



Congressional Round-Up

July 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 introduced three bills on critical minerals this week: Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks's (R-Iowa) *Battery Recycling for America's Competitive Economy (BRACE) Act* ([H.R.9615](#)) to establish universal recycling and recovery standards for lithium-ion batteries, Reps. August Pfluger's (R-Texas) and Greg Landsman's (D-Ohio) *Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Technology Assessment Initiative Authorization (EMRTAI) Act* ([H.R.9616](#)) to allot \$10 million for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program to assist critical mineral recovery efforts from contaminated sites, and the *Coordinating and Harnessing America's Recovery of Minerals (CHARM) Act* ([H.R.9617](#)), led by Reps. Gary Palmer (R-Ala.) and Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.), to direct the EPA to conduct a national critical mineral recovery strategy. To learn more about critical mineral sourcing and supply chains, check out our [issue brief](#) and our [lithium](#) and [cobalt](#) deep-dives.

Reps. Rob Wittman (R-Va.) and Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.) introduced the *Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (MRI) Reauthorization Act of 2026* ([H.R.9640](#)). [Earth MRI](#) is a U.S. Geological Survey program that helps generate baseline data on geologic hazards, critical mineral, and geothermal resources across the United States. This bill would extend the program's funding (currently set to expire at the end of September) for another five years and expand research to include natural hydrogen deposits. Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) introduced the Senate version ([S.4870](#)) in June.

Reps. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Pa.) and Janelle Bynum (D-Ore.) introduced the *Better Information through Line-item Labeling Drivers (BILL Drivers) Act* ([H.R.9630](#)). The bill would [direct](#) the Energy Information Administration and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to analyze and publicly report findings on the components driving rising electricity bills for residential and small business customers. To learn more, check out EESI's [briefing](#) on strategies to lower utility bills for households and small businesses.

July 10, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

July 9, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.9612

American Enrichment Deployment Act

Sponsor: [Fry, Russell \[Rep.-R-SC-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9613

Nuclear Advisory Committee Reform Act

Sponsor: [Harshbarger, Diana \[Rep.-R-TN-1\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9614

NRC Staff Pay Alignment Act

Sponsor: [Menendez, Robert \[Rep.-D-NJ-8\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9615

BRACE Act

Sponsor: [Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[Rep.-R-IA-1\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9616

EMRTAI Authorization Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Pfluger, August \[Rep.-R-TX-11\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9617](#)

CHARM Act

Sponsor: [Palmer, Gary J. \[Rep.-R-AL-6\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9618](#)

DEF Act

Sponsor: [Fedorchak, Julie \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9621](#)

Northwest Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Baumgartner, Michael \[Rep.-R-WA-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9629](#)

Protecting Communities from Data Center Impacts Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Landsman, Greg \[Rep.-D-OH-1\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9630](#)

BILL Drivers Act

Sponsor: [Mackenzie, Ryan \[Rep.-R-PA-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9631](#)

Bear Poaching Elimination Act

Sponsor: [McCaul, Michael T. \[Rep.-R-TX-10\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Foreign Affairs; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9637](#)

Protecting Columbia River Salmon Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp \[Rep.-D-WA-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9640](#)

Earth MRI Reauthorization Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

July 8, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

July 7, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

July 6, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9591](#)

To improve response to, and preparation for, extreme temperatures, in Federal correctional facilities.

Sponsor: [Adams, Alma S. \[Rep.-D-NC-12\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (8)

Committees: House - Judiciary; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/06/2026 Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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...

H.R.9593

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of food packaging containing intentionally added PFAS, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Dingell, Debbie \[Rep.-D-MI-6\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/06/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9594

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ban the use of intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances in cosmetics, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Dingell, Debbie \[Rep.-D-MI-6\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/06/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.