

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | February 2 - February 6, 2026

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce advanced the *Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act* ([H.R.1355](#)). Rep. Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.) and bipartisan cosponsors reintroduced the bill, which [reauthorizes](#) the Weatherization Assistance Program and establishes the Weatherization Readiness Program. The two programs would promote household weather resilience and energy efficiency while lowering utility bills. EESI's 2024 Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO [panel](#) highlighted initiatives across the private sector and federal government to promote energy efficiency.

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce also reported the *Federal Mechanical Insulation Act* ([H.R.3474](#)) out to the House floor. The bill, reintroduced by Rep. Randy Weber Sr. (R-Texas) and Linda Sánchez (D-Calif.), [supports](#) energy efficiency measures in federal buildings, specifically through mechanical insulation, which provides long-term energy efficiency and offers co-benefits of reduced emissions, lower energy bills, job creation, and improved safety.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation advanced the *Fighting Foreign Illegal Seafood Harvest (FISH) Act of 2025* ([S.688](#)). Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-Ark.) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) introduced the bill to [combat](#) foreign illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU)—which contributes to fishery depletion and threatens economic and food security—by bolstering U.S. Coast Guard enforcement capacity, blacklisting offending vessels from U.S. ports and waters, and advancing international negotiations. Reps. Nick Begich (R-Alaska), Seth Magaziner (D-R.I.), and Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas) introduced companion legislation ([H.R.3756](#)) in the House.

February 6, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.

February 5, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.7397

To require the Secretary of the Army to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the water and wastewater infrastructure modernization needs of Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hernández, Pablo Jose \[Resident Commissioner-D-PR-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 02/05/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

H.R.7405

To direct the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on using highway rights-of-way and rail rights-of-way as locations on which to construct high-voltage transmission infrastructure, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mullin, Kevin \[Rep.-D-CA-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/05/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.7408

Water Project Navigators Act

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/05/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3785

A bill to authorize direct emergency acquisition flexibilities for the National Park Service and Forest Service for the purpose of retaining, vetting, approving, and expediting contractor approval for the clearing, rebuilding, maintenance, and improvement of areas of the Grand Canyon National Park and Kaibab National Forest damaged by certain wildfires, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

S.3786

A bill to limit spending from the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

S.3791

A bill to reauthorize Regional Ocean Partnerships, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wicker, Roger F. \[Sen.-R-MS\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 02/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

S.3792

A bill to provide for the establishment of a Water Project Navigators Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

S.3795

A bill to establish the Radar Next Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cantwell, Maria \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 02/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

S.3796

A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish an Ohio River Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fetterman, John \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

[S.3800](#)

A bill to improve environmental reviews and authorizations through the use of interactive, digital, and cloud-based platforms, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7348](#)

To require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to provide an opportunity for public notice and comment with respect to land protection plans.

Sponsor: [Arrington, Jodey C. \[Rep.-R-TX-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

[H.R.7355](#)

To provide for the disclosure and sharing of certain policy and claims information under the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Dean, Madeleine \[Rep.-D-PA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services

[H.R.7370](#)

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to prepare a report on reuse and refill systems, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.7376

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

H.R.7384

To amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit the use of hydrogen fluoride (hydrofluoric acid) at petroleum refineries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Waters, Maxine \[Rep.-D-CA-43\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Bills Reported:**H.R.1355**

Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Tonko, Paul \[Rep.-D-NY-20\]](#) Cosponsors: (21)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 410

H.R.1588

Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act

Sponsor: [Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[Rep.-R-IA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

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

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 119-486, Part I

H.R.1665

DIGITAL Applications Act

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

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

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 416

H.R.3474

Federal Mechanical Insulation Act

Sponsor: [Weber, Randy K. Sr. \[Rep.-R-TX-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (36)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 411

[H.R.3699](#)

Energy Choice Act

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: ([157](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 412

[H.R.4690](#)

Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 413

[H.R.4758](#)

Homeowner Energy Freedom Act

Sponsor: [Goldman, Craig A. \[Rep.-R-TX-12\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 414

Passed House:

[H.R.4090](#)

Critical Mineral Dominance Act

Sponsor: [Stauber, Pete \[Rep.-R-MN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-387](#)

Latest Action: House - 02/04/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection

Committee Hearings:

EVALUATING FIRSTNET: PERFORMANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a [hearing](#) entitled "Evaluating FirstNet: Performance, Accountability, and Reauthorization". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a [hearing](#) on H.R. 3276, the “Local Communities and Bird Habitat Stewardship Act of 2025”; H.R. 6021, the “Archie Cavanaugh Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act”; H.R. 6568, the “Lower Yellowstone River Native Fish Conservation Act”; and H.R. 7159, the “Protecting Local Zoos Act of 2026”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar, Begich, and Downing; and public witnesses.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a [markup](#) on H.R. 7305, the “Energy Threat Analysis Center Act of 2026”; H.R. 7258, the “Energy Emergency Leadership Act”; H.R. 7257, the “Securing Community Upgrades for a Resilient Grid Act”; H.R. 7272, the “Pipeline Cybersecurity Preparedness Act”; and H.R. 7266, the “Rural and Municipal Utility Cybersecurity Act”. H.R. 7305, H.R. 7258, H.R. 7257, and H.R. 7272 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 7266 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.3778](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the carbon oxide sequestration credit to include solid or liquid carbon capture facilities.

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

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 02/04/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

[S.J.Res.106](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category-Deadline Extensions".

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/04/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

Committee Hearings:

AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine identifying and addressing cybersecurity challenges to protect America's water infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Scott Simonton, Marshall University Institute for Cyber Security, Charleston, West Virginia; Matt Odermann, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association, Perth, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association; and Scott Dewhirst, Fairfax Water, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies.

EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a [hearing](#) to examine European energy security, after receiving testimony from Geoffrey R. Pyatt, Atlantic Council Energy Center, and Dan Byers, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Energy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Other Committee Meetings:

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably [reported](#) the following business items: S. 90, to prohibit Interior funds for certain Utah travel management plans (with substitute amendment); S. 91, to improve Federal wildfire activities (with substitute amendment); S. 290, to upgrade existing National Park System emergency communications centers to Next Generation 9-1-1; S. 291, to establish an interest-bearing account for non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program; S. 446, to prohibit Big Cypress National Preserve wilderness designation (with substitute amendment and title amendment); S. 700 and H.R. 837, to require Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona (with amendment); S. 790, to redesignate the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center as the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center"; S. 1321, to transfer the Moab site to Grand County, Utah, by amending the Strom Thurmond NDAA for FY 1999 (with amendment); S. 1353, to extend authority for modifications to the Second Division Memorial, DC (with amendment); S. 1516, to authorize Interior to study Cahokia, Emerald, and Pulcher Mounds in Illinois (with substitute amendment); S. 1518 and H.R. 1550, to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park; and S. 2881, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in California (with amendment).

February 3, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7329](#)

To amend the Energy Act of 2020, the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and the Mineral Leasing Act to streamline the leasing and permitting processes of Federal agencies for certain energy and mineral projects, to clarify Federal authorization requirements for certain projects on non-Federal land, to establish enforceable Federal authorization timelines and expedited judicial remedies, to limit Federal actions halting fully permitted projects, to create a de-risking compensation program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Harder, Josh \[Rep.-D-CA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Science, Space, and Technology; Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 02/03/2026 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.7330](#)

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to reestablish the Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hinson, Ashley \[Rep.-R-IA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/03/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.7331](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a project to supply municipal, rural, and industrial water to the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System service area in the States of South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Johnson, Dusty \[Rep.-R-SD-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/03/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.7332

To amend the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for a mapping, surveying, monitoring, and mitigation program for migratory whales and other large cetaceans.

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: ([21](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 02/03/2026 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

H.R.7338

To amend title 49, United States Code, to codify the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sykes, Emilia Strong \[Rep.-D-OH-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 02/03/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Committee Hearings:

FIX OUR FORESTS: THE NEED FOR URGENT ACTION ONE YEAR AFTER THE L.A. WILDFIRES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) entitled "Fix Our Forests: The Need for Urgent Action One Year After the L.A. Wildfires". Testimony was heard from Steve Crowder, Mayor, Paradise, California; and public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Reported:

S.688

FISH Act of 2025

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 02/03/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 313

Committee Hearings:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held an [oversight hearing](#) on the Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from John Walk, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION: ADVANCING AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ENERGY FOR ALL AMERICANS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a [hearing](#) entitled "Oversight of FERC: Advancing Affordable and Reliable Energy for All Americans". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Judy Chang, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; David LaCerte, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; David Rosner, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Lindsay S. See, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Laura V. Swett, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7305](#)

Energy Threat Analysis Center Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Castor, Kathy \[Rep.-D-FL-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/02/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R.7318](#)

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to expand the national organic certification cost-share program into a comprehensive organic program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/02/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture

Bills Reported:

[H.R.2072](#)

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to commence construction of certain hydropower projects.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([9](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/02/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 408

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.3759](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the special rate calculation of the clean fuel production credit with respect to sustainable aviation fuel, and to extend the credit through 2033.

Sponsor: [Moran, Jerry \[Sen.-R-KS\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 02/02/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance