



Congressional Round-Up

April 6-10, 2026

Every week, the Environmental and Energy Study Institute publishes a legislative tracker of environment- and energy-related bills introduced, advanced, and passed by Congress, as well as relevant committee hearings. This document was put together with information from congress.gov, press releases from congressional offices, and news stories. (Note that we may have inadvertently missed a bill or hearing.)

Highlights:

The House Committee on Energy Commerce advanced the *Emergency Reporting Act* ([H.R.5200](#)), which would [strengthen](#) the country's emergency communications infrastructure for disasters. The bill, led by Reps. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.) and Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.), would direct the Federal Communications Commission to address instances where individuals were unable to reach 9-1-1 during natural disasters. To learn more about federal disaster response, check out EESI's [Rapid Readout](#) on the future of FEMA.

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.) introduced the *Power for the People Act* ([H.R.8241](#)) alongside 16 Democratic cosponsors. The bill aims to [regulate](#) data centers to lower utility bills for everyday ratepayers. Specifically, *Power for the People* would direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require data centers to pay for the local transmission upgrades they need. Sen. Van Hollen (D-Md.) introduced companion legislation ([S.3682](#)) in the Senate in January. To learn more, check out EESI's data center [article series](#).

Reps. Haley Stevens (D-Mich.) and Frank Mrvan (D-Ind.) introduced the *Revitalization Efforts for Sustainable Transformation and Remediation for Thriving (RESTART) Communities Act of 2026* ([H.R.8238](#)). The bill aims to [revitalize](#) industrial communities that were affected by environmental contaminants through coordinated efforts with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The bill would also federalize the ["RACER Trust"](#) model used in Michigan.

April 10, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

April 9, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.8230

NO TOD Act

Sponsor: [Perry, Scott \[Rep.-R-PA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

H.R.8231

Highways First Act

Sponsor: [Perry, Scott \[Rep.-R-PA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

H.R.8233

No CIG Act

Sponsor: [Perry, Scott \[Rep.-R-PA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

H.R.8238

RESTART Communities Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.8241

Power for the People Act

Sponsor: [Tonko, Paul \[Rep.-D-NY-20\]](#) Cosponsors: (16)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Bills Reported:

[H.R.5200](#)

Emergency Reporting Act

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 517

[H.R.5366](#)

Doug LaMalfa Federal Disaster Tax Relief Certainty Act

Sponsor: [Steube, W. Gregory \[Rep.-R-FL-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 525

[H.R.6387](#)

FIRE Act

Sponsor: [Evans, Gabe \[Rep.-R-CO-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-595](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 515

[H.R.6398](#)

RED Tape Act

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-596](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 516

[H.R.6409](#)

FENCES Act

Sponsor: [Pfluger, August \[Rep.-R-TX-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-594](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/09/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 514

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

April 8, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

April 7, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

April 6, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8204](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a Western Refined Fuel Storage Reserve as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R.8206](#)

Homeland Security and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026

Sponsor: [Roy, Chip \[Rep.-R-TX-21\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Appropriations; Budget

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2026 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.