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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 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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Bill Number	Status	Date Introduced	Sponsor	Bill Summary and Link
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.