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Rural America Energy Act of 2007

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2007
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2007
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 10, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rural America Energy Act of 2007 - Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to redefine "bioenergy" to include: (1) cellulosic cogeneration; (2) biomass gasification; and (3) hydrogen made from cellulosic commodities for fuel cells.

Instructs the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to make available increased funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to implement: (1) the bioenergy program; (2) renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements; and (3) grants for small projects.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) provide a five-year extension of credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources; and (2) allow a tax credit for certain wind energy property placed in service or installed by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

Instructs the Secretary of Energy to spend up to \$1 million to fund feasibility studies for the construction of dedicated ethanol pipelines.

Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to: (1) extend the conservation reserve program through calendar 2012; and (2) direct the Secretary to ensure that, as contracts expire and lands are taken out of the program, the lands are replaced with the most environmentally sensitive acres, so that the program continues to protect highly erodible lands while increasing the acreage outside of the program available for the production of crops to accommodate biofuel production.

Instructs the Secretary to make transitional assistance payments to an agricultural producer during the first year in which the producer devotes land to the production of a qualified cellulosic crop.

Requires the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise specified accounting practices of persons engaged in crude oil or natural gas production in the United States to establish a renewable reserves classification and disclosure system, which shall treat contracted biomass crops for a cellulosic biorefinery as renewable reserves.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2007:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **May 31, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research.
- **May 10, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 10, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 10, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.

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