



Congressional Round-Up

July 20 - 24, 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 passed the bipartisan *Next-Generation Geothermal Research and Development Act* ([H.R.8790](#)). Reps. Pat Harrigan (R-N.C.) and Andrea Salinas (D-Ore.) introduced the bill, which would [direct](#) the Department of Energy to establish grants for supercritical and closed-loop geothermal system research programs. It would also establish a Next-Generation Geothermal Center for Excellence to support commercialization and workforce development. Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced the Senate version ([S.4406](#)) in April.

Sens. Chris Coons (D-Del.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) reintroduced the *National Coordination on Resilience for Security Act of 2026* ([S.5035](#)). The bill would [establish](#) a national adaptation and resilience strategy and create implementation plans through partnerships with federal, state, local, private sector, and non-profit actors. Reps. Scott Peters (D-Calif.) and Maria Salazar (R-Fla.) introduced an identical bill ([H.R.9760](#)) in the House the week prior.

Reps. George Whitesides (D-Calif.), Pat Harrigan (R-N.C.), and Abraham Hamadeh (R-Ariz.) introduced the *Lowering Energy Costs through Grid Modernization Act* ([H.R.9945](#)). The bill would [expedite](#) electric grid modernizations by upgrading existing transmission lines with advanced conductors, which can increase capacity without building out new infrastructure. It would also streamline permitting for existing rights-of-way improvements to limit delays. To learn more, check out EESI's [briefing](#) on strategies to modernize the electric grid and lower energy bills.

Sen. John Curtis (R-Utah.), alongside Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), and Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), introduced the *Wildfire Emissions Prevention Act of 2026* ([S.5045](#)). The bill would [expand eligibility](#) for states to use prescribed fires as preventative tools for wildfire

emissions—without penalization from national ambient air quality standards. For more wildfire solutions, check out EESI's [briefing](#), *Igniting Innovation: Progress and a Path Forward for Wildfire Policy*.

Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) and Reps. Cliff Bentz (R-Ore.) and Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) introduced the *Wildfire Reduction Market Expansion Act* ([S.5087/H.R.9827](#)). The bill would [redefine](#) renewable biomass under the Environmental Protection Agency's [Renewable Fuel Standard](#), which would strengthen the market for biomass removed during wildfire prevention efforts and improve wildfire resiliency.

July 24, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

July 23, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9894](#)

To require certain information and financial assistance under the State energy program and the weatherization assistance program to be distributed without undue delay to support State and local high-impact energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pappas, Chris](#) [[Rep.-D-NH-1](#)] **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9901](#)

To provide that the final rule of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration titled "Rescinding the Definition of "Harm" Under the Endangered Species Act" shall have no force or effect.

Sponsor: [Fitzpatrick, Brian K.](#) [[Rep.-R-PA-1](#)] **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9904](#)

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the trafficking in catalytic converters.

Sponsor: [Gill, Brandon \[Rep.-R-TX-26\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (13)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

[H.R.9924](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to meaningfully involve the public and State, Tribal, and local government officials prior to determining whether to offer certain parcels of land for oil or gas leasing, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9926](#)

To amend title 49, United States Code, to include certain ridership forecasting methods in determinations of whether a project under the fixed guideway capital investment grants program is justified, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Owens, Burgess \[Rep.-R-UT-4\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.9927](#)

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to add the emergency watershed program as a covered program for purposes of carrying out the regional conservation partnership program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.9931](#)

To spark a renaissance in American manufacturing through the establishment of a American Manufacturing Renaissance Act to develop and monitor a national manufacturing strategy, to identify and address supply chain weaknesses as well as identify and address obstacles to inclusion and align manufacturing with strategic opportunities and imperatives through local multi-stakeholder Manufacturing Renaissance Councils, which are analogous to the technology hubs established in the Chips and Science Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schakowsky, Janice D. \[Rep.-D-IL-9\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Education and Workforce; Financial Services; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Financial Services, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9933](#)

South Atlantic Red Snapper Fair Access Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Scott, Austin \[Rep.-R-GA-8\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9939](#)

To prohibit Artificial Intelligence Data Centers on Federal land.

Sponsor: [Tlaib, Rashida \[Rep.-D-MI-12\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9945](#)

To accelerate the modernization of the national electric grid by supporting advanced conductors and related systems, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Whitesides, George \[Rep.-D-CA-27\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.J.Res.205](#)

Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Notice of Decision Granting a Waiver of Clean Air Act Preemption for California's Advanced Clean Car Program and a Within the Scope Confirmation for California's Zero Emission Vehicle Amendments for 2017 and Earlier Model Years".

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/23/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.5101](#)

A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from taking any action to expand the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry located near Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.5104](#)

A bill to amend the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to limit intellectual property protection for plants, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Warren, Elizabeth \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: Senate - Judiciary

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

[S.5106](#)

A bill to establish a grant program to promote wildfire resilience investments and a pilot program to reduce the cost burden of insurance premiums, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.5106](#)

A bill to establish a grant program to promote wildfire resilience investments and a pilot program to reduce the cost burden of insurance premiums, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.5115](#)

A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to add the emergency watershed program as a covered program for purposes of carrying out the regional conservation partnership program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Blunt Rochester, Lisa \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.5118](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to meaningfully involve the public and State, Tribal, and local government officials prior to determining whether to offer certain parcels of land for oil or gas leasing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Luján, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.5126](#)

A bill to amend the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act and the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to further plant cultivar and animal breed research, development, and commercialization, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Baldwin, Tammy \[Sen.-D-WI\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)
Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.204](#)

ACRES Act

Sponsor: [Tiffany, Thomas P. \[Rep.-R-WI-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 490.

[H.R.952](#)

Reversionary Interest Conveyance Act

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 491.

[H.R.1829](#)

Apache County and Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Crane, Elijah \[Rep.-R-AZ-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 493.

[H.R.3937](#)

Wabeno Economic Development Act

Sponsor: [Tiffany, Thomas P. \[Rep.-R-WI-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-211](#)
Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 494.

[S.290](#)

Making National Parks Safer Act

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)
Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 469.

[S.700](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 471.

[S.1135](#)

A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 473.

[S.1363](#)

New Mexico Land Grant-Mercedes Historical or Traditional Use Cooperation and Coordination Act

Sponsor: [Luján, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 476.

[S.1470](#)

Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Completion Act

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 477.

[S.1516](#)

Cahokia Mounds Mississippian Culture Study Act

Sponsor: [Durbin, Richard J. \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 478.

[S.1787](#)

Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 480.

[S.1860](#)

Brian Head Town Land Conveyance Act

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 481.

S.1981

Strategic Grazing to Reduce Risk of Wildfire Act

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 495.

S.2787

Grasslands Grazing Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 485.

S.2881

A bill to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 486.

S.3004

Upper Price River Watershed Project Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 487.

S.3493

Carson City Public Land Correction Act

Sponsor: [Rosen, Jacky \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 488.

S.3878

A bill to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hyde-Smith, Cindy \[Sen.-R-MS\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/23/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 489.

July 22, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.9825

To require data center operators to submit to States or the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretaries of Energy and Agriculture reports on data center energy and water use, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Underwood, Lauren \[Rep.-D-IL-14\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9826

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from taking any action to expand the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry located near Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Sponsor: [Hurd, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.9827

To amend the Clean Air Act to modify the definition of renewable biomass for purposes of the renewable fuel standard, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bentz, Cliff \[Rep.-R-OR-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (11)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9836

REPLACE Act

Sponsor: [Brown, Shontel M. \[Rep.-D-OH-11\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Financial Services; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.9837

GET THE LEAD OUT Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Brown, Shontel M. \[Rep.-D-OH-11\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9838](#)

To provide for the expedited approval of interstate oil and natural gas pipelines that are critical to the national security of the United States.

Sponsor: [Calvert, Ken \[Rep.-R-CA-41\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (7)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9843](#)

To amend the Federal Power Act to authorize the allocation of the costs of certain interstate electric power transmission lines and electric power transmission lines that are located offshore, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Castor, Kathy \[Rep.-D-FL-14\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9855](#)

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain reforms with respect to permits and licenses under such Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gray, Adam \[Rep.-D-CA-13\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.9858](#)

To establish the Critical Minerals Innovation Partnership, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kim, Young \[Rep.-R-CA-40\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (10)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

[H.R.9884](#)

To amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to establish a specialty crop emergency assistance framework, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Vasquez, Gabe \[Rep.-D-NM-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.9886](#)

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive review of indoor air quality conditions across all Federal buildings, facilities, and real property, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Walkinshaw, James R. \[Rep.-D-VA-11\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.9888

To direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure regular data collection on the costs and effects of extreme weather and incremental change at military installations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Walkinshaw, James R. \[Rep.-D-VA-11\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Committee Hearings:

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING TESTIMONY FROM CHIEF TOM SCHULTZ, U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture held a [hearing](#) entitled "For the Purpose of Receiving Testimony from Chief Tom Schultz, U.S. Forest Service". Testimony was heard from Tom Schultz, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on H.R. 309, the "National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act"; H.R. 4219, the "National Wildlife Refuge System Invasive Species Strike Team Act of 2025"; H.R. 4931, the "National Park System Long-Term Lease Investment Act"; H.R. 5063, the "Safe Beaches, Safe Swimmers Act"; H.R. 6021, the "Archie Cavanaugh Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act"; H.R. 8121, to designate the Christiansted Bandstand at the Christiansted National Historic Site, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as the "Peter G. Thurland, Sr., Bandstand"; H.R. 8454, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1693, to redesignate the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, as the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center". H.R. 8454, H.R. 8121, H.R. 6021, H.R. 5063, H.R. 4931, H.R. 4219, and H.R. 309 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1693 was ordered reported, without amendment.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.5063](#)

A bill to establish in the Department of State a Foundational Infrastructure for Responsible Use of Small Modular Reactor Technology program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Budd, Ted \[Sen.-R-NC\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

[S.5074](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to authorize the allocation of the costs of certain interstate electric power transmission lines and electric power transmission lines that are located offshore, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.5079](#)

A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to reauthorize the Genome to Phenome Initiative.

Sponsor: [McCormick, David \[Sen.-R-PA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.5086](#)

A bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to provide competitive grants to assist State and local governmental authorities in addressing accessibility needs of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems.

Sponsor: [Duckworth, Tammy \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

[S.5087](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify the definition of renewable biomass for purposes of the renewable fuel standard, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (6)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.5092](#)

A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to eliminate corporate average fuel economy standards, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Crapo, Mike \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (5)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Committee Hearings:

FEDERAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight [hearing](#) to examine the Federal Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Laura V. Swett, Chairman, and David Rosner, Lindsay S. See, Judy Chang, and David LaCerte, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

July 21, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.9802

To require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an assessment program for commercial-scale offshore aquaculture through demonstration projects, to support aquaculture development, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.9804

To amend section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish within the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program a dedicated rural flood resilience supplemental allocation providing formula-based pass-through grants to rural communities through a set-aside from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Harrigan, Pat \[Rep.-R-NC-10\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.9806

To amend the Federal Power Act to address certain alterations in, and the maintenance and repair of, project works, to provide for the licensing of micro hydrokinetic energy projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9807

To amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to prevent preemption of State law claims that are consistent with the misbranding standards of such Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Luna, Anna Paulina \[Rep.-R-FL-13\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.9808

No Passes for Polluters Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (20)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Rules

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.

Committee Hearings:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a [hearing](#) on H.R. 8003, the "Expanding the Fast Track Act of 2026"; H.R. 9640, the "Earth MRI Reauthorization Act of 2026"; and H.R. 9646, the "Quantum-Enhanced Critical Minerals Mapping Act of 2026". Testimony was heard from Representatives Crank, Deluzio, and Hurd of Colorado; Emily Domenech, Executive Director, Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council; Matthew J. Heller, State Geologist, Virginia Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a [hearing](#) on H.R. 7332, the "Whale CHARTS Act of 2026"; H.R. 7466, the "SAFE CATTLE Act"; H.R. 8876, the "Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention Act of 2026"; and H.R. 9621, the "Northwest Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act of 2026". Testimony was heard from Nathan Pamplin, Director of External Affairs, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Tim Petty, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a [markup](#) on H.R. 6633, the "High-Capacity Grid Act"; H.R. 7970, the "STOP Nitazenes Act"; H.R. 7994, the "HERO Act"; H.R. 8005, the "Stop Pills That Kill Act"; H.R. 9338, the "Pipeline Safety Authorization Act of 2026"; H.R. 9340, the "Ratepayer Protection Act"; H.R. 9390, the "Prices on the Wall Act of 2026"; H.R. 9393, the "Lower Costs, More Transparency Act of 2026"; H.R. 1266, the "Combatting Illicit Xylazine Act"; H.R. 1561, the "ALERT Communities Act"; H.R. 2004, the "Tyler's Law"; H.R. 6529, the "Protecting Families from AI Data Center Energy Costs Act"; H.R. 9332, the "Load Forecasting Enhancement Act"; H.R. 9335, the "Advanced Transmission Technology to Reduce Rates Act"; H.R. 9339, the "Affordable Innovation for the Grid Act"; H.R. 9616, the "EMRTAI Act"; and H.R. 9617, the "CHARM Act". H.R. 6633, H.R. 7970, H.R. 7994, H.R. 8005, H.R. 9338, H.R. 9340, H.R. 9390, H.R. 9393, and H.R. 1266 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1561, H.R. 2004, H.R. 6529, H.R. 9332, H.R. 9335, H.R. 9339, H.R. 9616, and H.R. 9617 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on H.R. 3168, the "National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025"; H.R. 8437, the "Geo POWER Act"; H.R. 9326, the "USA Act"; and H.R. 8981, the "SCALE Biology Act". H.R. 3168, H.R. 8437, H.R. 9326, and H.R. 8981 were ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.5039](#)

A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to extend the period of time during which the Secretary of the Interior is required to collect a fee for each new application for a permit to drill, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike](#) [[Sen.-R-UT](#)] **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.5045](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify the handling of air quality monitoring with respect to prescribed fires, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R.](#) [[Sen.-R-UT](#)] **Cosponsors:** (5)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.5048](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize the hydropower licensing process, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.5054](#)

A bill to exempt AI data centers from bonus depreciation and require data center operators to submit certain information relating to electricity and water use by data centers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Warner, Mark R. \[Sen.-D-VA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committee Hearings:

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine a review of the President's supplemental funding request of June 24, 2026, after receiving testimony from Senators Budd, Padilla, and Rounds; Peter B. Hegseth, Secretary, and General Dan Caine, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and Brooke L. Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture.

SCIENCE, STANDARDS, AND STRATEGIC COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Manufacturing, and Competitiveness concluded a [hearing](#) to examine measuring what matters, focusing on science, standards, and strategic competition, after receiving testimony from Walter G. Copan, Colorado School of Mines, Monument; Drew Endy, Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and Julia M. Phillips, Oregon State University, Gold Beach.

LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a [hearing](#) to examine S. 1674, to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky, S. 2498, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend certain leases within units of the National Park System without opening the lease to bidding, [and other bills] after receiving testimony from Senator Schiff; and Charles Cuvelier, Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

July 20, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9777](#)

To require that new and existing data centers use off-grid power and water supplies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9783](#)

To impose sanctions with respect to the Government of Canada in response to transboundary wildfire smoke affecting the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [James, John \[Rep.-R-MI-10\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs; Judiciary; Financial Services; Ways and Means; Oversight and Government Reform; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2026 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9785](#)

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies to determine the feasibility of constructing projects to supply municipal, rural, and industrial water in certain parts of the Missouri River basin, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Johnson, Dusty \[Rep.-R-SD-At Large\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Passed House:

[H.R.8790](#)

Next-Generation Geothermal Research and Development Act

Sponsor: [Harrigan, Pat \[Rep.-R-NC-10\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a [markup](#) on H.R. 6529, the "Protecting Families from AI Data Center Energy Costs Act"; H.R. 6633, the "High-Capacity Grid Act"; H.R. 9332, the "Load Forecasting Enhancement Act"; H.R. 9335, the

"Advanced Transmission Technology to Reduce Rates Act"; H.R. 9339, the "Affordable Innovation for the Grid Act"; H.R. 9340, the "Ratepayer Protection Act"; H.R. 9616, the "Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Technology Assessment Initiative (EMRTAI) Act of 2026"; H.R. 9617, the "Coordinating and Harnessing America's Recovery of Minerals (CHARM) Act";... and H.R. 9338, the "Pipeline Safety Authorization Act of 2026".

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.5035

A bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to require the Federal Government to produce a national resilience strategy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Coons, Christopher A. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.