



Congressional Round-Up

August 31 - September 4, 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 Transportation and Infrastructure advanced the *Water Resources Development Act of 2026* ([H.R.9497](#)). Reps. Sam Graves (R-Mo.), Rick Larsen (D-Wash.), Mike Collins (R-Ga.) and Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.) lead the biennial reauthorization of the bill, which [invests in](#) flood control, ecosystem restoration, and other water resources projects under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Reps. Lucy McBath (D-Ga.) and Laurel Lee (R-Fla.) introduced the *FEMA for Safe Recovery Act* ([H.R.10281](#)). The bill aims to [bolster](#) federal disaster response for women and other vulnerable groups by increasing coordination between federal and local governments and expanding post-disaster resources like crisis counseling and multilingual information-sharing. For more proposed changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, check out our [Rapid Readout](#) on the subject.

Rep. Maxine Dexter (D-Ore.) introduced the *Penalties for Polluters Act* ([H.R.10255](#)) alongside 19 Democratic cosponsors. The bill would [double](#) outstanding penalties for oil and gas companies that violate the *Mineral Leasing Act* and channel the revenue into a fund for communities impacted by mining-related pollution.

Rep. Dina Titus (D-Nev.) introduced the *Southern Nevada Wastewater Infrastructure Lands Act* ([H.R.10292](#)). The bill would [strengthen](#) water security for southern Nevada by transferring more than 250 acres of federal land to the regional water district, allowing local authorities to better operate and modernize wastewater facilities. EESI's briefing, [Policies and Financing Solutions to Modernize U.S. Water Infrastructure](#), highlights other opportunities to strengthen water and wastewater infrastructure.

September 4, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.10302](#)

To amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the coordination of Federal authorizations for transmission facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Peters, Scott H. \[Rep.-D-CA-50\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

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

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

September 3, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.10255](#)

Penalties for Polluters Act

Sponsor: [Dexter, Maxine \[Rep.-D-OR-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (19)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2026 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.10256](#)

Taxpayer Relief from Big Oil Act

Sponsor: [Dexter, Maxine \[Rep.-D-OR-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (19)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.10275](#)

Puerto Rico Energy Opportunity and Geothermal Assessment Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Hernández, Pablo Jose \[Resident Commissioner-D-PR-At Large\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.10281](#)

FEMA for Safe Recovery Act

Sponsor: [McBath, Lucy \[Rep.-D-GA-6\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.10284](#)

Smart Meter Data Privacy Protection Act

Sponsor: [Riley, Josh \[Rep.-D-NY-19\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.10292](#)

Southern Nevada Wastewater Infrastructure Lands Act

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.9497](#)

Water Resources Development Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Graves, Sam \[Rep.-R-MO-6\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 695.

Committee Meetings:

RELIABLE WATER IN THE DIGITAL AGE: EXAMINING LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS AND PROTECT RATEPAYERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a [hearing](#) on the “Safe Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2026” and the “Water Cost Accountability Act of 2026”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

September 2, 2026

House:

Passed House:

H.R.1501

Protecting Domestic Mining Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Shreve, Jefferson \[Rep.-R-IN-6\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-691](#)

Latest Action: House - 09/02/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 642](#), the "Myakka Wild and Scenic River Act of 2025"; [H.R. 5470](#), the "Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act"; [H.R. 6788](#), the "Montana Sportsmen Conservation Act"; ...[H.R. 9600](#), the "Common Sense Act 250 Act of 2026"; [H.R. 9779](#), the "Hands Off Our Boca Chica Beach Act of 2026"; [H.R. 10128](#), to codify Secretary's Order No. 3434 of the Department of the Interior; [H.R. 10136](#), the "Crossett Experimental Forest Act of 2026"; and [S. 675](#), the "Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Act". Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman; and Representatives Steube, Downing, Clyburn, Raskin, Vicente Gonzalez of Texas, and McClintock.

NO FLAME, MORE PAIN: HOW STATE AND LOCAL BANS ON NATURAL GAS INCREASE COSTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a [hearing](#) entitled "No Flame, More Pain: How State and Local Bans on Natural Gas Increase Costs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POWERING THE NUCLEAR RENAISSANCE: ACCELERATING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTORS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a [hearing](#) entitled "Powering the Nuclear Renaissance: Accelerating U.S. Leadership in Advanced Nuclear Reactors". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TO SECURE CRITICAL RESOURCES AND SUPPLY CHAINS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled "Strategic Partnerships to Secure Critical Resources and Supply Chains". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 3978](#), the "Nuclear REFUEL Act"; [H.R. 9612](#), the "American Enrichment Deployment Act"; [H.R. 5549](#), the "Efficient Nuclear Licensing Hearings Act"; [H.R. 9613](#), the "Nuclear Advisory Committee Reform Act"; ...[H.R. 9084](#), the "Department of Energy Nuclear Transparency Act"; [H.R. 2140](#), the "Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2025"; ...[H.R. 9317](#), the "Buses Utilizing Safety and Environmental Standards Act"; and [H.R. 9615](#), the "Battery Recycling for America's Competitive Economy Act". [H.R. 3978](#), [H.R. 9612](#), [H.R. 5549](#), [H.R. 9613](#), [H.R. 9084](#), [H.R. 2140](#), [H.R. 9317](#), and [H.R. 9615](#) were ordered reported, without amendment.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

September 1, 2026

House:

[H.R.10205](#)

REACH Our Tribes Act

Sponsor: [Davids, Sharice \[Rep.-D-KS-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 09/01/2026 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.10209](#)

GREEN Hospitals Act

Sponsor: [Jayapal, Pramila \[Rep.-D-WA-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/01/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.10214](#)

To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to modify the cost-sharing requirement for conservation projects carried out by a qualified youth or conservation corps, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 09/01/2026 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.10217](#)

Kentucky Wildlands National Heritage Area Act

Sponsor: [Rogers, Harold \[Rep.-R-KY-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/01/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Passed House:

[H.R.9436](#)

Northeast Lobsterman Protection Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Lawler, Michael \[Rep.-R-NY-17\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-766](#)

Latest Action: House - 09/01/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.Res.1499](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1501) to amend the FAST Act to include certain mineral production activities as a covered project, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9436) to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 to extend the time period for which certain regulations concerning the North Atlantic right whale are effective; [and other bills].

Sponsor: [Foxx, Virginia \[Rep.-R-NC-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-785](#)

Latest Action: House - 09/01/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a [markup](#) on ...[H.R. 7502](#), the "Recycled Materials Attribution Act" [and other bills]. [H.R. 7502](#) was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

August 31, 2026

House:

Bills Reported:

H.Res.1499

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1501) to amend the FAST Act to include certain mineral production activities as a covered project, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9436) to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 to extend the time period for which certain regulations concerning the North Atlantic right whale are effective; and other measures.

Sponsor: [Foxx, Virginia \[Rep.-R-NC-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-785](#)

Latest Action: House - 08/31/2026 Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 88.

Committee Meetings:

PROTECTING DOMESTIC MINING ACT OF 2025; TO AMEND THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023 TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH CERTAIN REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE ARE EFFECTIVE; [AND OTHER BILLS]

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1501](#), the "Protecting Domestic Mining Act of 2025"; [H.R. 9436](#), to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 to extend the time period for which certain regulations concerning the North Atlantic right whale are effective [Northeast Lobsterman Protection Act of 2026]; [and other bills]. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 1501](#), the "Protecting Domestic Mining Act of 2025", [and] [H.R. 9436](#), the "Northeast Lobsterman Protection Act of 2026". The rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 1501](#), the "Protecting Domestic Mining Act of 2025", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of [H.R. 9436](#), the "Northeast Lobsterman Protection Act of 2026", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–40 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to

recommit. Finally, the rule provides that debate on motions that the House suspend the rules, under clause 1 of rule 15, relating to House Joint Resolution, shall be extended to one hour. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, Chairman Steil, and Representatives Huffman, Wilson of South Carolina, Scott of Virginia, Morelle, and Moylan.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.