



House Passes Food Safety Bill

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The House of Representatives today passed H.R. 2749, the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009, to reform the nation's food safety regulatory system. The bill was considered under regular order, which requires a majority vote to pass. No amendments were considered. The House voted on the bill yesterday under an expedited procedure for non-controversial legislation which requires a two-thirds vote to pass, but fell a few votes short of that.

As reported yesterday, many of the changes made to the legislation occurred in the Energy and Commerce Committee. Other last-minute changes were inserted into the bill as it was brought to the floor. Similar legislation is pending in the Senate. AFTC will continue to monitor this process and work to ensure that any new food safety requirements related to transportation are practical and not burdensome.