

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | July 19-23, 2021

From **July 19 to 23**, two bills, the PFAS Action Act of 2021 ([H.R.2467](#)) and the Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act ([H.R.2931](#)) passed the House. Additionally, the House Committee on Small Business held a hearing titled, [SBA's Role in Climate Solutions](#), which examined how the federal government can support small businesses as they address and adapt to the climate crisis.

July 23, 2021

The Senate and House of Representatives were out of session on July 23, 2021.

July 22, 2021

Senate

Latest Committee Action

[S.2430](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.

Sponsor: [Sen. Feinstein, Dianne \[D-CA\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.2436](#)

A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency firehatched management areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Risch, James \[R-ID\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2437](#)

A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite hazardous fuel or insect and disease risk reduction projects on certain National Forest System land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Thune, John \[R-SD\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2440

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convene a blue ribbon panel to review the forest inventory and analysis program of the Forest Service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. King, Angus \[I-ME\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2454

A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the pilot program for alternative water source projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Padilla, Alex \[D-CA\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2461

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make qualified biogas property and qualified manure resource recovery property eligible for the energy credit and to permit renewable energy bonds to finance qualified biogas property, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Brown, Sherrod \[D-OH\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/22/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committee Hearings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert T. Anderson, of Washington, to be Solicitor, Department of the Interior, and Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Samuel T. Walsh, of New York, to be General Counsel, and Andrew Eilperin Light, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Affairs), all of the Department of Energy.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POPULATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a

hearing to examine current issues adversely affecting environmental justice populations, after receiving testimony from Laura Pulido, University of Oregon, Eugene; Catherine Coleman Flowers, Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice, Montgomery, Alabama; Tracy Harden, Chuck's Dairy Bar, Rolling Fork, Mississippi; and Delbert J. Rexford, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation, Utqiagvik, Alaska.

House

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.4162](#)

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Improvement Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis \[D-VA-7\]](#) (Introduced 06/24/2021)

Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

[H.R.4597](#)

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain projects and activities eligible for financial assistance under a State water pollution control revolving fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Garamendi, John \[D-CA-3\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

[H.R.4614](#)

To expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Westerman, Bruce \[R-AR-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([70](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.

[H.R.4641](#)

To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct research on wildfire smoke, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. \[D-CA-18\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([21](#))
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology
Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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...

[H.R.4647](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.

Sponsor: [Rep. Huffman, Jared \[D-CA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([14](#))
Committees: House - Ways and Means
Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.4656](#)

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a new Tribal priority window for the 2.5 gigahertz band, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa \[D-NM-3\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021)
Cosponsors: ([6](#))
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4664](#)

To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency firehosed management areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Moore, Blake D. \[R-UT-1\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([11](#))
Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.

[H.R.4676](#)

To provide financial assistance to States and Indian Tribes for the development, implementation, improvement, or expansion of a flex-tech energy program to enhance manufacturing competitiveness, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Tonko, Paul \[D-NY-20\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.4677

To direct restoration and protection of the New York-New Jersey watersheds and estuaries hydrologically connected to New York-New Jersey Harbor, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Tonko, Paul \[D-NY-20\]](#) (Introduced 07/22/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/22/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

July 21, 2021

Senate

Latest Committee Action

S.2406

A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to set maximum contaminant levels for certain chemicals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten \[D-NY\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2418

A bill to amend the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 to improve mapping under the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Rubio, Marco \[R-FL\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.2419

A bill to authorize the President to declare a smoke emergency, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Merkley, Jeff \[D-OR\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S.2420

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the purchase of certain new electric bicycles.

Sponsor: [Sen. Schatz, Brian \[D-HI\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2421

A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct research on wildfire smoke, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Merkley, Jeff \[D-OR\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2423

A bill to authorize transitional sheltering assistance for individuals who live in areas with unhealthy air quality caused by wildfires, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Wyden, Ron \[D-OR\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/21/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Committee Hearings

COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine combatting climate change in East Asia and the Pacific, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Pershing, Senior Advisor to the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, and Richard Buangan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, both of the Department of State; Craig Hart, Asia Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Indo-Pacific, United States Agency for International Development; Melissa Dalton, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities; Marinel Ubaldo, Living Laudato Si' Philippines, Matarinao; and Richard J. Powell, ClearPath Inc., and Sherri Goodman, International Military Council on Climate and Security, both of Washington, D.C.

House

Passed House

[H.R.2467](#)

PFAS Action Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Rep. Dingell, Debbie \[D-MI-12\]](#) (Introduced 04/13/2021) Cosponsors: ([49](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-86](#)

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2021 The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of [H.R. 2467](#).

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.4597](#)

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain projects and activities eligible for financial assistance under a State water pollution control revolving fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Garamendi, John \[D-CA-3\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4599](#)

To strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of American manufacturing through the research and development of advanced technologies to reduce steelmaking emissions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony \[R-OH-16\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.4605](#)

To amend the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 to improve mapping under the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Posey, Bill \[R-FL-8\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

[H.R.4606](#)

To establish programs and authorities to facilitate the commercial application of clean energy and related technologies in the United States.

Sponsor: [Rep. Ross, Deborah K. \[D-NC-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/21/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/21/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Committee Hearings

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled ``Examining the President's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration''. Testimony was heard from David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Don Cline, Associate Director of Water Resources, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Stephen D. Guertin, Deputy Director for Program Management and Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Richard W. Spinrad, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

BUILDING BACK WITH JUSTICE: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS CENTRAL TO THE AMERICAN JOBS PLAN

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ``Building Back with Justice: Environmental Justice Is Central to the American Jobs Plan''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SBA'S ROLE IN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled ``SBA's Role in Climate Solutions''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

July 20, 2021

Senate

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.3119](#)

Energy Emergency Leadership Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Rush, Bobby L. \[D-IL-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/11/2021) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2383

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.

Sponsor: [Sen. Crapo, Mike \[R-ID\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2385

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel.

Sponsor: [Sen. Feinstein, Dianne \[D-CA\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2388

A bill to require the designation of composting as a conservation practice and activity, to provide grants and loan guarantees for composting facilities and programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Booker, Cory \[D-NJ\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2389

A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants to reduce the quantity of food waste, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Booker, Cory \[D-NJ\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2393

A bill to clarify that a state has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State.

Sponsor: [Sen. Inhofe, Jim \[R-OK\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([6](#))
Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2394

A bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land.

Sponsor: [Sen. Inhofe, Jim \[R-OK\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([6](#))
Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2404

A bill to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine \[D-NV\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))
Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House

Passed House

H.R.2931

Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act

Sponsor: [Rep. McNerney, Jerry \[D-CA-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([12](#))
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 07/20/2021 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.Res.535

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2467) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2668) to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to affirmatively confirm the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to seek permanent injunctions and other equitable relief for violations of any provision of law enforced by the Commission; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.

3985) to amend the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 to expedite the special immigrant visa process for certain Afghan allies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Ross, Deborah K. \[D-NC-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-95](#)

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.4520](#)

To amend title 23, United States Code, to require transportation planners to consider projects and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Huffman, Jared \[D-CA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

[H.R.4549](#)

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022

Sponsor: [Rep. Kaptur, Marcy \[D-OH-9\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Appropriations

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 71.

[H.R.4552](#)

To establish a Department of Agriculture loan program to support mentorship and apprenticeship opportunities for veterans of the Armed Forces to become farmers or ranchers.

Sponsor: [Rep. Bost, Mike \[R-IL-12\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([16](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.

[H.R.4553](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.

Sponsor: [Rep. Buck, Ken \[R-CO-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([6](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.4556](#)

To direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to find that certain rates for electricity are inherently unjust and unreasonable, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Casten, Sean \[D-IL-6\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4559](#)

To require the Secretary of Defense to enhance the readiness of the Department of Defense to challenges relating to climate change and to improve the energy and resource efficiency of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Escobar, Veronica \[D-TX-16\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

[H.R.4567](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a household well water testing website, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. \[D-MI-5\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4569](#)

To require that only two alternatives be considered with respect to certain proposed collaborative forest management activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. McClintock, Tom \[R-CA-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([8](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

[H.R.4573](#)

To establish a categorical exclusion to improve or restore National Forest System land or public land or reduce the risk of wildfire, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Newhouse, Dan \[R-WA-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([11](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

H.R.4574

To expedite certain activities related to salvage operations and reforestation activities on National Forest System lands or public lands in response to catastrophic events, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Obernolte, Jay \[R-CA-8\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

H.R.4577

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Park District Community Support Grant Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Quigley, Mike \[D-IL-5\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4579

To establish an arbitration process pilot program as an alternative dispute resolution process for certain objections or protests to qualified forest management activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. \[R-MT-At Large\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021)

Cosponsors: ([8](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and the Judiciary, 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...

H.R.4580

To amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to provide recovery payments to seasonal and perishable crop growers who experienced low prices caused by imports, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Ruiz, Raul \[D-CA-36\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.4584

To establish a categorical exclusion for certain forest management activities relating to early successional forests and a categorical exclusion for certain activities relating to outdoor recreation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Stauber, Pete \[R-MN-8\]](#) (Introduced 07/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([8](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/20/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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

EXAMINING THE POTENTIAL FOR A CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing entitled "Examining the Potential for a Civilian Climate Corps". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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Senate

Latest Committee Action

S.2377

An original bill to invest in the energy and outdoor infrastructure of the United States to deploy new and innovative technologies, update existing infrastructure to be reliable and resilient, and secure energy infrastructure against physical and cyber threats, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Manchin, Joseph \[D-WV\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2021 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 104.

S.2378

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a border carbon adjustment for the importance of certain goods.

Sponsor: [Sen. Coons, Christopher \[D-DE\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/19/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. ([All Actions](#))

House

Passed House

[H.R.3119](#)

Energy Emergency Leadership Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Rush, Bobby L. \[D-IL-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/11/2021) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.2467](#)

PFAS Action Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Rep. Dingell, Debbie \[D-MI-12\]](#) (Introduced 04/13/2021) Cosponsors: ([49](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-86](#)

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 535](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 2467](#), [H.R. 2668](#) and [H.R. 3985](#). The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on [H.R. 2467](#), [H.R. 2668](#) and [H.R. 3985](#). The resolution provides en bloc suspension...

[H.R.2931](#)

Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act

Sponsor: [Rep. McNerney, Jerry \[D-CA-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([12](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.4504](#)

To establish a biochar demonstration project for federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native corporations to support the development and commercialization of biochar.

Sponsor: [Rep. LaMalfa, Doug \[R-CA-1\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

H.R.4514

To direct the Secretary of Energy to fund projects to restore and modernize National Laboratories, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Foster, Bill \[D-IL-11\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R.4518

To establish a categorical exclusion for certain forest management activities related to wildfire prevention and drought mitigation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Herrell, Yvette \[R-NM-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4520

To amend title 23, United States Code, to require transportation planners to consider projects and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Huffman, Jared \[D-CA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.4534

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a border carbon adjustment for the importation of certain goods.

Sponsor: [Rep. Peters, Scott H. \[D-CA-52\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Science, Space, and Technology; Energy and Commerce; Foreign Affairs; Education and Labor

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for...

H.R.4541

To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide clarification with respect to certain categorical exclusion authority relating to insect and disease infestation and wildfire resilience projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. \[R-WI-7\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.

H.R.4542

To direct the Secretary of Energy to provide grants for energy improvements to certain public buildings, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. \[D-NY-7\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/19/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Committee Hearings

ALLIES ACT OF 2021; PFAS ACTION ACT OF 2021; CONSUMER PROTECTION AND RECOVERY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on [H.R. 3985](#), the ``Allies Act of 2021"; [H.R. 2467](#), the ``PFAS Action Act of 2021"; and [H.R. 2668](#), the ``Consumer Protection and Recovery Act". The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 2467](#), the ``PFAS Action Act of 2021", [H.R. 2668](#), the ``Consumer Protection and Recovery Act", and [H.R. 3985](#), the ``Allies Act of 2021". The rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 2467](#), the ``PFAS Action Act of 2021", under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their designees...