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Congressional Briefing:

“The Climate Crisis Report in Focus”

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

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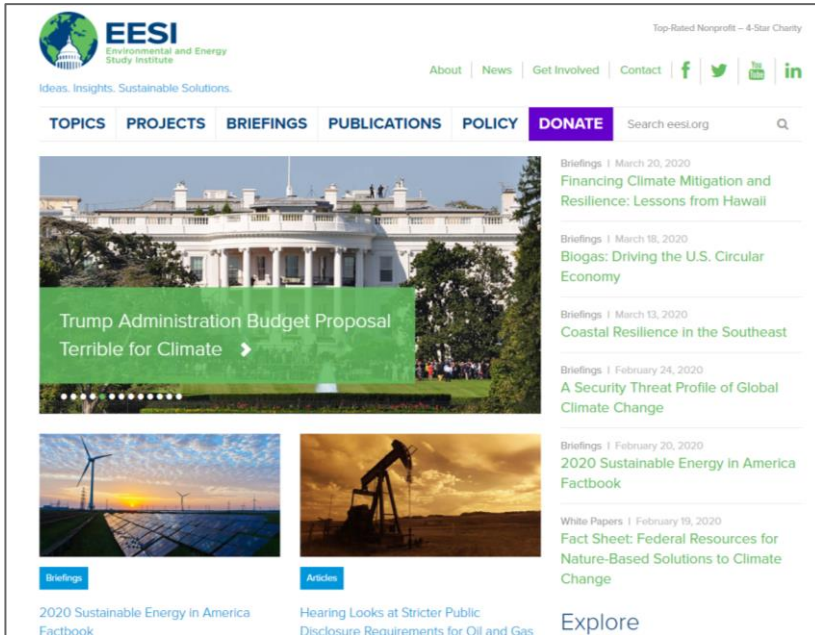
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The House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis...



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INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION.—The sole authority of the Select Committee shall be to investigate, study, make findings, and develop recommendations on policies, strategies, and innovations to achieve substantial and permanent reductions in pollution and other activities that contribute to the climate crisis which will honor our responsibility to be good stewards of the planet for future generations. The Select Committee may, at its discretion, hold public hearings in connection with any aspect of its investigative functions.

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Florida - 14

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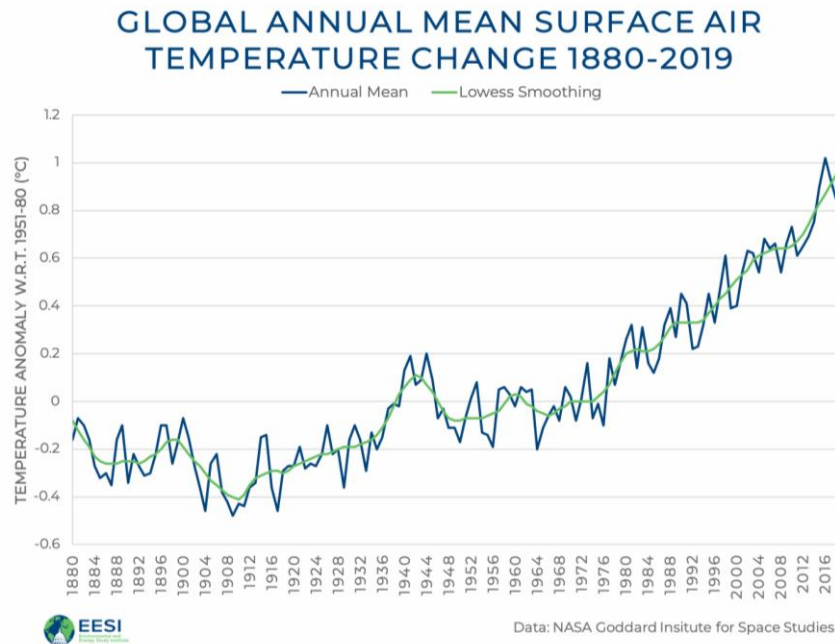
Jan. 2019	➤ Established by House leadership
March 2019	➤ Convened as a committee for the first time
April 2019 to Feb. 2020	➤ Held 17 hearings and six policy roundtables
Nov. 2019	➤ Solicited feedback and suggestions from stakeholders
June 2020	➤ Released 538-page majority staff report



EESI Climate Policy Principles...

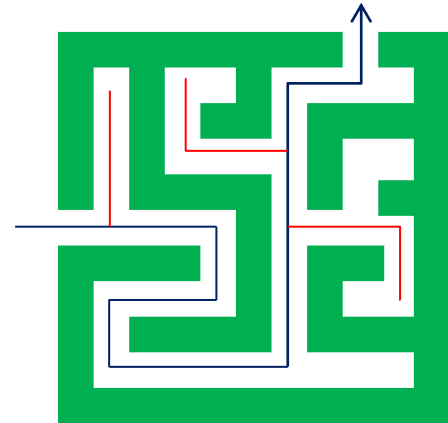
1. The urgency of climate change demands near-term actions as longer-term policies are developed and implemented

- No time to waste while crafting, enacting, and implementing new climate change policies, there are significant opportunities to:
 - Maximize energy efficiency and deploy renewable energy and storage systems
 - Invest in infrastructure, grid modernization, and resilience
 - Research, develop, and pilot new technology



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- 2. Reducing the risks of and adapting to the frequency, magnitude, and severity of the worst climate change outcomes will require a cohesive, coordinated set of policies that are complex and interconnected**
- With limited time and resources, worst approach would be haphazard—zigzagging, based on whims and influence of special interests
 - Prevent potential conflicts; avoid redundancies
 - Prioritize solutions that advance mitigation and adaptation, such as distributed energy resources and wetland restoration
 - Emissions reductions now will facilitate larger-scale, sector- and economy-wide policies to follow



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3. The federal government should recognize and support efforts by state and local governments to reduce GHG emissions and implement measures for climate change adaptation

- Not every available policy is federal—state and local governments must also be part of overall strategy to avoid worst outcomes of climate change, especially in communities:
 - On front lines of drought, extreme heat, wildfires, flooding, and sea level rise
 - That have endured detrimental planning and underinvestment in affordable housing, transportation, and other infrastructure

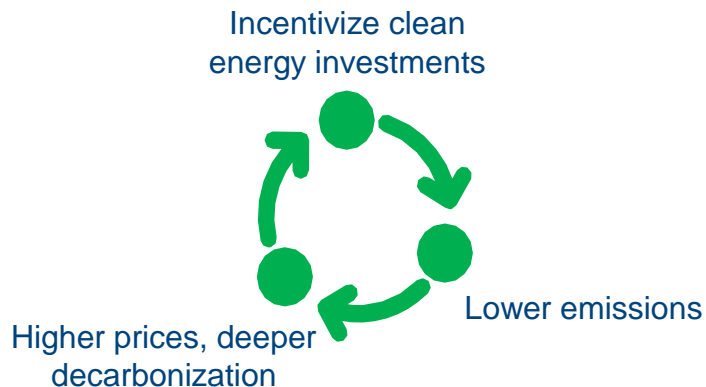


EESI Climate Policy Priorities...

Cross-cutting policies to transform the economy...starting with the energy sector...

...Complemented by sector-specific policies to incentivize and remove barriers to investment...

...And science-based, community-supported adaptation and resilience initiatives



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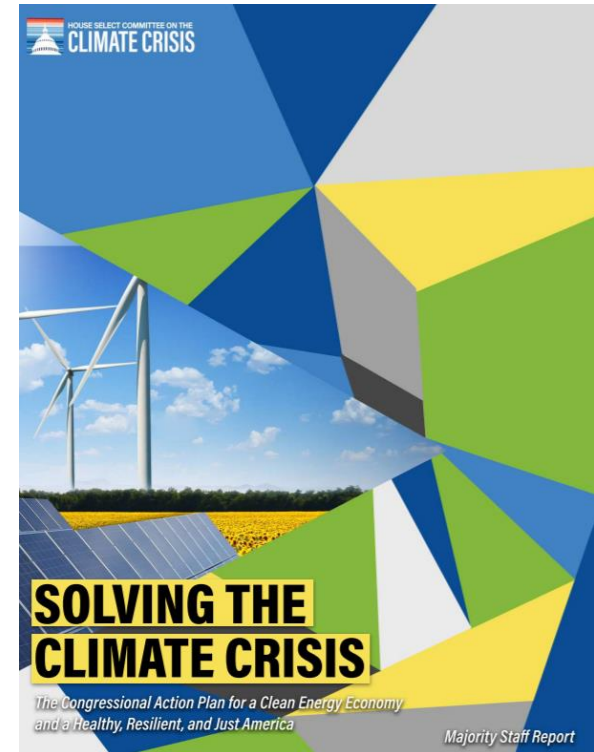
Organized policy recommendations and commentary around 12 “pillars”

1. Invest in Infrastructure to Build a Just, Equitable, and Resilient Clean Energy Economy
2. Drive Innovation and Deployment of Clean Energy and Deep Decarbonization Technologies
3. Transform U.S. Industry and Expand Domestic Manufacturing of Clean Energy and Zero-Emission Technologies
4. Break Down Barriers for Clean Energy Technologies
5. Invest in America’s Workers and Build a Fairer Economy
6. Invest in Disproportionately Exposed Communities to Cut Pollution and Advance Environmental Justice
7. Improve Public Health and Manage Climate Risks to Health Infrastructure
8. Invest in American Agriculture for Climate Solutions
9. Make U.S. Communities More Resilient to the Impacts of Climate Change
10. Protect and Restore America’s Lands, Waters, Ocean, and Wildlife
11. Confront Climate Risks to America’s National Security and Restore America’s Leadership on the International Stage
12. Strengthen America’s Core Institutions to Facilitate Climate Action

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Key questions for today:

- What are the key policy recommendations pertaining to climate change mitigation, adaptation, public health, and environmental justice?
- How are these policy recommendations complementary?
- How will the staff report be used?
- What comes next for the Select Committee?





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