

Science and Technology Energy and Environment Subcommittee Action Today

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With bipartisan support, a House Science and Technology subcommittee today approved three bills that boost federal funding to aid the development of biofuels and other energy technologies in an effort to decrease U.S. reliance on foreign fuels. More under the fold.

The bills approved by voice vote by the Science and Technology Energy and Environment Subcommittee today were:

H.R. 1933 (M. Udall) DOE Carbon Capture and Storage Research Development and Demonstration Act

H.R. 2774 (Giffords) Solar Energy Research and Advancement Act (solar promotion board provision from discussion draft dropped before introduction)

H.R. 2773 (Lampson) Biofuels Research and Development Enhancement Act

You should also be aware that of the Woolsey-Bartlett amendment (in 2773 I believe) that was adopted, which adds environmental science to list of disciplines for study by Bioenergy Centers (5 rather than 11 in Manager's Amendment) - adds goal of sustainability for biofuel crops and lower greenhouse gas emissions from feedstock production and processing; tools to do life-cycle analysis of biofuel feed stocks and environmental impacts of biofuels and an R&D program in consultation with USDA Secretary for small-scale production and processing of biofuels for on-farm use.

If you have access to CongressNow, here's a link (there is a free trial): http://www.congressnow.com/ArticleDetail.aspx?articleID=1480

Once these bills get to committee, they will be available on Thomas (http://thomas.loc.gov).

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