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Bill #	Sponsor(s)	Description	Status
Pricing and Support			
S. 456	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require monthly reporting to the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) of items contained in the cold storage survey and the dairy products survey of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Exempts from reporting requirements a manufacturer or facility that stores less than an average of 10,000 pounds monthly on an annual basis.	March 2, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
S. 457	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Requires that each federal milk marketing order: (1) establish a referendum information clearinghouse that includes individual ballot information and referendum due dates and texts, and (2) provide producers with referendum alerts.	March 2, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
S. 458	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish and enforce a maximum somatic cell count requirement for fluid milk.	March 2, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

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S. 459	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 regarding the milk income loss contract program to: (1) make the current producer payment formula permanent, and (2) revise the payment rate adjustment for feed prices by deleting the subsequent adjustment authority provision.	March 2, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
H.R. 2487	Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ, 6th)	To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to terminate direct payments for the 2012 crop year.	July 11, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture.
S. 1414	Sen. Bernard Sanders (I-VT)	To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a community-supported agriculture promotion program.	July 26, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

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H.R. 3062	Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN, 7 th); 7 cosponsors	Dairy Security Act of 2011 -- To establish a program for dairy producers under which producers can offset reductions in producer income when the margin between milk prices and feed costs is less than a specified amount, to establish a dairy market stabilization program for producers participating in the margin protection program, to provide for the amendment of Federal milk marketing orders, and for other purposes.	Sept. 23, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture.
S. 1626	Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)	ARRM Act of 2011 -- A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to reform agricultural programs by establishing the aggregate risk and revenue management program.	Sept. 23, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
S. 1640	Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)	Federal Milk Marketing Improvement Act of 2011 -- A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to determine the price of all milk used for manufactured purposes, which shall be classified as Class II milk, by using the national average cost of production, and for other purposes.	Oct. 3, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

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H.R. 3111	Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R-IN, 3 rd)	REFRESH Act -- To reform and reauthorize agricultural programs, and for other purposes.	Oct. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture, House Ways and Means.
S. 1658	Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN)		Oct. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
S. 1682	Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)	A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to promote growth and opportunity for the dairy industry in the United States, and for other purposes.	Oct. 12, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
S. 1714	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Dairy Producer Income Protection Act of 2011-- A bill to extend the milk income loss contract program, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct hearings to assess the implications of transitioning Federal milk marketing orders from end-product pricing to a competitive pay pricing system, and for other purposes.	Oct. 17, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

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S. 1715	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Dairy Pricing Reform and Farmer Protection Act of 2011 -- A bill to replace current dairy product price support and milk income loss contract programs with a program to protect dairy producer income when the difference between milk prices and feed costs is less than a specified amount, to establish a dairy market stabilization program, and for other purposes.	Oct. 17, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
H.R. 3372	Rep. Joe Walsh (R-IL, 8 th)	To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to deregulate the Federal milk marketing order program, to publish competitive milk price survey data, and for other purposes.	Nov. 4, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture.
Nutrition, WIC			
H.R. 1057	Ron Kind (D-WI, 3rd); 69 cosponsors	FIT Kids Act - Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to require annual state and local educational agency report cards to include specified information on school health and physical education programs. Includes the promotion of healthy, active lifestyles by students within ESEA grant programs that support school counseling, smaller learning communities, community learning centers, and parental involvement in their childrens' education.	March 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Education and the Workforce.
S. 576	Tom Harkin (D-IA);		March 15, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

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H.R. 1382	Rep. James McGovern (D-MA, 3rd)	To require the President to call a White House Conference on Food and Nutrition.	April 6, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture.
H.R. 1542	Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN, 9th)	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the establishment of supermarkets in certain underserved areas.	April 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Ways and Means.
S. 174	Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)	Establishes or expands programs regarding children's nutrition and physical activity in schools and with child care providers, including expanding the free fruit program and promoting equal opportunities for students with disabilities to participate in schools and colleges.	Jan. 25, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Finance.
S. 919	Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)	Identifies conditions conducive to learning as those that: (1) promote physical activity, education, fitness, and nutrition; (2) promote mental health; (3) prevent violence, harassment, and substance abuse among students; and (4) promote safe and supportive schools and communities.	May 9, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

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H.R. 3291	Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY, 12 th)	Healthy Foods for Healthy Living Act -- To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to community-based organizations and local redevelopment agencies operating in low-income communities to promote increased access to and consumption of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and other healthy foods among residents of such communities, and for other purposes.	Nov. 1, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture, House Energy and Commerce, House Ways and Means.
H.R. 3525	Rep. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA, 13 th)	Healthy Food Financing Initiative -- A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish in the Department of Agriculture a Healthy Food Financing Initiative.	Nov. 30, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture.
S. 1926	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)		Nov. 30, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
S. 2016	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase access to healthy food for families, to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act and the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to increase access to credit for small and new farmers, and for other purposes.	Dec. 16, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

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H.R. 3652	Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN, 4 th)	Stopping Needless Additional Performance Bonuses (SNAP) Act of 2011 -- To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to repeal the authority to make performance-based bonus payments to States.	Dec. 13, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture.
Immigration			
S. 852	Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	A bill to improve the H-2A agricultural worker program for use by dairy workers, sheepherders, and goat herders, and for other purposes.	April 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary
H.R. 1720	Rep. William Owens (D-NY, 23rd)		May 4, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.

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S. 6	Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV)	Reform America's Broken Immigration System Act - Expresses the sense of the Senate that Congress should: strengthen our commitments to border security; pass legislation, such as the DREAM Act, supporting national and economic security; implement a rational legal immigration system to ensure that the best and brightest can come to the United States and create jobs; require all U.S. workers to have tamper-proof identification to further prevent and penalize illegal hiring; hold accountable people here illegally by requiring them to either earn legal status or be immediately deported; and adopt practical and fair immigration reforms to help ensure that families are able to be together.	Jan. 25, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.
S. 803	Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)	A bill to implement a comprehensive border security plan to combat illegal immigration, drug and alien smuggling, and violent activity in the southwest border of the United States.	April 13, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
H.R. 1507	Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ, 6th)		April 13, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture, House Appropriations, House Armed Services, House Energy and Commerce, House Foreign Affairs, House Homeland Security, House Judiciary, House Natural Resources, House Ways and Means.

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S. 952	Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL); 34 cosponsors	DREAM Act -- to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.	May 11, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.
H.R. 1842	Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA, 28th)		May 11, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Education and the Workforce, House Homeland Security, House Judiciary.
H.R. 3823	Rep. David Rivera (R-FL, 25 th)	Adjusted Residency for Military Service Act -- To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.	Jan. 24, 2012 -- Read twice and referred to: House Armed Services, House Homeland Security, House Judiciary, House Ways and Means.
S. 1258	Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ)	A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and for other purposes. Includes improvements to the H-2A Program.	June 22, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.

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H.R. 43	Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA, 49th)	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the diversity immigrant program and to re-allocate those visas to certain employment-based immigrants who obtain an advanced degree in the United States.	Jan. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.
H.R. 704	Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA, 6th);	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the diversity immigrant program.	<p>Feb. 15, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.</p> <p>July 20, 2011 -- Full committee consideration and markup held by the House Judiciary Committee.</p> <p>July 20, 2011 -- Diversity Visa Program — Vote to Report Eliminate a diversity visa program that annually distributes 55,000 visas to people from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. Ordered reported favorably to the full House 19-11.</p> <p>Nov. 10, 2011 -- Reported to the House by the House Judiciary Committee and placed on the Union Calendar.</p>

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H.R. 45	Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA, 49th)	Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish minimum imprisonment terms for specified categories of aliens subject to criminal fines, imprisonment, or both, for reenry as removed aliens.	Jan. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.
H.R. 98	Rep. David Dreier (R-CA, 26th)	Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act to require inclusion of encrypted machine-readable electronic identification strips on Social Security cards.	Jan. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Education and the Workforce, House Homeland Security, House Judiciary, House Ways and Means.
H.R. 140	Rep. Steve King (R-IA, 5th); 76 cosponsors	Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to consider a person born in the United States "subject to the jurisdiction" of the United States for citizenship at birth purposes if the person is born in the United States of parents, one of whom is: (1) a U.S. citizen or national; (2) a lawful permanent resident alien whose residence is in the United States; or (3) an alien performing active service in the U.S. Armed Forces.	Jan. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.
S. 723	Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)	To amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth.	April 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.

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H.R. 483	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR, 4th)	Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a toll-free telephone- or electronic media-based employment eligibility verification system.	Jan. 26, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Education and the Workforce, House Judiciary, House Ways and Means.
H.R. 693	Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA, 11th)	Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to make the E-Verify Program permanent and mandatory.	Feb. 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Education and the Workforce, House Judiciary.
H.R. 800	Rep. John Carter (R-TX, 31st)	Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to make the E-Verify Program (Program) permanent and mandatory.	Feb. 18, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Education and the Workforce, House Judiciary, House Ways and Means.

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S. 332	Sen. Orin Hatch (R-UT)	Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit an alien to be paroled into the United States or granted deferred action of a final order of removal only on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit.	Feb. 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.
S. 565	Sen. John Kerry (D-MA)	Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish an employment-based, conditional immigrant visa (StartUp visa) for a sponsored alien entrepreneur: (1) with required amounts of financial backing from a qualifying investor, government entity, or venture capitalist; and (2) whose commercial activities will generate required levels of employment, revenue, or capital investment.	March 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.
H.R. 1114	Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY, 14th)		March 16, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.

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S. 1196	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	A bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.	June 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.
S. 1384	Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)	HARVEST Act of 2011 -- Helping Agriculture Receive Verifiable Employees Securely and Temporarily Act of 2011. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the temporary employment of foreign agricultural workers, and for other purposes.	July 19, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.
H.R. 2497	Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX, 21st)	HALT Act--To suspend until January 21, 2013, certain provisions of Federal immigration law, and for other purposes.	July 12, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary. July 26, 2011 -- Subcommittee hearing held by the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
S. 1380	Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)		July 18, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.

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H.R. 2847	Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX, 21st)	American Specialty Agriculture Act -- To create a nonimmigrant H-2C work visa program for agricultural workers, and for other purposes.	Sept. 7, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Education and the Workforce, House Judiciary. Sept. 22, 2011 — Full committee consideration and markup canceled by the House Judiciary Committee.
H.R. 2895	Rep. Dan Lungren (R-CA, 3 rd)	Legal Agricultural Workforce Act -- To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for a temporary agricultural worker program, and for other purposes.	Sept. 12, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Education and the Workforce, House Energy and Commerce, House Foreign Affairs, House Judiciary.
H.R. 2952	Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA, 52 nd)	Immigration Backlog Reduction Act of 2011 -- To provide for expedited removal of certain aliens, and for other purposes.	Sept. 15, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.
H.R. 3024	Rep. Richard Hanna (R-NY, 24 th)	Access to Agricultural Labor Act of 2011 -- To create a special class of H-2A workers who may be admitted to work as shepherders or dairy workers, and for other purposes.	Sept. 22, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.

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H.R. 3012	Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT, 3 rd)	Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act -- To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes.	<p>Sept. 22, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.</p> <p>Oct. 27, 2011 -- Vote to Report. Ordered reported favorably to the full House (as amended) by voice vote.</p> <p>Nov. 29, 2011 -- motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would eliminate the per-country cap for employment-based immigrant visas. It also would raise the per-country cap for family-sponsored immigrant visas to 15 percent of such visas made available in that year. Motion agreed to 389-15.</p> <p>Jan. 23, 2012 — Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar by unanimous consent.</p>
S. 1697	Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)	A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a special rule for the period of admission of H-2A nonimmigrants employed as sheepherders, goat herders, or dairy farmers, and for other purposes.	Oct. 12, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.
H.R. 3232	Rep. Bill Owens (D-NY, 23 rd)		
H.R. 3443	Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA, 1 st)	Better Agriculture Resources Now Act (BARN Act) -- To reform the H-2A program for nonimmigrant agricultural workers, and for other purposes.	Nov. 16, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.

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H.R. 3720	Rep. Steve King (R-IA, 5 th)	New Illegal Deduction Elimination Act (IDEA) -- To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that wages paid to unauthorized aliens may not be deducted from gross income, and for other purposes.	Dec. 16, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary, House Ways and Means.
S. 2046	Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	Visa Waiver Program Enhanced Security and Reform Act -- A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements of the visa waiver program and for other purposes.	Jan. 31, 2012 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary. Jan. 31, 2012 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary.
H.R. 3855	Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL, 5 th)		
Federal Government			
H.R. 1281	Rep. Reid Ribble (R-WI, 8 th)	To ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on rulemaking actions, and for other purposes.	March 31, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary, House Oversight and Government Reform.

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S. 805	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT)	To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve the business and industry direct and guaranteed loan program of the Department of Agriculture.	April 13, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
S. 1538	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); 20 cosponsors	Regulatory Time-Out Act of 2011 -- A bill to provide for a time-out on certain regulations, and for other purposes.	Sept. 12, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
H.R. 3257	Rep. Richard Hanna (R-NY, 24 th)		Oct. 25, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Judiciary, House Oversight and Government Reform.

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H.R. 3010	Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX, 21 st)	A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.	<p>Nov. 29, 2011 -- Full committee consideration and markup held by the House Rules Committee.</p> <p>Nov. 30, 2011 -- Adoption of the rule (H Res 477) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 3010) that would require federal agencies to consider the costs, benefits and potential alternatives to new rules. Adopted 239-178.</p> <p>Dec. 2, 2011 -- Passage of the bill that would modify the federal rule-making process to require agencies to consider new criteria when issuing rules such as the availability of "reasonable alternatives," including not taking action at the federal level. The bill would require agencies to adopt the least costly rule proposal unless it certified that a higher-cost alternative's benefits outweighed the costs and the decision was based on protecting public health, safety or welfare. It also would impose new procedural requirements related to "major" or "high-impact" rules, defined as rules imposing an annual economic impact greater than \$100 million or \$1 billion. Passed 253-167.</p> <p>Dec. 5, 2011 -- Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.</p> <p>Sept. 22, 2011 — Read twice and referred to: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>
S. 1606	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)		

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H.R. 2112	Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA, 1st)	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 - Makes FY2012 appropriations for the: (1) Department of Agriculture (USDA), (2) Food and Drug Administration (FDA), (3) Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), and (4) Farm Credit Administration.	<p>Nov. 17, 2011 -- Conference report considered by the House.</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2011 -- Conference report agreed to in the House by roll call vote, 298-121.</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2011 -- Conference report considered by the Senate.</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2011 -- Conference report agreed to in the Senate by roll call vote, 70-30.</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2011 -- Conference Report -- Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would provide about \$128.1 billion in discretionary funds for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and for science programs and other related programs in fiscal 2012. Excluding emergency funding, the bill would provide roughly \$19.8 billion for Agriculture programs, \$52.7 billion for Commerce, Justice and science agency programs and \$55.6 billion for Transportation and HUD programs. The measure would provide approximately \$2.3 billion in emergency-relief funding. It also would include provisions to make continuing appropriations for all other programs through Dec. 16, 2011. Adopted (thus cleared for the president) 70-30. Note: By unanimous consent, the Senate agreed to raise the majority requirement for adoption of the conference report to 60 votes.</p> <p>Nov. 18, 2011 -- Signed by the president.</p>

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H.R. 3286	Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME, 1 st); 63 cosponsors	Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act of 2011 -- To promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.	Nov. 1, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture, House Education and the Workforce.
S. 1773	Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH); 9 cosponsors		Nov. 1, 2011 — Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
H.R. 3323	Rep. Tim Huelskamp (R-KS, 1 st)	To reduce the regulatory burden on the agricultural sector of the national economy.	Nov. 2, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture, House Education and the Workforce, House Energy and Commerce, House Transportation and Infrastructure, House Ways and Means.
H.R. 3236	Rep. Timothy Walz (D-MN, 1 st)	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Opportunity Act of 2011 -- To expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.	Oct. 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture, House Budget.
S. 1850	Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)		Nov. 10, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

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S. 1888	Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)	Growing Opportunities for Agriculture and Responding to Markets Act of 2011 -- A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a program to provide loans for local farms, ranches, and market gardens to improve public health and nutrition, reduce energy consumption, and for other purposes.	Nov. 17, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
Food Safety			
S. 216	Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	To increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and intentional violations relating to food that is misbranded or adulterated.	<p>Jan. 27, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Judiciary.</p> <p>March 17, 2011 -- Senate Judiciary Committee will mark up pending legislation and vote on pending nominations.</p> <p>March 31, 2011 -- Full committee consideration and markup held by the Senate Judiciary Committee.</p> <p>March 31, 2011 -- Vote to report. Ordered reported favorably to the full Senate (as amended) by voice vote.</p> <p>March 31, 2011 -- Reported to the Senate with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and without a written report by the Senate Judiciary Committee and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar.</p> <p>April 14, 2011 -- Measure, as amended, passed in the Senate by unanimous consent.</p> <p>April 15, 2011 -- Received in the House and referred to the House Energy and Commerce and House Judiciary Committees.</p>

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H.R. 424	Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX, 26th)	Amends the Clean Air Act to revise the renewable fuel program, including redefining "renewable fuel"; reducing the percentage of renewable fuel that is required to be in gasoline sold or introduced into commerce in the United States; revoking the renewable fuel standard for 2013-2022; repealing provisions concerning cellulosic biofuel and biomass-based diesel; and repealing a requirement that the Administrator of EPA promulgate fuel regulations to implement measures to mitigate adverse impacts on air quality as the result of renewable fuel requirements.	Jan. 25, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 426	Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ, 6th)	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to terminate the excise tax credit for alcohol fuel mixtures and the income tax credit for alcohol used as fuel.	Jan. 25, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Energy and Commerce, House Ways and Means. **Rep. Flake attached an amendment to H.R. 2112 -- the Ag Appropriations Bill -- that prohibits the federal government from funding ethanol infrastructure projects, i.e. blender pumps or storage facilities and it passed 283-128.
S. 871	Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK)	A bill to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit.	May 3, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Finance. **June 16, 2011 -- Sen. Feinstein attached an amendment to S. 782 -- the Economic Development Revitalization Act of 2011 -- that repeals the VEETC and it passed 73-27.

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S. 884	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a variable VEETC rate based on the price of crude oil, and for other purposes.	May 4, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Finance.
H.R. 1075	Rep. Steve Womack (R-AZ, 3rd)	To repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit.	March 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Ways and Means.
H.R. 2307	Rep. Wally Herger (R-CA, 2nd)	To repeal the tax credits for ethanol blenders, to repeal the tariff on imported ethanol, and for other purposes.	June 23, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Ways and Means.
H.R. 1188	Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ, 7th)	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate incentives for alcohol fuels.	March 17, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Ways and Means.

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H.R. 2231	Kristi Noem (R-SD)	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the ethanol tax credits, and for other purposes.	June 16, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Budget, House Ways and Means.
S. 1185	Sen. John Thune (R-SD); 17 cosponsors	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a variable VEETC rate based on the price of crude oil, and for other purposes.	June 13, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Finance. Dec. 16, 2011 — Reported to the Senate with an amendment in the nature of a substitute without a written report by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar.
H.R. 3097	Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA, 6 th)	Renewable Fuel Standard Flexibility Act -- To partially waive the renewable fuel standard when corn inventories are low.	Oct. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 3098	Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA, 6 th)	Renewable Fuel Standard Elimination Act -- To repeal the renewable fuel program of the Environmental Protection Agency.	Oct. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Energy and Commerce.

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Transportation			
H.R. 7	Rep. John Mica (R-FL, 7 th)	American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012 -- To authorize funds for Federal-aid highway, public transportation, and highway and motor carrier safety programs, and for other purposes.	Jan. 31, 2012 -- Read twice and referred to: House Transportation and Infrastructure.
S. 1813	Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	Moving Ahead for Progress (MAP) in the 21st Century -- A bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.	<p>Nov. 7, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Environment and Public Works.</p> <p>Nov. 9, 2011 — Full committee consideration and markup held by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.</p> <p>Nov. 9, 2011 -- Highway Reauthorization reported favorably to the full Senate (as amended) 18-0.</p>

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Truck Weights			
H.R. 801	Rep. Chip Cravaack (R-MN, 8th)	To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to vehicle weight limitations applicable to the Interstate System, and for other purposes.	February 18, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Transportation and Infrastructure.
H.R. 763	Rep. Michael Michaud (D-ME, 2nd); 43 cosponsors	To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to vehicle weight limitations applicable to the Interstate System, and for other purposes.	February 17, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Transportation and Infrastructure, House Ways and Means.
S.747	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)	A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to vehicle weight limitations applicable to the Interstate System, and for other purposes.	April 6, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Finance.
H.R. 1574	Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA, 3rd)	To amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, concerning length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes.	April 15, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Transportation and Infrastructure.
S. 876	Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)		May 3, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Environment and Public Works.

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Sugar			
S. 25	Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (R-NH)	Eliminates nonrecourse support loans for sugar producers.	January 25, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
S. 685	Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN)	To repeal the Federal sugar program.	March 30, 2011-- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.
H.R. 1739	Rep. Robert Dold (R-IL, 10th)		May 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture, House Ways and Means.
H.R. 1385	Rep. Joseph Pitts (R-PA, 16th)	To repeal the sugar price support program and marketing allotments for sugar, and for other purposes.	April 6, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture.

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Energy			
S. 493	Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA)	Amends the Small Business Act to reauthorize through FY2019 the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs of the Small Business Administration (SBA). **Senate Amendment 277 from Sen. Stabenow would exempt agriculture sources from being considered as greenhouse gasses.	<p>March 4, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship.</p> <p>March 30, 2011 -- Considered and amended by the Senate.</p> <p>April 6, 2011 -- Stabenow Amendment 277 rejected 7-93.</p>
S. 104	Sen. Mike Johanns (R-NE)	A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to finalize a proposed rule to amend the spill prevention, control, and countermeasure rule to tailor and streamline the requirements for the dairy industry, and for other purposes.	<p>April 8, 2011 -- EPA ruling exempts milk and milk product containers from the Oil Spill Prevention and Control Act.</p>
H.R. 681	Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI, 10th)		<p>April 8, 2011 -- EPA ruling exempts milk and milk product containers from the Oil Spill Prevention and Control Act.</p>
S. 1757	Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)	Clean Energy Infrastructure for Rural Communities Act of 2011 -- A bill to promote clean energy infrastructure for rural communities.	<p>Oct. 20, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.</p>

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H.R. 3773	Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX, 22 nd)	Domestic Alternative Fuels Act of 2012 -- To amend the Renewable Fuel Program in section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act to allow domestic alternative fuel to be used to satisfy a portion of the required applicable volume of renewable fuel.	Jan. 17, 2012 -- Read twice and referred to: House Energy and Commerce.
Menu Labeling/Labeling			
H.R. 1364	Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT, 3rd)	To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act concerning the distribution of information on legitimate scientific research in connection with foods and dietary supplements, and for other purposes.	April 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Energy and Commerce.
S. 831	Sen. Al Franken (D-MN)	COOL Act - A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for country of origin labeling for dairy products.	April 14, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
H.R. 2044	Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX, 14th)	To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act concerning claims about the effects of foods and dietary supplements on health-related conditions and disease, and for other purposes.	May 26, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Energy and Commerce.

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Trade			
H.R. 1603	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR,4th)	To establish the Emergency Trade Deficit Commission, and for other purposes.	April 15, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Ways and Means.
H.R. 1888	Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY, 15th)	To facilitate the export of United States agricultural products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, to remove impediments to the export to Cuba of medical devices and medicines, to allow travel to Cuba by United States legal residents, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, and for other purposes.	May 12, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Agriculture, House Financial Services, House Foreign Affairs, House Judiciary, House Ways and Means.
H.R. 2707	Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA, 21st)	To establish trade negotiating objectives of the United States with respect to the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures to agricultural products to facilitate trade in agriculture, and for other purposes.	July 29, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Ways and Means.
H.R. 2813	Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT, 1st)	Milk Import Tariff Equity Act -- To impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.	Aug. 5, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Ways and Means.

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H.R. 2832	Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI, 4th)	Amends the Trade Act of 1974 to extend duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) through July 31, 2013.	<p>Sept. 2, 2011 -- Read twice and referred to: House Ways and Means.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2011 -- Measure passed in the House by voice vote, under suspension of the rules (two-thirds vote required).</p> <p>Sept. 22, 2011 – Senate Vote 150 Passed 70-27.</p> <p>Oct. 3, 2011 -- Ordered with Senate Amendment reported favorably to the full House by voice vote.</p> <p>Oct. 6, 2011 -- Rules Committee resolution, H Res 425 , reported to the House as a rule for HR 2832.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2011 -- House Vote 784 Trade Preferences — Motion to Concur a bill that would revive expanded Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits for certain U.S. workers who lose their jobs because of increased foreign competition. The increased benefits, which include additional job retraining, were contained in the 2009 economic stimulus law. The bill also would revive the Generalized System of Preferences, an expired trade preference program for products from 132 developing nations. Motion agreed to thus clearing the bill for the president, 307-122.</p> <p>Oct. 13, 2011 -- Submitted to the president.</p>

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H.R. 3078	Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA, 7 th)	United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act	Oct. 11, 2011 -- House Vote 771 South Korea, Colombia and Panama Trade Agreements — Rule Adoption of the rule (H Res 425) that would provide for House floor consideration of bills that would implement trade agreements with Colombia (HR 3078), Panama (HR 3079) and South Korea (HR 3080). It also would provide for consideration of the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 2832) that would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance programs and the Generalized System of Preferences. Adopted 281-128.
S. 1641	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT)		<p>Oct. 12, 2011 -- Senate Vote 163 Colombia Trade Agreement — Passage of the bill that would implement a trade agreement between the United States and Colombia. The agreement would reduce most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce barriers to trade in services, increase protections for intellectual property and require Colombia to take steps to strengthen its labor and environmental enforcement standards. Passed (thus cleared for the president) 66-33.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2011 -- Measure cleared for the president.</p>

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H.R. 3079	Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA, 7 th)	United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act	Oct. 11, 2011 -- House Vote 771 South Korea, Colombia and Panama Trade Agreements — Rule Adoption of the rule (H Res 425) that would provide for House floor consideration of bills that would implement trade agreements with Colombia (HR 3078), Panama (HR 3079) and South Korea (HR 3080). It also would provide for consideration of the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 2832) that would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance programs and the Generalized System of Preferences. Adopted 281-128.
S. 1642	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT)		<p>Oct. 12, 2011 -- Senate Vote 162 Panama Trade Agreement — Passage of the bill that would implement a trade agreement between the United States and Panama. The agreement would reduce most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce barriers to trade in services, increase protections for intellectual property and require Panama to take steps to strengthen its labor and environmental enforcement standards. Passed (thus cleared for the president) 77-22.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2011 -- Measure cleared for the president.</p>

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H.R. 3080	Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA, 7 th)	United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act	Oct. 11, 2011 -- House Vote 771 South Korea, Colombia and Panama Trade Agreements — Rule Adoption of the rule (H Res 425) that would provide for House floor consideration of bills that would implement trade agreements with Colombia (HR 3078), Panama (HR 3079) and South Korea (HR 3080). It also would provide for consideration of the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 2832) that would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance programs and the Generalized System of Preferences. Adopted 281-128.
S. 1643	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT)		<p>Oct. 12, 2011 -- Senate Vote 161 South Korea Trade Agreement — Passage of the bill that would implement a trade agreement between the United States and South Korea. The agreement would reduce most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce barriers to trade in services, increase protections for intellectual property and reduce tariffs on U.S. autos exported to South Korea. Passed (thus cleared for the president) 83-15.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2011 -- Measure cleared for the president.</p>

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