

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | December 15 - December 19, 2025

The Senate passed the *La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act* ([H.R. 1043](#)), which the House [passed](#) in July. Reps. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) and Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) reintroduced the bill to permit the transfer of federal lands to Arizona's La Paz County for solar energy development. The project would create more than 700 [jobs](#), and the resulting solar park would have enough solar and battery storage capacity to power about 75,000 homes. The bill has since been sent to the president's desk for his signature.

The Senate passed the *Disaster Assistance Simplification Act* ([S. 861](#)), reintroduced by Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), and Tom Tillis (R-N.C.). The bipartisan bill aims to [streamline](#) the application process for federal disaster recovery assistance, reducing the burden on disaster survivors seeking immediate assistance. EESI's latest [article](#) breaks down other proposed improvements to federal disaster assistance.

Sens. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) and Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.) introduced the *Wildlife Road Crossings Program Reauthorization Act* ([S. 3503](#)). The Wildlife Road Crossings Program supports wildlife crossing projects that reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions. The bill, if passed, would [make](#) the initiative permanent and reauthorize its funding through 2031. Reps. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) and Don Beyer (D-Va.) introduced companion legislation ([H.R. 6078](#)) in the House in November. Sens. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Angela Alsobrooks (D-Md.), John Curtis (R-Utah), and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) also introduced legislation ([S. 3556](#)) to [reauthorize](#) the program.

The House passed the *Enhancing Science, Treatment, and Upkeep of America's Resilient and Important Estuarine Systems (ESTUARIES) Act* ([H.R. 3962](#)). The bill, introduced by Reps. Shomari Figures (D-Ala.), Brian Mast (R-Fla.), Rick Larsen (D-Wash.), Mike Haridopolos (R-Fla.), Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.), and Nick LaLota (R-N.Y.), [reauthorizes](#) the [National Estuary Program](#), which supports local restoration efforts across 28 [estuaries of national significance](#). Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) lead the Senate companion bill ([S. 2063](#)). Episode [8.1](#) of EESI's podcast, *the Climate Conversation*, discusses estuary restoration with [Restore America's Estuaries](#) President and CEO Daniel Hayden.

The House passed the *Utah Wildfire Research Institute Act of 2025* ([H.R. 1045](#)), led by Reps. Mike Kennedy (R-Utah), Burgess Owens (R-Utah), Blake Moore (R-Utah), and Celeste Maloy (R-Utah). The bill would [create](#) a federal wildfire research institute at

Utah State University to study wildfire ecology and develop wildfire risk mitigation and resilience solutions, in collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies.

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**December 19, 2025**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[H.R.6913](#)**

**To provide for restoration, economic development, recreation, and conservation on Federal lands in Northern California, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/19/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

**[H.R.6917](#)**

**To take certain land into trust for the benefit of the Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians.**

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/19/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

**[H.R.6918](#)**

**To amend the Clean Air Act to establish a program to annually phasedown greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Tonko, Paul \[Rep.-D-NY-20\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Workforce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 12/19/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Workforce, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

**Senate:**

The Senate did not meet today.

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**December 18, 2025**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[H.R.6836](#)**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain gains and other income related to use of farmland by beginning farmers.**

Sponsor: [Alford, Mark \[Rep.-R-MO-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 12/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**[H.R.6851](#)**

**To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to ban the export of natural gas produced in the United States, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Espaillat, Adriano \[Rep.-D-NY-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**[H.R.6864](#)**

**To prohibit any person from using a motor vehicle to take a mammalian predator species on Federal land, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Hoyle, Val T. \[Rep.-D-OR-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 12/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**[H.R.6866](#)**

**To ensure an equitable geographic distribution of projects selected through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.**

Sponsor: [Joyce, David P. \[Rep.-R-OH-14\]](#) Cosponsors: ([9](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### **H.R.6873**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow amortization of geological and geophysical expenditures in connection with the exploration for, or development of, geothermal deposits, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 12/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **H.R.6889**

**To establish a competitive grant program to provide capital assistance for the maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation needs of commuter rail bridges.**

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### **H.R.6893**

**To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" \[Rep.-D-VA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### **H.R.6898**

**To amend title 51, United States Code, to promote advancements and innovation in United States aeronautical research and technology for enhanced safety, noise, resiliency, and improved environmental impacts in United States aviation systems.**

Sponsor: [Sykes, Emilia Strong \[Rep.-D-OH-13\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 12/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**Passed House:**

### [H.R.845](#)

#### **Pet and Livestock Protection Act**

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([37](#))

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

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-332](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/18/2025 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### [H.R.1366](#)

#### **Mining Regulatory Clarity Act**

Sponsor: [Amodei, Mark E. \[Rep.-R-NV-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-386](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/18/2025 Received in the Senate.

### [H.R.4776](#)

#### **SPEED Act**

Sponsor: [Westerman, Bruce \[Rep.-R-AR-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([14](#))

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

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 119-395](#), [H. Rept. 119-395,Part 2](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/18/2025 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **Committee Hearings:**

#### **EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT DESIGNATION FOR TWO PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES CHEMISTRIES AND POTENTIAL POLICY RESPONSES TO SUPERFUND LIABILITY CONCERNS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment* held a **hearing** entitled "Examining the Impact of EPA's CERCLA Designation for Two PFAS Chemistries and Potential Policy Responses to Superfund Liability Concerns". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **RESEARCH SECURITY: EXAMINING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT AND NATIONAL SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM 33**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight* held a **hearing** entitled "Research Security: Examining the Implementation of the CHIPS and Science Act and NSPM-33". Testimony was heard from Rebecca Keiser, Acting Chief of Staff, National Science Foundation; Daniel Evans, Assistant

Deputy Associate Administrator for Research, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Patricia Valdez, Chief Extramural Research Integrity Officer, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and Jay Tilden, Director of Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, Department of Energy.

**Other Committee Meetings:**

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee* held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 6422](#), the “American Water Stewardship Act”, and other bills. [H.R. 6422](#) was ordered reported, as amended.

**Senate:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[S.3579](#)**

**A bill to address data and research gaps to improve marine environmental data collection, particularly in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Gulf of Alaska, prioritize technology that supports research, bycatch reduction, and marine benthic habitat in Alaska fisheries, advance and streamline electronic monitoring and electronic reporting in United States fisheries, and establish a fund to provide financial assistance for fishermen purchasing gear and technology aimed at reducing bycatch and marine benthic habitat contract from trawl fishing gear.**

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 12/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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**December 17, 2025**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[H.R.6772](#)**

**To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress that examines the costs and benefits that could be associated with establishing a Federal uniform residential building code.**

Sponsor: [Garcia, Sylvia R. \[Rep.-D-TX-29\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

#### **H.R.6777**

**To provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Bentz, Cliff \[Rep.-R-OR-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### **H.R.6779**

**To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to expand eligibility for direct loans to individuals or entity members that hold at least a 50 percent interest and that are or will become bona fide operators of the farm real estate acquired, improved, or supported with farm ownership, operating, or emergency loans, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Bost, Mike \[Rep.-R-IL-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

#### **H.R.6782**

**To protect clean air and public health by expanding fenceline and ambient air monitoring and access to air quality information for communities affected by air pollution, to require hazardous air pollutant monitoring at the fenceline of facilities whose emissions are linked to local health threats, to ensure the Environmental Protection Agency promulgates rules that require hazardous air pollutant data measurement and electronic submission at fencelines and stacks of industrial source categories, to expand and strengthen the national ambient air quality monitoring network, to deploy air quality systems in communities affected by air pollution, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Carter, Troy A. \[Rep.-D-LA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (17)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### **H.R.6784**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for taxpayers who remove lead-based hazards.**

Sponsor: [Cohen, Steve \[Rep.-D-TN-9\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **H.R.6785**

**To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to States, territories, and Indian tribes to support local resiliency offices, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Crow, Jason \[Rep.-D-CO-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

#### **H.R.6787**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a carbon border adjustment based on carbon intensity, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [DelBene, Suzan K. \[Rep.-D-WA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

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

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

#### **H.R.6788**

**To release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### **H.R.6790**

**To amend title 49, United States Code, to limit railroad carriers from blocking railway-highway crossings, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Garcia, Sylvia R. \[Rep.-D-TX-29\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure



Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### **H.R.6802**

**To prohibit the administration, implementation, or enforcement by the Forest Service of the rule relating to "Law Enforcement; Criminal Prohibitions".**

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

#### **H.R.6805**

**To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expand the scope of the advanced reactor demonstration program to test and develop fourth-generation nuclear reactors, small modular reactors, and micro-reactors, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Moore, Tim \[Rep.-R-NC-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **H.R.6815**

**Environmental Justice Screening Tool Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [Rivas, Luz M. \[Rep.-D-CA-29\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

#### **H.R.6824**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit for qualified combined heat and power system property, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Van Duyne, Beth \[Rep.-R-TX-24\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **H.R.6826**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the advanced manufacturing production credit to include black mass.**

Sponsor: [Vindman, Eugene Simon \[Rep.-D-VA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### [H.R.6827](#)

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the advanced manufacturing production credit to include recycled copper, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Vindman, Eugene Simon \[Rep.-D-VA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### **Bills Reported:**

### [H.Res.953](#)

**...[R]elating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 4776) to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to clarify ambiguous provisions and facilitate a more efficient, effective, and timely environmental review process.**

Sponsor: [Griffith, H. Morgan \[Rep.-R-VA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House critical mi- Rules

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### **Passed House:**

### [H.R.3616](#)

#### **Reliable Power Act**

Sponsor: [Balderson, Troy \[Rep.-R-OH-12\]](#) Cosponsors: ([20](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 119-302,Part 2](#), [H. Rept. 119-302](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/17/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### **Committee Hearings:**

#### **WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2026: STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment* held a [hearing](#) entitled “Water Resources Development Act of 2026: Stakeholder Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Noel Hacegaba, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Long Beach, California; and public witnesses.

## Other Committee Meetings:

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee* held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 1897](#), the “ESA Amendments Act of 2025”; ...[H.R. 5910](#), to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes. ...[H.R. 1897](#) [was] ordered reported, as amended. ...[H.R. 5910](#) [was] ordered reported, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee* held a [markup](#) on...[H.R. 5577](#), the “NFIP Extension Act of 2026” [and other bills]. [H.R. 5577](#) [was] ordered reported, as amended.

## Senate:

### Bills Introduced:

#### [S.3518](#)

**A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to address certain alterations in, and the maintenance and repair of, project works, to provide for the licensing of micro hydrokinetic energy projects, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### [S.3520](#)

**A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from implementing a Forest Service rule relating to criminal prohibitions, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### [S.3523](#)

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a carbon border adjustment based on carbon intensity, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **S.3526**

**A bill to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land 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 - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.3527**

**A bill to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.3529**

**A bill to protect clean air and public health by expanding fenceline and ambient air monitoring and access to air quality information for communities affected by air pollution, to require hazardous air pollutant monitoring at the fenceline of facilities whose emissions are linked to local health threats, to ensure the Environmental Protection Agency promulgates rules that require hazardous air pollutant data measurement and electronic submission at fencelines and stacks of industrial source categories, to expand and strengthen the national ambient air quality monitoring network, to deploy air quality systems in communities affected by air pollution, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Blunt Rochester, Lisa \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.3530**

**A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to prohibit discrimination based on energy source in the use of certain authorities under title I and title III of such Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cramer, Kevin \[Sen.-R-ND\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### **S.3531**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit for qualified combined heat and power system property, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Blackburn, Marsha \[Sen.-R-TN\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **S.3542**

**A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Upper Raritan River Watershed in the State of New Jersey for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.3545**

**A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to ban the export of natural gas produced in the United States, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### **S.3556**

**A bill to reauthorize and improve the wildlife crossings program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Alsobrooks, Angela D. \[Sen.-D-MD\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.Res.550**

**A resolution recognizing that climate change is not a hoax, but sound science.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.Res.551**

**A resolution recognizing that sea levels are rising at accelerated rates due to human-caused climate change.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### **S.Res.552**

**A resolution recognizing that oceans are warming due to human-caused climate change.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### **S.Res.553**

**A resolution recognizing that climate change is real.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.Res.554**

**A resolution recognizing the strong link between climate change and skyrocketing insurance premiums.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### **S.Res.555**

**A resolution recognizing that climate change poses a threat to the mortgage market and to home values.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### **S.Res.556**

**A resolution recognizing that Florida's insurance market is gravely stressed by climate risks.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### **S.Res.557**

**A resolution recognizing that climate change portends a cascade of financial market collapses that would destabilize the national and global economies.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([8](#))

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### **S.Res.558**

**A resolution recognizing that climate change-driven extreme weather events are increasing at the same time that the government is dismantling weather monitoring and alert systems.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### **S.Res.559**

**A resolution recognizing that climate change is making wildfires more frequent, more intense, and more destructive.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### **S.Res.560**

**A resolution recognizing that mercury pollution can cause severe health problems, including permanent brain damage, kidney damage, and birth defects.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([8](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.Res.561**

**A resolution recognizing that particulate matter pollution can cause heart attacks, asthma, strokes, and premature death.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.Res.562**

**A resolution recognizing that ozone pollution can cause lung disease, asthma attacks, cardiovascular problems, and reproductive issues.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.Res.563**

**A resolution affirming that the Federal Government should support school district investment in clean school buses.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### **S.Res.564**

**A resolution recognizing the ability of solar, storage, and wind to quickly and cheaply meet United States power demand growth.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.Res.565**

**A resolution recognizing that facilities that produce renewable electricity are the cheapest power-generating facilities to operate and reliance on fossil**



**fuel-generating facilities to meet growing power demand drives up wholesale electricity prices.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **Committee Hearings:**

#### **INDIAN TRIBE LAND**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine [S. 236](#), to amend the Act of August 9, 1955 (commonly known as the “Long-Term Leasing Act”), to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation and land held in trust for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), [S. 1508](#), to confer jurisdiction on the State of Utah with respect to civil causes of action arising on or within the Indian lands of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, [S. 1513](#), to take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, [S. 2735](#), to take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, after receiving testimony from Trina Locke, Directorate of Environmental and Natural Resources, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Brian Weeden, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mashpee, Massachusetts; Tina Gonzales, Shivwits Band of Paiutes, Ivins, Utah; Frances G. Charles, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Port Angeles, Washington; and Regina Cuellar, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Placerville, California.

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**December 16, 2025**

### **House:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[H.R.6758](#)**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a refundable tax credit for residential energy expenditures.**

Sponsor: [McIver, LaMonica \[Rep.-D-NJ-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 12/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### **H.R.6762**

**To prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing any policy that would require the personal approval of the Secretary of any expenditure of the Federal Emergency Management Agency of \$100,000 or more, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Ross, Deborah K. \[Rep.-D-NC-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **Passed House:**

### **H.R.3632**

#### **Power Plant Reliability Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [Griffith, H. Morgan \[Rep.-R-VA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 119-307,Part 2](#), [H. Rept. 119-307](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/16/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### **H.Res.951**

**Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4776) to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to clarify ambiguous provisions and facilitate a more efficient, effective, and timely environmental review process; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1366) to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 845) to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review regulations that may affect the reliable operation of the bulk-power system; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3632) to amend the Federal Power Act to adjust the requirements for orders, rules, and regulations relating to furnishing adequate service, to require owners or operators of generating facilities to provide notice of planned retirements of certain electric generating units, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4371) to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to enhance efforts to combat the trafficking of children.**

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-410](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/16/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### **Committee Hearings:**

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources* held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 301](#), the “Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act”; [H.R. 398](#), the “Geothermal Cost-Recovery Authority Act of 2025”; [H.R. 1077](#), the “Streamlining Thermal Energy through Advanced Mechanisms Act”; [H.R. 1687](#), the “Committing Leases for Energy Access Now Act”; [H.R. 5576](#), the “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act”; [H.R. 5587](#), the “Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act”; [H.R. 5617](#), the “Geothermal Gold Book Development Act”; [H.R. 5631](#), the “Geothermal Ombudsman for National Deployment and Optimal Reviews Act”; and [H.R. 5638](#), the “Geothermal Royalty Reform Act”. Testimony was heard from Lee of Nevada, Ansari, Hurd of Colorado, Maloy, Kennedy of Utah, and Fulcher; Jon Raby, Nevada State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### **AMERICAN RESILIENCE: EXAMINING THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business: Full Committee* held a [hearing](#) entitled “American Resilience: Examining the SBA Disaster Assistance Program”. Testimony was heard from Chris Stallings, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration.

### **Senate:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[S.3493](#)**

**A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Carson City, Nevada, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rosen, Jacky \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.3496**

**A bill to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cornyn, John \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

### **S.3497**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for disaster mitigation expenditures.**

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **S.3498**

**A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to make adjustments to the environmental quality incentives program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### **S.3499**

**A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare periodic assessments and submit reports on the supply chain for the generation and transmission of electricity, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.3500**

**A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to annually submit to Congress a report on the status of ongoing hydropower relicensing applications.**

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.3503**

**A bill to reauthorize and improve the wildlife crossings program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.3506**

**A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the use of fire management assistance grants for debris removal, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### **S.3509**

**A bill to provide for debt reduction for developing countries for purposes of developing resilience, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Passed Senate:**

### **H.R.131**

**Finish the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act**

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-187](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.

### **H.R.187**

**MAPWaters Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [Moore, Blake D. \[Rep.-R-UT-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)  
Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources  
Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote

### [H.R.1043](#)

#### **La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act**

Sponsor: [Gosar, Paul A. \[Rep.-R-AZ-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)  
Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources  
Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-183](#)  
Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.

### [S.594](#)

#### **HELP Response and Recovery Act**

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)  
Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

### [S.861](#)

#### **Disaster Assistance Simplification Act**

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)  
Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Latest Action: Senate - 12/16/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

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**December 15, 2025**

**House:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

### [H.R.6709](#)

#### **To amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to reestablish an office relating to fusion.**

Sponsor: [Beyer, Donald S. \[Rep.-D-VA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)  
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 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.

### **Bills Reported:**

#### **[H.R.4776](#)**

##### **SPEED Act**

Sponsor: [Westerman, Bruce \[Rep.-R-AR-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([14](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-395](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Supplemental report filed by the Committee on Natural Resources, [H. Rept. 119-395](#), Part II.

### **Passed House:**

#### **[H.R.972](#)**

##### **Sloan Canyon Conservation and Lateral Pipeline Act**

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-279](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

#### **[H.R.1045](#)**

##### **Utah Wildfire Research Institute Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [Kennedy, Mike \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-280](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

#### **[H.R.1098](#)**

##### **To reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.**

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.2400](#)

#### **Pit River Land Transfer Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-289](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.2815](#)

#### **Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [Begich, Nicholas \[Rep.-R-AK-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-354](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.2876](#)

#### **University of Utah Research Park Act**

Sponsor: [Moore, Blake D. \[Rep.-R-UT-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-290](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.3176](#)

#### **To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System.**

Sponsor: [Begich, Nicholas J. \[Rep.-R-AK-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-291](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.3187](#)

#### **To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Hill, J. French \[Rep.-R-AR-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-292](#)



Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.3620](#)

#### **Southcentral Foundation Land Transfer Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [Begich, Nicholas J. \[Rep.-R-AK-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.3872](#)

#### **MERICA Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [Fallon, Pat \[Rep.-R-TX-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-357](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.3962](#)

#### **ESTUARIES Act**

Sponsor: [Figures, Shomari \[Rep.-D-AL-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([26](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-400](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [S.216](#)

#### **Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act**

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-12](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [S.2878](#)

#### **Great Lakes Fishery Research Reauthorization Act**

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: House - 12/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## **Senate:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[S.3475](#)**

**A bill to authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim in the State of New York, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/15/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### **[S.3478](#)**

**A bill to assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land.**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/15/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

### **Passed Senate:**

#### **[S.550](#)**

**A bill to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Mullin, Markwayne \[Sen.-R-OK\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-76](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/15/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

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**December 12, 2025**