



Congressional Round-Up

June 15-19, 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 Senate passed the *Saving the Ocean Observatories Initiative Act of 2026* ([S.4822](#)) to block the [dismantling](#) of deep-sea monitoring instruments. Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced the bill as a response to the National Science Foundation's proposed removal of the OOI's sensors, which provide real-time and publicly accessible data for fishery management and coastal communities on marine climate and weather events.

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources advanced the *America the Beautiful Act* ([S.1547](#)) to [strengthen](#) the maintenance of national parks and public lands. The bill, introduced by Sens. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) and Angus King (I-Maine), aims to reauthorize and bolster the National Park Service's Legacy Restoration Fund, which provides crucial investments to maintain and support national parks and public lands.

Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) introduced [S.4827](#) to [reauthorize](#) the *Preventing Outages With Enhanced Resilience and Operations Nationwide (POWER ON) Act*. Following Winter Storm Uri in 2021, the Act was introduced to establish the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Program, which helps to weatherize electric grids across the country. To learn more, check out EESI's [Rapid Readout](#) on winter storm impacts on communities and the grid.

June 19, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

June 18, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.9332

Load Forecasting Enhancement Act

Sponsor: [Balderson, Troy \[Rep.-R-OH-12\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9335

Advanced Transmission Technology to Reduce Rates Act

Sponsor: [Goldman, Craig A. \[Rep.-R-TX-12\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9337

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

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9338

Pipeline Safety Authorization Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Weber, Randy K. Sr. \[Rep.-R-TX-14\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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...

H.R.9339

Affordable Innovation for the Grid Act

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9340

Ratepayer Protection Act

Sponsor: [Evans, Gabe \[Rep.-R-CO-8\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9344](#)

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, to provide for marijuana agricultural research program at 1890 institutions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Carter, Troy A. \[Rep.-D-LA-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.9346](#)

To prohibit the closure or relocation of certain Department of Agriculture offices, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Davids, Sharice \[Rep.-D-KS-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.9348](#)

To require the Secretary of the Army to include in any final recommendation for a water resources development project of the Corps of Engineers a plan to maintain equivalent levels of access to existing public recreational amenities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Friedman, Laura \[Rep.-D-CA-30\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.9372](#)

To direct the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop best practices for measuring data center energy use, study data availability for the purpose of improving energy demand forecasting capabilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Subramanyam, Suhas \[Rep.-D-VA-10\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4827](#)

A bill to reauthorize a program for preventing outages and enhancing the resilience of the electric grid, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4842](#)

A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to permanently authorize the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program, to establish regional food systems hubs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schiff, Adam B. \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4844](#)

A bill to drive innovation in developing next-generation protection for firefighters by accelerating the development of PFAS-free turnout gear, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (14)

Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

June 17, 2026

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4802](#)

A bill to provide for the acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of aircraft for air, atmosphere, and weather reconnaissance and research missions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cantwell, Maria \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (5)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.4805](#)

A bill to require the United States Executive Directors at the international financial institutions to oppose certain projects involving shrimp production.

Sponsor: [Hyde-Smith, Cindy](#) [Sen.-R-MS] **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S.4806

A bill to clarify that the interconnection of large load facilities directly to facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce is a matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M.](#) [Sen.-R-WY] **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4810

A bill to establish a grant program for education related to semiconductor manufacturing and related industries.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.4811

A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns.

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C.](#) [Sen.-D-MI] **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.4812

A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to modify regulations with respect to drinking water State revolving funds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex](#) [Sen.-D-CA] **Cosponsors:** (7)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.4813

A bill to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes.

Sponsor: [Tillis, Thomas](#) [Sen.-R-NC] **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bills Reported:

[S.1547](#)

America the Beautiful Act

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (64)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 439.

Passed Senate:

[S.4822](#)

Saving the OOI Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Murkowski, Lisa \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (11)

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2026 Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Voice Vote.

June 16, 2026

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4794](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report regarding cybersecurity in precision agriculture technologies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sheehy, Tim \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/16/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4795](#)

A bill to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to establish enforceable Federal authorization timelines and expedited judicial remedies, to limit Federal actions halting fully permitted projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cotton, Tom \[Sen.-R-AR\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/16/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

June 15, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.9312

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include the processing of crawfish as agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Carter, Troy A. \[Rep.-D-LA-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 06/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R.9313

To appropriate \$500,000,000 to the low-income household water assistance program under section 2912 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Appropriations

Latest Action: House - 06/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations

H.R.9317

To prohibit engine idling restrictions for over-the-road buses and school buses if an engine idles for less than 15 minutes, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9325

To establish the Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area to conserve, protect, and promote the economic benefits of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the Upper and Middle Texas Gulf Coast as a unit of the National Park System.

Sponsor: [Weber, Randy K. Sr. \[Rep.-R-TX-14\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.9326

To promote United States leadership in technical standards by directing the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Department of State to take certain actions to encourage and enable United States participation in developing standards

and specifications for artificial intelligence and other critical and emerging technologies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Webster, Daniel \[Rep.-R-FL-11\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4779](#)

A bill to support nutrition, farmers, the seafood industry, agricultural research, wood energy and innovation, and indigenous self-determination, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Murkowski, Lisa \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.