

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | March 16 - March 20, 2026

Highlights:

The House passed the *Save Our Sequoias Act* ([H.R.2709](#)). Reps. Vince Fong (R-Calif.) and Scott Peters (D-Calif.) reintroduced the bill to [bolster](#) the trees' resilience to [worsening wildfires](#) in California. Specifically, the bill would create a Sequoia reforestation strategy and wildfire risk assessment, open new revenue streams for Sequoia conservation, and establish a coalition of federal, state, tribal, and local forest managers, among other measures.

The House passed the *Post-Disaster Reforestation and Restoration Act of 2025* ([H.R.528](#)), led by Reps. Brittany Pettersen (D-Colo.) and Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.). The bill [aims to](#) build community wildfire resilience and support wildfire recovery efforts through land rehabilitation. To learn more about legislative wildfire solutions, check out EESI's recent [briefing](#), *Igniting Innovation: Progress and a Path Forward for Wildfire Policy*.

The House passed Rep. Mike Ezell's (R-Miss.) *Integrated Ocean Observation System (IOOS) Reauthorization Act of 2025*. The bipartisan bill would [reauthorize](#) the IOOS—which provides real-time data to support fisheries and coastal communities—for five fiscal years, at current funding levels.

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed two bipartisan bills to bolster surface water protections. The *American Water Stewardship Act* ([H.R.6422](#)), led by Reps. Pete Stauber (R-Minn.) and Kristen McDonald Rivet (D-Mich.), would [reauthorize](#) funding for water quality programs across the country. Reps. Hillary Scholten's (D-Mich.) and Brian Mast's (R-Fla.) *Local Water Protection Act* ([H.R.7376](#)) would [reauthorize](#) an Environmental Protection Agency grant program that helps states address nonpoint source water pollution, such as agricultural and highway runoff.

Reps. Sean Casten (D-Ill.) and Mike Levin (D-Calif.) introduced the *Energy Bills Relief Act* ([H.R.7977](#)) to restore [clean energy tax credits](#), promote renewable energy development on federal lands, and incentivize practices for [data centers](#) and utilities that [lower utility bills](#) for consumers, among [other measures](#).

March 22, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Passed Senate:

[S.688](#)

Fighting Foreign Illegal Seafood Harvests Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-101](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 03/22/2026 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent

[S.843](#)

Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance and Rehabilitation Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-41](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 03/22/2026 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent

[S.1092](#)

WIPPES Act

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-63](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 03/22/2026 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent

March 21, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

March 20, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8029](#)

Pay Our Homeland Defenders Act

Sponsor: [Ciscomani, Juan \[Rep.-R-AZ-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Appropriations; Budget

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2026 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.8033](#)

No Harm Data Centers Act

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.8034](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain percentage depletion rules with respect to oil and gas wells.

Sponsor: [Mann, Tracey \[Rep.-R-KS-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.6422](#)

American Water Stewardship Act

Sponsor: [Stauber, Pete \[Rep.-R-MN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 485.

[H.R.7376](#)

Local Water Protection Act

Sponsor: [Scholten, Hillary J. \[Rep.-D-MI-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 487.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4158](#)

A bill to temporarily suspend the clean electricity production credit to support the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Sponsor: [Cotton, Tom \[Sen.-R-AR\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 03/20/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

March 19, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7996](#)

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify that utility line technicians qualify as emergency response providers.

Sponsor: [Higgins, Clay \[Rep.-R-LA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8001](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to amend regulations relating to exemptions for engines and equipment for purposes of national security, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.8003](#)

To amend title XLI of the FAST Act to lower the cost estimate threshold relating to eligibility of infrastructure projects for certain permitting processes, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Deluzio, Christopher R. \[Rep.-D-PA-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8006](#)

Dakota Water Resources Act Amendments of 2026

Sponsor: [Fedorchak, Julie \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8007](#)

To amend the Commodity Exchange Act to reduce systemic risk while increasing geographical diversity and competition with respect to depositories for the storage of precious metals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fulcher, Russ \[Rep.-R-ID-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.8016](#)

To phase out production of nonessential uses of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, to prohibit releases of all perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McCollum, Betty \[Rep.-D-MN-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Oversight and Government Reform;

Science, Space, and Technology; Transportation and Infrastructure; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.8020](#)

To exempt certain vessels transporting liquefied natural gas from certain coastwise endorsement requirements, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Perry, Scott \[Rep.-R-PA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8021](#)

To exempt certain vessels transporting crude oil and petroleum products from certain coastwise endorsement requirements, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Perry, Scott \[Rep.-R-PA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

[H.R.8027](#)

To establish a grant program for advanced wastewater treatment projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.Res.1124](#)

Supporting the designation of March 21, 2026, as "National Women in Agriculture Day".

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.7085](#)

To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Huizenga, Bill \[Rep.-R-MI-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 481.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4146](#)

A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 with respect to the listing of threatened and endangered species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/19/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.4148](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants and direct or guaranteed loans to increase domestic fertilizer production for United States farmers.

Sponsor: [Klobuchar, Amy \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/19/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4153](#)

A bill to phase out production of nonessential uses of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, to prohibit releases of all perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Durbin, Richard J. \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/19/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.139](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection

Agency relating to "Air Plan Disapproval; Colorado; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period".

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/19/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 364.

Passed Senate:

[S.Res.653](#)

A resolution designating March 21, 2026, as "National Women in Agriculture Day".

Sponsor: [Ernst, Joni \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#) Cosponsors: (30)

Latest Action: Senate - 03/19/2026 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

Committee Hearings:

NUCLEAR ENERGY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the Department of Energy's implementation of President Trump's May 2025 nuclear energy executive orders, after receiving testimony from Theodore Garrish, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and John C. Wagner, Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho Falls, both of the Department of Energy; and Mike Laufer, Kairos Power, LLC, Alameda, California.

March 18, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7977](#)

Energy Bills Relief Act

Sponsor: [Casten, Sean \[Rep.-D-IL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (121)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Agriculture; Ways and Means; Natural Resources; Financial Services; Transportation and Infrastructure; Education and Workforce; Oversight and Government Reform; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/18/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.7978](#)

To reauthorize the Cooperative Watershed Management Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ciscomani, Juan \[Rep.-R-AZ-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.7979](#)

To restore the presumption of access on lands managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Sponsor: [Crank, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/18/2026 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.

[H.R.7991](#)

To prohibit States from imposing charges for the purpose of funding the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Energy Efficiency Program.

Sponsor: [Van Drew, Jefferson \[Rep.-R-NJ-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.7992](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding aluminum recycling.

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/18/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Passed House:

[H.R.556](#)

Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (83)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-385](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/18/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS (DAY 2, MORNING SESSION)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a [hearing](#) entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness (Day 2, Morning Session)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS (DAY 2, AFTERNOON SESSION)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a [hearing](#) entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness (Day 2, Afternoon Session)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) on H.R. 3286, the “Mammoth Cave National Boundary Adjustment Act of 2025”; H.R. 4290, the “Downwinder Commemoration Act of 2025”; H.R. 4716, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land in Saratoga Springs, Utah, from the Secretary of the Interior to the United States Postal Service for construction of a post office, and for other purposes; H.R. 5555, the “Monterey Bay National Heritage Area Study Act”; H.R. 6062, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of federal land in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 7031, the “Making National Parks Safer Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Vasquez, Owens, Panetta, and Moore of West Virginia; Chris Carn, Mayor, Saratoga Springs, Utah; Ronald Scott Lindsey, Judge/Executive, Edmonson County, Kentucky; and public witnesses.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on H.R. 7813, the “NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act”. H.R. 7813 was ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4135](#)

A bill to reauthorize the Federal lands access program.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/18/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Committee Hearings:

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded a [hearing](#) to examine challenges and opportunities with implementing the Endangered Species Act, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Riley, Riley Consulting LLC, Eagle, Nebraska; Brian Yablonski, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana; and Jake Li, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.

March 17, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7954](#)

To assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land.

Sponsor: [Hurd, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/17/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

[H.R.7960](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a windfall profits excise tax on crude oil and to rebate the tax collected back to individual taxpayers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Khanna, Ro \[Rep.-D-CA-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/17/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

Passed House:

[H.R.4294](#)

MAWS Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Elfreth, Sarah \[Rep.-D-MD-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-510](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/17/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection

[H.Res.1115](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 556) to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; and other bills.

Sponsor: [Foxy, Virginia \[Rep.-R-NC-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-554](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/17/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection

Committee Hearings:

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY (DAY 1, MORNING SESSION)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a [hearing](#) entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day (Day 1, Morning Session)". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEARING--AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS (DAY 1, AFTERNOON SESSION)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a [hearing](#) entitled "Hearing--American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness (Day 1, Afternoon Session)". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WINTER STORM FERN LESSONS: SUPPLYING RELIABLE POWER TO MEET PEAK DEMAND

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a [hearing](#) entitled "Winter Storm Fern Lessons: Supplying Reliable Power to Meet Peak Demand". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4111](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a windfall profits excise tax on crude oil and to rebate the tax collected back to individual taxpayers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 03/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

[S.4112](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the credit period for the production of refined coal, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 03/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

[S.4116](#)

A bill to advance next-generation geothermal electricity generation demonstration projects in new regions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

[S.4120](#)

A bill to designate certain categorical exclusions for water resources development projects, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/17/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

[S.Res.645](#)

A resolution recognizing 2026 as the "International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists".

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/17/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Hearings:

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a [hearing](#) to examine S. 1034, S. 1242, S. 2437/H.R. 3857, S. 2753, S. 3409, S. 3500, S. 3518, S. 3635, S. 3684, S. 3693, S. 3723, S. 3725, S. 3732, S. 3736, S. 3737, S. 3738, S. 3743, S. 3792, S. 4040, and S. 4041, to reauthorize the Cooperative Watershed Management Program, after receiving testimony from David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and Terry L. Turpin, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

March 16, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7936](#)

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to support the development, demonstration, and commercial application of biotechnology products to increase energy resiliency, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Baird, James R. \[Rep.-R-IN-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.7938](#)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grocery, farm, and food worker stabilization grant program.

Sponsor: [Budzinski, Nikki \[Rep.-D-IL-13\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.7940](#)

To amend the Federal Power Act to require the consideration of invasive species when prescribing fishways, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grothman, Glenn \[Rep.-R-WI-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.7947](#)

Agricultural Management Assistance Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Pingree, Chellie \[Rep.-D-ME-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture

[H.R.7949](#)

NSF Plant Biology Act

Sponsor: [Riley, Josh \[Rep.-D-NY-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.7951](#)

To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 and the EXPLORE Act to provide for long-term Good Neighbor Authority, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 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.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.6618](#)

Wildfire Aerial Response Safety Act

Sponsor: [Bynum, Janelle S. \[Rep.-D-OR-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 471.

[H.Res.1115](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 556) to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; and other bills.

Sponsor: [Foxy, Virginia \[Rep.-R-NC-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-554](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 66.

Passed House:

[H.R.528](#)

Post-Disaster Reforestation and Restoration Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-276](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.831](#)

Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Calvert, Ken \[Rep.-R-CA-41\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-278](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.1665](#)

DIGITAL Applications Act

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce; Agriculture

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 119-487,Part 1](#), [H. Rept. 119-487,Part 2](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.2294](#)

To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009.

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (25)

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

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-489](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.2709](#)

Save Our Sequoias Act

Sponsor: [Fong, Vince \[Rep.-R-CA-20\]](#) Cosponsors: (29)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-542](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.5729](#)

North Rim Restoration Act

Sponsor: [Crane, Elijah \[Rep.-R-AZ-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-537](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/16/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

PROTECTING ACCESS FOR HUNTERS AND ANGLERS ACT [AND OTHER BILLS]

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 556](#), the “Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act” and other bills. The Committee granted, by a

record vote of 6–2, a rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 556](#), the “Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act”. The rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 556](#), the “Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit.... Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Schmidt, Raskin, and Randall.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4101](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grocery, farm, and food worker stabilization grant program.

Sponsor: [Luján, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/16/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4102](#)

A bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Blunt Rochester, Lisa \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/16/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.4103](#)

A bill to improve the health and resiliency of giant sequoias, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/16/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S1056](#))