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DC

[HB 1238](#)

Securing our Agriculture and Food Act

Description:

Would ensure food, agriculture and animal and human health sectors receive attention and are integrated into the Department of Homeland Security domestic preparedness policy initiatives.

Passed

Pass Date: 6/30/2017

DC

[HB 1552](#)

Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2015

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require an applicant for approval of a new animal drug that is a medically important antimicrobial to demonstrate that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health from antimicrobial resistance attributable to the nontherapeutic use of the drug.

Status: Introduced 3/23/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HB 2722](#)

SWINE Act

Description:

The Swine Waste Infrastructure and Natural Environment (SWINE) Act would establish a program to certify environmentally sustainable swine water disposal technologies that eliminate animal discharge into surface waters and groundwater through direct discharge, seepage or runoff.

Status: Introduced 5/27/2017

Pending

DC

[HB 2930](#)

Drone Innovation Act of 2017

Description:

Would develop a civil unmanned aircraft policy framework and a pilot program.

Status: Introduced 6/16/2017

Pending

DC

[HB 4284 / SB 2141](#)

Description:

Would amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed or control livestock intended for slaughter.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2012; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 1105](#)

Stop WOTUS Act

Description:

Would repeal the Waters of the United States rule.

Status: Introduced 2/16/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1368 / S 503](#)

Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act

Description:

Would require the Secretary of Agriculture to make publicly available certain regulatory records relating to the administration of the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act.

Status: Introduced 3/6/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1494](#)

PACT Act

Description:

Would empower the FBI and U.S. Attorneys to prosecute animal abuse cases that cross state lines, affect interstate commerce or occur on federal property.

Status: Introduced 3/10/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1587](#)

Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2017

Description:

Would make it unlawful to administer (including by means of animal feed) a medically important antimicrobial to a food-producing animal for nonroutine disease control unless there is a significant risk that a disease or infection present on the premises will be transmitted to the food-producing animal; the administration of the antimicrobial is necessary to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of the disease or infection; the antimicrobial is administered for the shortest duration possible to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission.

Status: Introduced 3/16/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1599](#)

Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015

Description:

The FDA must allow, but not require, genetically engineered food to be labeled. This would preempt any state authority over genetically engineered labeling in favor of a voluntary National Genetically Engineered Food Certification Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Status: Engrossed 7/24/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 1752](#)

Description:

Would prohibit mandatory or compulsory checkoff programs.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1753](#)

Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act of 2017

Description:

This bill would establish restrictions and requirements for checkoff programs, which are programs overseen by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to promote and provide research and information for a particular agricultural commodity without reference to specific producers or brands. The bill prohibits boards established to carry out a checkoff program or a USDA order issued under a checkoff program from entering into a contract or agreement to carry out program activities with a party that engages in activities to influence any government policy or action that relates to agriculture.

This bill is supported by the Humane Society of the United States.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1759](#)

Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection Act

Description:

Would prohibit the use of wild and exotic animals in traveling shows in the United States.

Status: Introduced 3/28/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 1932](#)

Farm Program Integrity Act of 2013

Description:

Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish a per farm cap of \$50,000 on commodity program benefits and \$75,000 on marketing loan program benefits.

Status: Introduced 5/9/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 1947](#)

Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013

Description:

Would provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

Status: Introduced 5/13/2013; Died in Chamber

Failed

DC

[HR 2393](#)

Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015

Description:

Would amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork, and chicken.

Status: Introduced 5/18/2015; Died

Failed

DC

[HR 2498](#)

Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013

Description:

Would reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

Status: Introduced 6/25/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 2642](#)

Agricultural Act of 2014

Description:

Would provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

Passed

Pass Date: 2/7/2014

DC

[HR 2858](#)

Humane Cosmetics Act

Description:

This bill prohibits testing cosmetics on animals.

Status: Introduced 6/23/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 2887](#)

No Regulation Without Representation Act of 2017

Description:

Would prevent states from imposing a tax or regulatory burdens on businesses that are not physically present in the state. Prohibited activities include telling an out-of-state business how to make or dispose of its products, as well as imposing on it income tax or sales tax collection burdens.

Status: Introduced in House

Pending

DC

[HR 2966](#)

American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act of 2011

Description:

Amends the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption.

Status: Introduced 9/19/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 3108](#)

Description:

Would require all seafood sold in the United States to be traceable from ocean to plate to combat seafood fraud and illegal fishing.

Status: Introduced 6/29/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 3147](#)

Food Labeling Modernization Act of 2013

Description:

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to deem misbranded any food intended for human consumption, offered for sale, and otherwise required to bear nutrition labeling, unless its principal display panel bears summary nutrition information reflecting the overall nutritional value of the food or specified ingredients, and does not contain any summary nutritional information in addition to or inconsistent with the information required by such Act.

Status: Introduced 9/18/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 3270](#)

Farm Animal and Research Facilities Protection Act of 1989

Description:

Would prohibit a person, without the consent of the owner from acquiring control over an animal facility, an animal from an animal facility, or other property from an animal facility, with the intent to deprive the owner of such facility, animal, or property and to disrupt or damage the enterprise conducted at the animal facility; damaging or destroying an animal facility or any animal or property in or on an animal facility.

Status: Introduced 9/13/1989; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 3282](#)

ELD Extension Act of 2017

Description:

Would delay the electronic logging device mandate for livestock haulers set to go into effect in December until next year.

Status: Introduced 07/18/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 3704](#)

Downed Animal and Food Safety Protection Act

Description:

Amends the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to promulgate regulations providing for the humane treatment, handling, and disposition of nonambulatory livestock by specified entities, including a requirement that nonambulatory livestock be humanely euthanized.

Status: Introduced 12/6/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 3798](#)

Egg Products Inspection Act Amendments of 2012

Description:

Would provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens.

Status: Introduced 1/23/2012; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 4733](#)

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act

Description:

Would prohibit a federal agency from purchasing any food product derived from a gestating sow, a calf raised for veal, or an egg-laying hen used or intended for use in food production unless that animal, during the entire period covered by that definition, was provided adequate space to stand up, lie down, turn around freely, and fully extend all limbs.

Status: Introduced 3/2/2010; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 5](#)

Regulatory Accountability Act

Description:

Would reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations, to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.

Status: Passed in House 1/11/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 5542](#)

Farm Protection Act of 2014

Description:

Amends the Agricultural Act of 2014 to require the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to extend: (1) the term and any due date of a marketing assistance loan, and (2) the due date for repayment of farm ownership, operating, or emergency loans. Requires the extensions in cases where a farmer has sold, transferred, or delivered the commodity subject to the loan to a purchaser who has filed for bankruptcy prior to payment. Provides that the extensions shall last until after the bankruptcy case is closed or dismissed. Suspends the accrual of interest on the loans during the extension period.

Status: Introduced 9/18/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 6342](#)

Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection Act

Description:

Would amend the Animal Welfare Act to restrict the use of exotic and wild animals

in traveling performances.

Status: Introduced 11/7/2016; Died in Committee
Failed

DC

[HR 687](#)

Protect Interstate Commerce Act

Description:

Would prohibit a state or local government from imposing a standard or condition on the production or manufacture of agricultural products sold or offered for sale in interstate commerce if: (1) the production or manufacture occurs in another state, and (2) the standard or condition adds to standards or conditions applicable under federal law and the laws of the state or locality in which the production or manufacture occurs.

Status: Introduced 2/3/2015; Died in Committee
Failed

DC

[HR 746](#)

AWARE Act

Description:

This bill amends the Animal Welfare Act to apply standards for humane treatment to farm animals at federal research or laboratory animal facilities.

Status: Introduced 2/4/2015; Died in Committee
Failed

DC

[HR 816](#)

Federal Accountability in Chemical Testing (FACT) Act

Description:

Would amend the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 to require reporting of animal use data by species, number, and test type for toxicological testing conducted, supported, or required by, or submitted to, each Federal agency listed. Federal agencies include Department of Agriculture and any other agency that develops, or employs tests or test data using animals, or regulates on the basis of the use of animals in toxicity testing.

Status: Introduced 2/2/2017
Pending

DC

[HR 820](#)

Delivering Antimicrobial Transparency in Animals Act of 2013

Description:

Requires live poultry dealers, swine contractors, or feed lot operators who purchase, contract, or manufacture animal feed in final formulation bearing or containing a new animal drug with an antimicrobial active ingredient to report annually to the Secretary information about such ingredient by food-producing animal for which the new animal drug is approved and, if applicable, by production class of the animal.

Status: Introduced 2/26/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[HR 861](#)

Description:

Would terminate the Environmental Protection Agency on 12/31/2018.

Status: Introduced 2/3/2017

Pending

DC

[HR 965](#)

Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2011

Description:

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to deny an application for a new animal drug that is a critical antimicrobial animal drug unless the applicant demonstrates that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health due to the development of antimicrobial resistance attributable to the nontherapeutic use of the drug.

Status: Introduced 3/9/2011; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[S 1343](#)

Farmer Identity Protection Act

Description:

Prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or any EPA contractor or cooperator, from disclosing the information of any owner, operator, or employee of a livestock operation provided to EPA by a livestock producer or a state agency in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) or any other law, including: (1) names; (2) telephone numbers; (3) e-mail addresses; (4) physical addresses; (5) global positioning system coordinates; or (6) other information regarding the location of the owner, operator, livestock, or employee.

Status: Introduced 7/23/2013; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[S 2421](#)

Food for Peace Reform Act of 2014

Description:

Would establish the Food for Peace program in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Status: Introduced 6/3/2014; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[S 629](#)

Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2017

Description:

Would amend the Federal Food, Drugs, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials approved for use in the prevention, control, and treatment of animal diseases, in order to minimize the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Status: Introduced 3/14/2017

Pending

DC

[S. 503](#)

Animal Welfare Accountability and Transparency Act

Description:

This bill would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture to publish reports of enforcement actions taken under the Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act.

Status: Introduced March 2, 2017.

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[SB 1272](#)

Drone Federalism Act of 2017

Description:

Would preserve the authority of state, tribal, and local governments to issue reasonable restrictions on the time, manner, and place of drone operations within 200 feet of the ground or a structure. These could include speed limits, local no-fly zones, temporary restricitons, and prohibitions on reckless or drunk operators, for example. The bill also reaffirms that the federal government will respect private property rights to the airspace in the immedicate reaches above a property, including at least the first 200 feet.

Status: Introduced 5/25/2017

Pending

DC

[SB 287](#)

Safe Food Act of 2015

Description:

This bill establishes the Food Safety Administration (FSA) as an independent agency to administer and enforce food safety laws.

Status: Introduced 1/28/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[SB 511](#)

Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the sale of food that has been genetically engineered or contains genetically engineered ingredients, unless that information is clearly disclosed.

Status: Introduced 2/12/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

[SB 544](#)

Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992

Description:

Would prohibit a person from intentionally physically disrupting the functioning of an animal enterprise by intentionally stealing, damaging, or causing the loss of enterprise property, including animals and records (or conspiring to do so).

Status: Became public law 8/26/1992

Passed

Pass Date: 8/4/1992

DC

[SB 621](#)

Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2015

Description:

This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the Food and Drug Administration to refuse a new animal drug application if the drug is a medically important antimicrobial (used to treat humans)

and the applicant fails to demonstrate that the drug meets specified criteria for use in animals.

Status: Introduced 3/2/2015; Died in Committee

Failed

DC

TPP

Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement

Description:

The Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement was concluded on Oct. 5, 2015. The goal of the negotiations was to reach a comprehensive, high-standard agreement that will improve the conditions of trade in the region and boost economic activity in all participating countries.

Status: President signed an executive order 1/23/2017

Passed

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