry Teague (NM-2) | Biofuel Engineering Training Act |

Agriculture's Global Competitiveness and Profitability

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| SB 1527 | Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. | 7/29/2009 | Senator Tom Udall (NM) | Unsafe Meat and Poultry Recall Act |
| SB 1645 | Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. | 8/06/2009 | Senator Arlen Specter (PA) | Federal Milk Marketing Improvement Act of 2009 |
| HB 3322 | Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. | 7/23/2009 | Congressman Scott Murphy (NY-20) | Dairy Relief and Market Stabilization Act |
| SB 1682 | Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. | 9/17/2009 | Senator Maria Cantwell (WA) | A bill to provide the Commodity Futures Trading Commission with clear antimarket manipulation authority, and for other purposes. |

Economic Opportunities in Rural Areas

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| SB 1593 | Referred to Committee on Foreign Relations. | 8/06/2009 | Senator Robert Menendez (NJ) | Social Investment and Economic Development for the Americas Act of 2010 |

Environmental and Natural Resource Issues

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| SB 1712 | Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. | 9/24/2009 | Senator Harry Reid (WV) | A bill to promote water efficiency, conservation, and adaptation, and for other purposes. |
| SB 849 | Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar No. 125 under General Orders. | 4/22/2009 | Senator Thomas Carper (DE) | A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions. |

Other Legislation

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| HRes. 740 | Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. | 9/14/2009 | Congressman Leonard Boswell (IA-3) | Recognizing the valuable contributions of the extension offices of land-grant universities. |
| HB 2997 | Presented to President. | 6/23/2009 | Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-3) | Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. |
| HRes 799 | On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 241 - 178 (Roll no. 757). | 2/3/2009 | Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-3) | Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2997) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, |
| HB 2996 | Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees | 6/23/2009 | Congressman Norman Dicks (WA-6) | Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. |
| HB 3519 | Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. | 7/31/2009 | Congressman Adrian Smith (NE-3) | To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to establish a grant program to promote efforts to develop, implement, and sustain veterinary services, and for other purposes. |