



Congressional Round-Up

May 11-15, 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 President signed [P.L.119-90](#), which requires the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to [extend](#) construction deadlines for certain hydropower projects, into law. Sens. Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), John Kennedy (R-La.) and John Fetterman (D-Pa.) reintroduced the bill ([S.1020](#)), which passed the Senate with unanimous consent in July 2025 and the House in April 2026.

The House passed the *Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act of 2025* ([H.R.1346](#)) to [boost](#) biofuel production across the country. Reps. Adrian Smith (R-Neb.) and Angie Craig (D-Minn.) lead the bill, which would lift restrictions on the seasonal sale of [E15](#) fuel and make it available year-round, providing greater economic security for biofuel producers. Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) leads the bill's bipartisan Senate companion ([S.593](#)).

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce advanced the *Securing Community Upgrades for a Resilient (SECURE) Grid Act* ([H.R.7257](#)) to [safeguard](#) the country's energy infrastructure. Reps. Bob Latta (R-Ohio) and Doris Matsui (D-Calif.) introduced the bill to require states to assess electric grid vulnerabilities to extreme weather, aging infrastructure, and cyber threats in their respective State Energy Security Plans. To learn more about grid resilience solutions, check out EESI's [briefing](#), *Powering Up: Improving Energy Grid Reliability and Resilience to Lower Energy Bills*.

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce agreed to the *Energy Emergency Leadership Act* ([H.R.7258](#)). Reps. Laurel Lee (R-Fla.), Greg Landsman (D-Ohio), and Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) reintroduced the bill to [strengthen](#) the Department of Energy's energy emergency and cybersecurity responsibilities. To learn more about the U.S. grid, check out EESI's [briefing](#), *Generation Innovation, Grid Optimization, and Energy Efficiency*.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation agreed to the *Integrated Ocean Observation System (IOOS) Reauthorization Act of 2025* ([S.2126](#)). The bill, introduced by Sens. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), would [reauthorize](#) the IOOS—which provides real-time data to support fisheries and coastal communities—for five fiscal years, at current funding levels. Rep. Mike Ezell (R-Miss.) leads the House version of the bill ([H.R.2294](#)), which passed in March 2026. For more ways to support climate data in 2026, check out EESI’s recent [briefing](#).

May 15, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8846](#)

To improve tornado detection, forecasting, warning dissemination, and community resilience, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bell, Wesley](#) [[Rep.-D-MO-1](#)] **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2026 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.8850](#)

To create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the United States, and desert fish in the Southwest United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grijalva, Adelita S.](#) [[Rep.-D-AZ-7](#)] **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8853](#)

To amend title 49, United States Code, to allow Amtrak to use grant funds to satisfy non-Federal share requirements of certain grant programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McClellan, Jennifer L.](#) [[Rep.-D-VA-4](#)] **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.Res.1294](#)

Supporting the designation of May 15, 2026, as "Endangered Species Day".

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a [markup](#) on the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2027. The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2027, was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

May 14, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8812](#)

To require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to allow the use of commercial-grade steel and concrete in non-safety-related structures at nuclear power plants, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/14/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.8830](#)

To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a pilot program to enhance the mapping of urban flooding and associated property damage and the availability of that mapped data to homeowners, businesses, and localities to help understand and mitigate the risk of such flooding, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Quigley, Mike \[Rep.-D-IL-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 05/14/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.Res.1286](#)

Calling for a trade policy that supports workers, consumers, independent farmers, small businesses, and the environment.

Sponsor: [DeLauro, Rosa L. \[Rep.-D-CT-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (28)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 05/14/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.Res.1291](#)

Expressing support for the recognition of May 3 through May 9, 2026, as Wildfire Preparedness Week, the national event educating the public on fire safety and preparedness, and supporting the goals of a Wildfire Preparedness Week.

Sponsor: [Torres, Norma J. \[Rep.-D-CA-35\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (29)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/14/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 8739](#), the “Brownfields Revitalization for a Better Tomorrow Act”; and [H.R. 2145](#), the “Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act”. [H.R. 2145](#) was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. [H.R. 8739](#) was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on...[H.R. 3924](#), the “Wildfire Risk Evaluation Act”; [H.R. 5694](#), the “ARTIST Act”; [H.R. 7250](#), to reauthorize the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000; [H.R. 7487](#), the “Rural Jobs and Hydropower Expansion Act”; and [H.R. 7831](#), the “License to Drill Act”. [H.R. 7487](#), [H.R. 741](#), [H.R. 3924](#), and [H.R. 5694](#) were ordered reported, as amended. [H.R. 7250](#) and [H.R. 7831](#) were ordered reported, without amendment.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4529](#)

A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to allow the use of commercial-grade steel and concrete in non-safety-related structures at nuclear power plants, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.4532](#)

A bill to include smoke in the definition of disaster in the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Action: Senate - 05/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

[S.4536](#)

Protecting America's Drinking Water from Extreme Temperatures Act

Sponsor: [Rosen, Jacky \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.4538](#)

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 Washington's Trail-1753 as a national historic trail, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fetterman, John \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (5)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4543](#)

A bill to create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the United States, and desert fish in the Southwest United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Blumenthal, Richard \[Sen.-D-CT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.4548](#)

A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish a program to promote upland species habitat restoration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Justice, James C. \[Sen.-R-WV\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/14/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

May 13, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8782](#)

To amend the Clean Air Act to include dedicated-use municipal snow removal vehicles and machinery as examples of an emergency vehicle in the definition of covered fleet, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bergman, Jack \[Rep.-R-MI-1\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/13/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.8786](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the work opportunity tax credit with respect to the hiring of veterans in the field of renewable energy.

Sponsor: [Clarke, Yvette D. \[Rep.-D-NY-9\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 05/13/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.8790](#)

To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to direct research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities in support of next-generation geothermal and closed-loop geothermal systems in various conditions, and for other purposes.

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

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

Latest Action: House - 05/13/2026 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Passed House:

[H.R.1346](#)

Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Smith, Adrian \[Rep.-R-NE-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (55)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/13/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

WIRES, RATES, AND STATES: PERMITTING TRANSMISSION FOR RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE POWER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a [hearing](#) entitled "Wires, Rates, and States: Permitting Transmission for Reliable and Affordable Power". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2027 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the President's FY 2027 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior". Testimony was heard from Doug Burgum, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2027. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2027 was ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4506](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an investment credit for certain water reuse projects.

Sponsor: [Luján, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 05/13/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.4515](#)

A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a pilot program to enhance the mapping of urban flooding and associated property damage and the availability of that mapped data to homeowners, businesses, and localities to help understand and mitigate the risk of such flooding, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 05/13/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

[S.4520](#)

A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to include a definition of the term "public interest", and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/13/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Hearings:

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a [hearing](#) to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lee M. Zeldin, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2027 for the United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Schultz, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2027 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Ho K. Nieh, Chairman, and David A. Wright, Bradley R. Crowell, Matthew J. Marzano, and Douglas W. Weaver, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

May 12, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8735](#)

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Lower Presidio Historic Park in Monterey, California.

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/12/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8739](#)

Brownfields Revitalization for a Better Tomorrow Act

Sponsor: [Guthrie, Brett \[Rep.-R-KY-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/12/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.8744](#)

To prohibit the import of certain goods produced, sourced, made, or otherwise derived from deforestation and the sale of such items in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Doggett, Lloyd \[Rep.-D-TX-37\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (21)

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Foreign Affairs; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/12/2026 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.8745](#)

To authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Downing, Troy \[Rep.-R-MT-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/12/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8748](#)

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out certain activities related to surface transportation research, development, and deployment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fong, Vince \[Rep.-R-CA-20\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/12/2026 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.8762](#)

To amend the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to exclude crops used to produce biofuel with respect to an agricultural commodity.

Sponsor: [Perry, Scott \[Rep.-R-PA-10\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/12/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.8773](#)

To impose certain conditions on mineral materials sales contracts and free use permits under the Materials Act of 1947 with respect to large-scale mineral extraction projects located near urban communities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Whitesides, George \[Rep.-D-CA-27\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/12/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.7305](#)

Energy Threat Analysis Center Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Castor, Kathy \[Rep.-D-FL-14\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/12/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 563

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4489](#)

A bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/12/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Hearings:

AFFORDABLE FERTILIZER

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine perspectives on the fertilizer industry, focusing on ensuring a stable and affordable supply for American producers, after receiving testimony from Andy Green, Center Market Strategies, Washington, D.C.; Trent Kubik, South Dakota Corn Growers Association, Hamill; Eddie Melton, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Louisville; Corey Rosenbusch, The Fertilizer Institute, Arlington, Virginia; and Joshua Westling, J Westling & Co., Omaha, Nebraska.

May 11, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8732](#)

To amend title 10, United States Code, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and the Public Health Service Act, to pay retired pay from the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund to retired members of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and of the Public Health Service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Raskin, Jamie \[Rep.-D-MD-8\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 05/11/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services

Bills Reported:

[H.R.7257](#)

SECURE Grid Act

Sponsor: [Latta, Robert E. \[Rep.-R-OH-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/11/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 561

[H.R.7258](#)

Energy Emergency Leadership Act

Sponsor: [Lee, Laurel M. \[Rep.-R-FL-15\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/11/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 562

Senate:

Bills Reported:

[S.2126](#)

Integrated Ocean Observation System Reauthorization Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Wicker, Roger F. \[Sen.-R-MS\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (7)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 05/11/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 405.

Bills Enacted:

[S.1020](#)

A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to commence construction of certain hydropower projects.

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (7)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: 05/11/2026 Signed by President.