

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | April 15 - April 19, 2024

### Highlights:

The *Legacy Mine Cleanup Act of 2024* ([S.3858](#)), introduced by Sens. Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) and Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.) passed the Senate. The bill aims to [strengthen remediation efforts](#) for hazardous abandoned hardrock mines by establishing a new Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains within the Environmental Protection Agency, and increasing federal funding and funding access for cleanup efforts.

The *Strengthening Coastal Communities Act of 2023* ([S.2958](#)) passed the Senate. Introduced by Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), the bill [reauthorizes](#) and amends the *Coastal Barrier Resources Act*, and adds updated maps to the Coastal Barrier Resources System—ultimately bolstering communities' climate preparedness and resilience. EESI's [report](#), *A Resilient Future for Coastal Communities*, highlights case studies of coastal climate solutions in practice.

The *Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023* ([H.R.4389](#)) passed the Senate after passing the House the week prior. Introduced by Reps. María Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.), Rick Larsen (D-Wash.), Dave Joyce (R-Ohio), and Mary Peltola (D-Alaska), the bill [reauthorizes](#) and increases [congressionally mandated](#) grant funding for habitat conservation, research and monitoring, and education.

Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) reintroduced the *Protecting Communities from Plastics Act* ([S.4194/H.R.8092](#)). The bill would address climate and [environmental justice impacts](#) surrounding plastic production by establishing national reduction targets for single-use plastics.

The House and Senate held several budget and appropriations hearings. The House Appropriations Committee held budget hearings for the [Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation](#); the [Department of the Interior](#); the [U.S. Forest Service](#); and the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#). The House Committee on Armed Services held a [budget request hearing](#) on the Department of Defense Energy, Installations, and Environment Programs. The Senate Appropriations Committee held a [budget hearing](#) on the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held a [budget hearing](#) for the Department of Energy.

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**April 19, 2024**

## House:

### Bills Introduced:

#### [H.R.8085](#)

**To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to promulgate regulations that accelerate the interconnection of electric generation and storage resources to the transmission system through more efficient and effective interconnection procedures.**

Sponsor: [Castor, Kathy \[Rep.-D-FL-14\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### [H.R.8087](#)

**To reauthorize funding for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program of the Environmental Protection Agency.**

Sponsor: [Espallat, Adriano \[Rep.-D-NY-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([6](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### [H.R.8090](#)

**To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a council within the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate departmental efforts to identify, address, and mitigate cross-functional impacts of global climate change with respect to the Department's programs and operations, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Goldman, Daniel S. \[Rep.-D-NY-10\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Homeland Security

Latest Action: House - 04/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

#### [H.R.8092](#)

**Protecting Communities from Plastics Act**

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Agriculture; Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 04/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure,

Agriculture, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

#### **H.R.8095**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the energy credit with respect to electrochromic glass.**

Sponsor: [Kelly, Trent \[Rep.-R-MS-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **H.R.8096**

**To amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prohibit trading of water and water rights for future delivery, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Khanna, Ro \[Rep.-D-CA-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (15)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

#### **H.R.8100**

**To provide for the issuance of a Great Lakes Restoration Semipostal Stamp.**

Sponsor: [Walberg, Tim \[Rep.-R-MI-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Oversight and Accountability; Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

#### **Senate:**

No environmental or energy activity in the Senate today.

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**April 18, 2024**

#### **House:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

### **[H.R.8062](#)**

**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: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **[H.R.8074](#)**

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

Latest Action: House - 04/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

### **[H.R.8076](#)**

**To establish effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Pappas, Chris \[Rep.-D-NH-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **[H.R.8079](#)**

**To provide for water conservation, drought operations, and drought resilience at water resources development projects, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Stanton, Greg \[Rep.-D-AZ-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **[H.Res.1157](#)**

**Recognizing linemen, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2024, as "National Lineman Appreciation Day".**

Sponsor: [Rouzer, David \[Rep.-R-NC-7\]](#) Cosponsors: [\(26\)](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

### **[H.Res.1159](#)**

**Recognizing the longstanding partnership between USDA and NASA and encouraging further interagency collaboration.**

Sponsor: [Sorensen, Eric \[Rep.-D-IL-17\]](#) Cosponsors: [\(1\)](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

### **Committee Meetings:**

#### **ASSESSING SOLUTIONS TO SECURE AMERICA'S OFFSHORE ENERGY FUTURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources* held a [hearing](#) entitled "Assessing Solutions to Secure America's Offshore Energy Future". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S PAUSE ON LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORTS**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs* held a [hearing](#) entitled "Oversight of the Biden Administration's Pause on Liquefied Natural Gas Exports". Testimony was heard from Brad Crabtree, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

### **Senate:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[S.4157](#)**

**A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to improve compensatory mitigation, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)  
Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works  
Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S2876](#))

#### **[S.4162](#)**

**A bill to ensure that certain permit approvals by the Environmental Protection Agency have the force and effect of law, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rubio, Marco \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)  
Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works  
Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **[S.4164](#)**

**A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Cahokia Mounds and surrounding land in the States of Illinois and Missouri, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Durbin, Richard J. \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)  
Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources  
Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **[S.4168](#)**

**A bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to extend and enhance the specialty crop block grants program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Butler, Laphonza R. \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)  
Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### **[S.4170](#)**

**A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify provisions relating to base acres, loan rates, and textile mills, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Warnock, Raphael G. \[Sen.-D-GA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)  
Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### **[S.4171](#)**

**A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to protect consumers from excessive rates, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Blumenthal, Richard \[Sen.-D-CT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **[S.4172](#)**

**A bill to provide for water conservation, drought operations, and drought resilience at water resources development projects, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **[S.4173](#)**

**A bill to establish effluent limitations guidelines and standards and water quality criteria for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Gillibrand, Kirsten E. \[Sen.-D-NY\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **[S.4180](#)**

**A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to allow for brownfield revitalization funding eligibility for Alaska Native Tribes, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **[S.4181](#)**

**A bill to require the development of a workforce plan for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.**

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

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### **S.4182**

**A bill to authorize appropriations for certain agricultural research of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### **S.4184**

**A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State administration of allotment management plans.**

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **S.4185**

**A bill to authorize appropriations for climate financing, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### **S.4186**

**A bill to eliminate toxic substances in beverage containers, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### **S.4187**

**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 - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.4188**

**A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prohibit trading of water and water rights for future delivery, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Warren, Elizabeth \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### **S.4189**

**A bill to establish youth advisory councils for the purpose of providing recommendations to the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Commerce with respect to environmental issues as those issues relate to youth communities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Butler, Laphonza R. \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.4190**

**A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to promulgate regulations that accelerate the interconnection of electric generation and storage resources to the transmission system through more efficient and effective interconnection procedures.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **S.4191**

**A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to create regional wildland fire research centers, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### **S.4193**

**A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve wildlife habitat connectivity and wildlife migration corridors, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### **S.4194**

**Protecting Communities from Plastics Act**

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#) Cosponsors: ([6](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.Res.649**

**A resolution raising awareness of lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*).**

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.Res.653**

**A resolution recognizing the 54th anniversary of Earth Day and the leadership of its founder, Senator Gaylord Nelson.**

Sponsor: [Baldwin, Tammy \[Sen.-D-WI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.Res.654**

**A resolution expressing concern about the elevated levels of lead in one-third of the world's children and the global causes of lead exposure, and calling for the inclusion of lead exposure prevention in global health, education, and environment programs abroad.**

Sponsor: [Cardin, Benjamin L. \[Sen.-D-MD\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Passed Senate:**

### [S.2958](#)

#### **Strengthening Coastal Communities Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Carper, Thomas R. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/18/2024 Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.

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**April 17, 2024**

**House:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

### [H.R.8047](#)

**To support communities that host transmission lines and to promote conservation and recreation, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Kuster, Ann M. \[Rep.-D-NH-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.8052](#)

**To temporarily apply the E10 Reid vapor pressure limitations to E15 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.**

Sponsor: [Nunn, Zachary \[Rep.-R-IA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.8055](#)

**To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to establish a minimum rate of reimbursement for administrative and operating expenses with respect to crop insurance contracts covering specialty crops and to restore the annual inflation adjustment with respect to the general reimbursement rate for administrative and operating expenses.**

Sponsor: [Scott, Austin \[Rep.-R-GA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **Committee Meetings:**

#### **APPROPRIATIONS--U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CIVIL WORKS); BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies* held a [budget hearing](#) on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) and the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Michael Brain, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS--DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* held a [budget hearing](#) on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Deb Haaland, Secretary; Denise Flanagan, Director of Budget; and Joan M. Mooney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands* held a [hearing](#) on legislation 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman; Chris French, Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

#### **GETTING TO WORK: EXAMINING CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS IN THE COMMUTER RAIL INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials* held a [hearing](#) entitled "Getting to Work: Examining Challenges and Solutions in the Commuter Rail Industry". Testimony was heard from Mike Noland, President, Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, Indiana; Debra Johnson, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, RT-Denver (Regional Transportation District--Denver), Colorado; David W. Dech, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail, Florida; Kevin Corbett, President and

Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Transit, and Northeast Corridor Commission, New Jersey; and Darren Kettle, Chief Executive Officer, Metrolink, California.

## **Senate:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **S.4140**

**A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to identify, analyze, and share available data for the purpose of improving the reliability and resilience of the electric grid, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **S.4143**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for flood insurance premiums.**

Sponsor: [Scott, Rick \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### **S.4144**

**A bill to improve the reliability and adequacy of the bulk-power system by ensuring that key uncertainties in generation, transmission, energy storage systems, and loads are considered in resource adequacy modeling and integrated resource planning, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **S.4149**

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

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.4151**

**A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act to clarify existing requirements relating to fusion machines, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.4153**

**A bill to require the Environmental Protection Agency to assess the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions associated with the forest biomass combustion for electricity when developing relevant rules and regulations and to carry out a study on the impacts of the forest biomass industry, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.4154**

**A bill to support communities that host transmission lines and to promote conservation and recreation, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **S.J.Res.72**

**A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors".**

Sponsor: [Scott, Tim \[Sen.-R-SC\]](#) Cosponsors: (35)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## Passed Senate:

### [H.R.4389](#)

#### **Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Salazar, Maria Elvira \[Rep.-R-FL-27\]](#) Cosponsors: ([19](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Environment and Public Works

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-439](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/17/2024 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.

## Committee Meetings:

### **DOE AND NNSA ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES**

*Committee on Armed Services: Committee* concluded open and closed [hearings](#) to examine the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary, and Jill M. Hruby, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy.

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**April 16, 2024**

## House:

## Bills Introduced:

### [H.R.8022](#)

**To amend the Natural Gas Act to establish a deadline for the review of applications for natural gas export and import orders, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Higgins, Clay \[Rep.-R-LA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.8024](#)

**To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize assistance for emergency measures in response to pine beetle outbreaks, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Kelly, Trent \[Rep.-R-MS-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **[H.R.8031](#)**

**To establish the Chuckwalla National Monument and expand Joshua Tree National Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Ruiz, Raul \[Rep.-D-CA-25\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **[H.R.8032](#)**

**To authorize the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sorensen, Eric \[Rep.-D-IL-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/16/2024 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.

## **Committee Meetings:**

### **APPROPRIATIONS--U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* held a [budget hearing](#) on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Randy Moore, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mark Lichtenstein, National Budget Director, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### **APPROPRIATIONS--FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security* held a [budget hearing](#) on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

### **FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness* held a [hearing](#) entitled "Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for Department of Defense Energy, Installations, and Environment Programs". Testimony was heard from Meredith Berger, Assistant



Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Department of the Navy; Ravi Chaudhary, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Air Force; Rachel Jacobson, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; and Brendan Owens, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

### **Other Committee Actions:**

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee* held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 5015](#), the "Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act of 2023"; [H.R. 6482](#), the "Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act"; [H.R. 7003](#), the "National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2024"; [H.R. 7370](#), the "Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act"; [H.R. 7375](#), to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve the assessment of expression of interest fees, and for other purposes; [H.R. 7377](#), the "Royalty Resiliency Act"; [H.R. 7408](#), the "America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act"; [H.R. 7409](#), the "HEATS Act"; and [H.R. 7422](#), the "Geothermal Cost-Recovery Authority Act of 2024". [H.R. 7409](#) was ordered reported, without amendment. [H.R. 7422](#), [H.R. 7408](#), [H.R. 7377](#), [H.R. 7375](#), [H.R. 7370](#), [H.R. 7003](#), [H.R. 6482](#), and [H.R. 5015](#) were ordered reported, as amended.

### **Senate:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[S.4132](#)**

**A bill to establish the Chuckwalla National Monument and expand Joshua Tree National Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S2792](#)).

#### **[S.4134](#)**

**A bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to the total amount of Federal assistance for projects in States**

**experiencing severe drought and projects in historically disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Passed Senate:**

**[S.Res.645](#)**

**A resolution designating the week of April 20 through April 28, 2024, as "National Park Week".**

Sponsor: [King, Angus S., Jr. \[Sen.-I-ME\]](#) Cosponsors: (63)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/16/2024 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR [S2781](#); text: CR [S2794](#)).

**Committee Meetings:**

**APPROPRIATIONS: USDA**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies* concluded a [hearing](#) to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee* concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary of Energy.

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**April 15, 2024**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[H.R.7980](#)**

## **End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Miller, Carol D. \[Rep.-R-WV-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### **[H.R.7981](#)**

**To ensure that goods made using or containing cobalt extracted or processed with the use of child or forced labor in the Democratic Republic of the Congo do not enter the United States market.**

Sponsor: [Smith, Christopher H. \[Rep.-R-NJ-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### **[H.R.7990](#)**

**To extend the authorization for a large-scale water recycling and reuse grant program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Napolitano, Grace F. \[Rep.-D-CA-31\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **[H.R.7999](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of the Interior to encourage and incentivize rescue, rehabilitation, and appropriate reintroduction of threatened and endangered animals by establishing a Wildlife Confiscations Network, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **[H.R.8002](#)**

**To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to require States to consider measures that limit the amount of retail utility rate increases a utility company can request to once every 365 days.**

Sponsor: [Harder, Josh \[Rep.-D-CA-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/15/2024) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.8003](#)

**To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish, on an annual basis, an assessment on United States dependency on critical agricultural products or inputs from the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Hinson, Ashley \[Rep.-R-IA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([20](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **Bills Reported:**

### [H.R.6285](#)

**Alaska's Right to Produce Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Stauber, Pete \[Rep.-R-MN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: ([16](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-463](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/15/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 384.

### **Passed House:**

### [H.R.5923](#)

**Iran-China Energy Sanctions Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Lawler, Michael \[Rep.-R-NY-17\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Financial Services

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-333](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/15/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### **Senate:**

### **Passed Senate:**

### [S.3858](#)

**Legacy Mine Cleanup Act of 2024**

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/15/2024 Passed Senate with amendments by Voice Vote.

### [S.Res.641](#)

**A resolution designating the week of April 7 through April 13, 2024, as "National Water Week".**

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Latest Action: Senate - 04/15/2024 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.