Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | December 1 - December 5, 2025

The House Natural Resources Committee advanced the *ePermit Act* (H.R.4503), introduced by Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) and Scott Peters (D-Calif.). The bill aims to <u>modernize</u> and streamline the permitting process by transitioning to a fully-electronic permitting system.

Reps. April McClain Delaney (D-Md.) and Gabe Evans (R-Colo.) introduced the *Rural Recovery Act* (H.R.6462) to support rural communities impacted by disasters. The bill would direct the U.S. Department of Agriculture to establish a program focused on providing timely and effective support to rural communities affected by natural disasters. To learn more about disaster recovery, check out EESI's Rapid Readout on the future of the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

Reps. Kristen McDonald Rivet (D-Mich.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Emilia Sykes (D-Ohio), Rob Bresnahan (R-Pa.), and Tony Wied (R-Wis.) introduced the *Affordable Clean Water Infrastructure Act* (H.R.6464). This bill aims to <u>support</u> clean water infrastructure projects in rural, low-income, and high-need communities by strengthening the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, a federal-state financing program for water infrastructure projects.

Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), joined by Sens. Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Tim Sheehy (R-Wyo.), and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), introduced <u>S.3372</u>, a bill to <u>make</u> existing tax exemptions permanent for wildfire survivors. Current tax exemptions passed by Congress are set to expire at the end of 2025. This bill would extend existing protections to allow homeowners tax payments on wildfire payouts.

December 5, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.6491

To amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to allow funding recipients to assume certain responsibilities relating to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Sponsor: <u>Kennedy, Mike [Rep.-R-UT-3]</u> Cosponsors: (<u>0</u>) Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

December 4, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.6422

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain EPA geographic programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Stauber, Pete [Rep.-R-MN-8]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure.

H.R.6432

To amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize brownfields revitalization funding, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Davids, Sharice [Rep.-D-KS-3]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and

Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction

H.R.6436

To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to allow for the advance payment of assistance under Tree Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Edwards, Chuck [Rep.-R-NC-11] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.6462

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide to rural communities technical assistance in recovering from disasters, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: McClain Delaney, April [Rep.-D-MD-6] Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.6463

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to open applications for the Next Generation Warning System grants of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for not less than 30 days each year, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: McClain Delaney, April [Rep.-D-MD-6] Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure.

H.R.6464

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide additional financial assistance to rural, small, and tribal publicly owned treatment works, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: McDonald Rivet, Kristen [Rep.-D-MI-8] Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure.

H.R.6468

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize rural residency planning and development grant programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Miller, Carol D. [Rep.-R-WV-1] Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.Res.927

Declaring support by the House of Representatives for Design for Recycling (DFR) initiatives that limit all types of waste by encouraging manufacturers to design their products to have the maximum number of recyclable components.

Sponsor: Correa, J. Luis [Rep.-D-CA-46] Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce

Bills Reported:

H.R.573

Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act

Sponsor: Yakym, Rudy [Rep.-R-IN-2] Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Natural Resources Committee Report: H. Rept. 119-393

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 342.

H.R.4503

ePermit Act

Sponsor: <u>Johnson</u>, <u>Dusty [Rep.-R-SD-At Large]</u> Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Natural Resources Committee Report: H. Rept. 119-392

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 341.

H.R.4776

SPEED Act

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 344.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3363

A bill to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to publish information related to public assistance awards, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Moody, Ashley [Sen.-R-FL] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S.3372

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude qualified wildfire relief payments from gross income, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Padilla, Alex [Sen.-D-CA] Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR <u>S8514</u>)

December 3, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.6373

To amend the Clean Air Act to establish authority for the President to waive the requirement for an advanced manufacturing facility or a critical mineral facility to offset increased emissions of any air pollutant, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Palmer, Gary J. [Rep.-R-AL-6] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce

H.R.6378

To confirm and clarify the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's obligation to assess and mitigate the impacts to climate change and environmental justice communities from projects approved pursuant to the Natural Gas Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Casten, Sean [Rep.-D-IL-6]</u> Cosponsors: (<u>5</u>)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.6380

To establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Ciscomani, Juan [Rep.-R-AZ-6]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.6386

To limit engagement with the Government of Mexico unless Mexico provides water to the United States pursuant to its obligations under the Treaty relating to the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande.

Sponsor: <u>De La Cruz, Monica [Rep.-R-TX-15]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 12/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.R.6387

To amend the Clean Air Act to require revisions to regulations governing the review and handling of air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events or actions to mitigate wildfire risk.

Sponsor: <u>Evans</u>, <u>Gabe [Rep.-R-CO-8]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.6388

Conservation Reserve Program Modernization Act

Sponsor: Finstad, Brad [Rep.-R-MN-1] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 12/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.6398

To amend the Clean Air Act relating to review by the Environmental Protection Agency of proposed legislation.

Sponsor: <u>Joyce, John [Rep.-R-PA-13]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.6409

To amend the Clean Air Act to clarify standards for emissions emanating from outside of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Pfluger, August [Rep.-R-TX-11] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Committee Hearings:

UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE AND EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a <u>hearing</u> entitled "Unleashing American Energy Dominance and Exploring New Frontiers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1343, the "Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act"; H.R. 1588, the "Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act"; H.R. 1665, the "DIGITAL Applications Act"; H.R. 1681, the "Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Act"; H.R. 1731, the "Standard FEES Act"; H.R. 6046, the "Broadband and Telecommunications RAIL Act"; H.R. 2289, the "American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025"; H.R. 3474, the "Federal Mechanical Insulation Act"; H.R. 3699, the "Energy Choice Act"; H.R. 5184, the "Affordable Housing Over Mandating Efficiency Standards Act"; H.R. 4690, the "Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act"; H.R. 4593, the "Saving Homeowners from Overregulation With Exceptional Rinsing Act"; H.R. 4758, the "Homeowner Energy Freedom Act"; H.R. 4626, the "Don't Mess with My Home Appliances Act"; and H.R. 1355, the "Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act of 2025". H.R. 1343, H.R. 1588, H.R. 1665, H.R. 1681, H.R. 1731, H.R. 6046, H.R. 2289, H.R. 3474, H.R. 3699, H.R. 5184, H.R. 4690, H.R. 4593, H.R. 4758, and H.R. 4626 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1355 was ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3316

A bill to establish the Waterway Permit Section 404 Assignment program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Husted, Jon [Sen.-R-OH]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works Latest Action: Senate - 12/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.3317

A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review all clean water-related technical assistance authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Husted, Jon [Sen.-R-OH]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

S.3320

A bill to prohibit the procurement of solar panels manufactured or assembled in the People's Republic of China.

Sponsor: <u>Scott, Rick [Sen.-R-FL]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S.3324

A bill to confirm and clarify the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's obligation to assess and mitigate the impacts to climate change and environmental justice communities from projects approved pursuant to the Natural Gas Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Durbin, Richard J. [Sen.-D-IL]</u> Cosponsors: (4) Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

S.3335

A bill to reestablish the National Coal Council in the Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Hoeven, John [Sen.-R-ND]</u> Cosponsors: (6) Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

December 2, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.6352

To preclude repeat litigation involving energy projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Balderson</u>, <u>Troy [Rep.-R-OH-12]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 12/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R.6353

To waive certain requirements under section 306018 of title 54, United States Code, with respect to undertakings to upgrade public water systems and treatment works.

Sponsor: <u>Bice, Stephanie I. [Rep.-R-OK-5]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Natural

Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/02/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions

H.R.6357

To amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act to provide for further transparency of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Cohen, Steve [Rep.-D-TN-9]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure.

Committee Hearings:

SECURING AMERICA'S ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE: ADDRESSING CYBER AND PHYSICAL THREATS TO THE GRID

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a <u>hearing</u> entitled "Securing America's Energy Infrastructure: Addressing Cyber and Physical Threats to the Grid". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 4671, the "Ensuring Casualty Assistance for our Firefighters Act"; H.R. 4931, the "National Park System Long-Term Lease Investment Act"; H.R. 5063, the "Safe Beaches, Safe Swimmers Act"; H.R. 5103, the "Make the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Act"; and H.R. 5254, the "Gateway Partnership Act of 2025". Testimony was heard from Representatives Murphy, Kiggans of Virginia, and McGuire; Robert D. MacLean, Director, Office of Law Enforcement and Security, Department of the Interior; Denise Bowden, Mayor, Chincoteague, Virginia; and public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3297

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily reinstate the biodiesel fuels credit, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 12/02/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance.

S.3305

A bill to preclude repeat litigation involving energy projects, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Judiciary

Latest Action: Senate - 12/02/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the

Judiciary.

Committee Hearings:

PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine <u>S. 90</u>, to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to finalize and implement certain travel management plans in the State of Utah, <u>S. 91</u>, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, <u>S. 140</u>, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, <u>S. 451</u>, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to eliminate an administrative fee, <u>S. 764</u>, to provide

for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, <u>S. 790</u>, to redesignate the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, as the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center", S. 888, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, <u>S. 902</u>, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to establish a standard for the response time to wildfire incidents, S. 945, to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, S. 1005, to provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, S. 1175, to amend section 6903 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for additional population tiers, <u>S. 1195</u>, to promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, S. 1228, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to modify the cost-sharing requirement for conservation projects carried out by a qualified youth or conservation corps, S. 1319, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 1341, to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, S. 1321, to amend the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 to provide for the transfer of the Moab site to Grand County, Utah, S. 1363, to provide for greater cooperation and coordination between the Federal Government and the governing bodies and community users of land grant-mercedes in New Mexico relating to historical or traditional uses of certain land grant-mercedes on Federal public land, S. 1468, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek. Incorporated, is recognized as a Village Corporation under that Act, S. 1476, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River system in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, S. 1737, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1860, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Brian Head Town, Utah, certain National Forest System land, <u>S. 2016</u>, to exchange non-Federal land held by the Chugach Alaska Corporation for certain Federal Land in the Chugach Region, S. 2033, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on existing programs, rules, and authorities that enable or inhibit wildfire mitigation across land

ownership boundaries on Federal and non-Federal land, <u>S. 2042</u>, to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System, <u>S. 2262</u>, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to clarify the nature of public investment for purposes of certain rulemaking, and <u>S. 2273</u>, to amend the Act of July 10, 1890, to modify certain provisions relating to the disposal of public land in the State of Wyoming for educational purposes.

December 1, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.6336

To prohibit the allocation of costs for a certain transmission facility to consumers of a State the public officials of which did not expressly consent to such transmission facility, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Fedorchak, Julie [Rep.-R-ND-At Large] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce

H.R.6341

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to covered entities to develop, modify, or implement climate adaptation and climate mitigation proposals on agricultural land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Schrier, Kim [Rep.-D-WA-8] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 12/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.6342

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for common interest communities, condominiums, and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Steube, W. Gregory [Rep.-R-FL-17] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure.

H.R.6343

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to extend education grant programs for Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Tokuda, Jill N. [Rep.-D-HI-2] Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 12/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3282

A bill to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to significant actions that exacerbate climate change, to reinforce comprehensive efforts to limit global average temperature rise, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Markey, Edward J. [Sen.-D-MA]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.3284

A bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to allow funding recipients to assume certain responsibilities relating to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Sponsor: <u>Lee, Mike [Sen.-R-UT]</u> Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.3287

A bill to prohibit the allocation of costs for certain electric transmission facilities to consumers in a State the public officials of which did not expressly consent to the transmission facility, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Cramer, Kevin [Sen.-R-ND]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

S.3293

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026

Sponsor: <u>Kennedy, John [Sen.-R-LA]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Appropriations

Latest Action: Senate - 12/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Appropriations.