



Congressional Round-Up

May 25-29, 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:

Reps. Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.) and Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.) introduced the *Community Flood Resilience Act* ([H.R.9056](#)) to [expedite recovery](#) from extreme flooding events. Specifically, the bill would allow state and community beneficiaries of Flood Mitigation Assistance grants to use a portion of that funding to purchase private flood insurance, which delivers more immediate payouts. To learn about the state of the national flood insurance program, check out our recent [article](#).

Reps. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.) and Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.) reintroduced the *American High Speed Rail Act of 2026* ([H.R.9036](#)) alongside 46 democratic cosponsors. The bill would authorize up to \$41 billion annually for five years to build a high-speed passenger rail system. It would also establish national standards for high-speed rail, prioritize grants for projects that promote equity and deliver climate benefits, and leverage public-private partnerships, [among other initiatives](#). EESI's briefing about [federal rail policy](#) outlines other opportunities to support this mode of transit, including through the surface transportation reauthorization bill.

Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.) and lead cosponsors Reps. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.), Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), Jared Huffman (D-Calif.), and Hillary Scholten (D-Mich.) introduced the *America Bikes Act* ([H.R.9041](#)). The bill would establish expanding biking and walking infrastructure on federal lands, reauthorize federal funding for communities to develop this infrastructure, and create a grant program to bikeways to transit stations, [among other initiatives](#).

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House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9053](#)

To ensure the reliable delivery of water to the United States under the 1944 Water Treaty, to provide a mechanism to compensate United States agricultural producers for economic losses resulting from delivery shortfalls, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [De La Cruz, Monica \[Rep.-R-TX-15\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs; Ways and Means; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2026 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9056](#)

Community Flood Resilience Act

Sponsor: [Garbarino, Andrew R. \[Rep.-R-NY-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

[H.R.9080](#)

To establish a contracting preference for public buildings that use innovative wood products in the construction of those buildings, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Thompson, Glenn \[Rep.-R-PA-15\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

May 28, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

May 27, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

May 26, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9023](#)

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to strengthen control of the environmental impacts of surface coal mining, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Beyer, Donald S. \[Rep.-D-VA-8\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/26/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9029](#)

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to protect taxpayers from liability associated with the reclamation of surface coal mining operations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lee, Summer L. \[Rep.-D-PA-12\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/26/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9034](#)

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to establish fitness to operate standards and decommissioning escrow accounts for offshore oil and gas operators, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Min, Dave \[Rep.-D-CA-47\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/26/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9035](#)

To amend title 11 of the United States Code to ensure oil, gas, and coal companies that are debtors in bankruptcy fulfill environmental reclamation obligations.

Sponsor: [Min, Dave \[Rep.-D-CA-47\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Judiciary; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/26/2026 Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9036](#)

American High Speed Rail Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Moulton, Seth \[Rep.-D-MA-6\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (47)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 05/26/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9041](#)

America Bikes Act

Sponsor: [Thompson, Mike \[Rep.-D-CA-4\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 05/26/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

May 25, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.