

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | January 19 - January 23, 2026

The President enacted the *Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of 2026* ([H.R.6938](#)), originally led through Congress by Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.). Appropriations for energy and water development include those for flood risk mitigation, hurricane damage mitigation, and long-term water availability projects. In addition to funding local wastewater, sewage, and irrigation projects, interior and environment appropriations will also fund renewable energy workforce training in Alaska, among other projects.

Reps. Wesley Bell (D-Mo.) and John Mannion, John (D-N.Y.) introduced [H.R.7197](#). The bill would amend the *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA) ([P.L.117-169](#)) to improve access to home energy efficiency rebates. Check out EESI's [recent briefing](#) to learn more about changes to the IRA's energy efficiency incentives, and our [Rapid Readout](#) to learn how the ENERGY STAR program has bolstered home energy efficiency and energy bill savings.

Rep. Angie Craig (D-Minn.), alongside 20 Democrat sponsors, introduced the *Farm and Family Relief Act* ([H.R.7206](#)) to [deliver](#) over \$29 billion in economic assistance to family farmers affected by higher costs of living. To learn more about federal support for agricultural workers, check out EESI's [Farm Bill](#) resources.

January 23, 2025

House:

Bills Enacted:

[H.R.6938](#)

Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026

Sponsor: [Cole, Tom \[Rep.-R-OK-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Appropriations; Budget

Latest Action: 01/23/2026 Signed by President.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

January 22, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7195](#)

Timber Harvesters, Haulers, and Landowners Market Disruptions Relief Act

Sponsor: [Allen, Rick W. \[Rep.-R-GA-12\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.7197](#)

To amend Public Law 117-169 to improve access to home energy-efficiency rebates for working families, renters, and owners of older homes, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bell, Wesley \[Rep.-D-MO-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/22/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.7203](#)

To establish a grant program for States to support individuals participating in semiconductor-related workforce programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bynum, Janelle S. \[Rep.-D-OR-5\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Education and Workforce; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/22/2026 Referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.7206](#)

To provide for economic assistance to agricultural producers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Craig, Angie \[Rep.-D-MN-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([20](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Ways and Means; Budget

Latest Action: House - 01/22/2026 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.7208

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit a report assessing vulnerabilities to the electric grid in the United States from certain Internet-connected devices and applications, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Crenshaw, Dan \[Rep.-R-TX-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Foreign Affairs; Oversight and Government Reform; Ways and Means; Intelligence (Permanent Select); Homeland Security

Latest Action: House - 01/22/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform, Ways and Means, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Passed House:

H.Res.375

Expressing support for the designation of May 2025 as "Renewable Fuels Month" to recognize the important role that renewable fuels play in reducing carbon impacts, lowering fuel prices for consumers, supporting rural communities, and lessening reliance on foreign adversaries.

Sponsor: [Nunn, Zachary \[Rep.-R-IA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (15)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/22/2026 Pursuant to the provisions of [H. Res. 1014](#), [H. Res. 375](#) is considered passed House as amended.

Committee Hearings:

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Mine Safety and Health Administration". Testimony was heard from Wayne Palmer, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor.

CHEMICALS IN COMMERCE: LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO MODERNIZE AMERICA'S CHEMICAL SAFETY LAW, STRENGTHEN CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAINS, AND GROW DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a [hearing](#) entitled “Chemicals in Commerce: Legislative Proposal to Modernize America's Chemical Safety Law, Strengthen Critical Supply Chains, and Grow Domestic Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEEP DIVE: EXAMINING THE REGULATORY AND STATUTORY BARRIERS TO DEEP SEA MINING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a [hearing](#) entitled “Deep Dive: Examining the Regulatory and Statutory Barriers to Deep Sea Mining”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONWIDE CONSUMER AND FUEL RETAILER CHOICE ACT OF 2025

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1346](#), the “Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act of 2025”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Palmer, Landsman, Smith of Nebraska, Budzinski, Hageman, Feenstra, and Miller-Meeks.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on...[H.R. 2130](#), the “Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act of 2025”; ...[H.R. 3340](#), the “Modernizing Access to Our Public Oceans Act”; [H.R. 4294](#), the “Mitigation Action and Watermen Support Act of 2025”; [H.R. 5254](#), the “Gateway Partnership Act of 2025”; [H.R. 5729](#), the “North Rim Restoration Act of 2025”; and [H.R. 6365](#), the “Wintergreen Emergency Egress Act”. [H.R. 2130](#) [was] ordered reported, without amendment. ...[H.R. 4294](#), [H.R. 5254](#), [H.R. 5729](#), and [H.R. 6365](#) were ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

January 21, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7181](#)

To amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the exemption for replacement parts, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hudson, Richard \[Rep.-R-NC-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/21/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.7188](#)

To improve housing and environmental health and safety protections for members of the Armed Forces and their families residing in military family housing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 01/21/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Passed House:

[H.J.Res.140](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to Public Land Order No. 7917 for Withdrawal of Federal Lands; Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, MN.

Sponsor: [Stauber, Pete \[Rep.-R-MN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/21/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

EXPLORE AMERICA250: CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF THE EXPANDING PUBLIC LANDS OUTDOOR RECREATION EXPERIENCES ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) entitled "EXPLORE America250: Celebrating One Year of the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act". Testimony was heard from Gordon Blum,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department Of Agriculture; Jason Curry, Director, Division of Outdoor Recreation, Department of Natural Resources, Utah; Thomas Heinlein, Acting Utah State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

AMERICA FIRST: U.S. LEADERSHIP AND NATIONAL SECURITY IN INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a [hearing](#) entitled "America First: U.S. Leadership and National Security in International Conservation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMPOWERING RURAL AMERICA THROUGH INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy, and Supply Chains held a [hearing](#) entitled "Empowering Rural America Through Investment in Innovation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 6409](#), the "FENCES Act"; [H.R. 4218](#), the "CLEAR Act"; [H.R. 6387](#), the "FIRE Act"; [H.R. 4214](#), the "Clean Air and Building Infrastructure Improvement Act"; [H.R. 161](#), the "New Source Review Permitting Improvement Act"; [H.R. 6373](#), the "Air Permitting Improvements to Protect National Security Act"; [H.R. 6398](#), the "Reducing and Eliminating Duplicative Environmental Regulations Act"; [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; [and] [H.R. 5200](#), the "Emergency Reporting Act"; . [H.R. 6409](#), [H.R. 4218](#), [H.R. 6387](#), [H.R. 4214](#), [H.R. 6373](#), [H.R. 6398](#), [H.R. 2072](#), [and] [H.R. 5200](#)...were ordered reported, without amendment. [H.R. 161](#) was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on...[H.R. 6618](#), the "Wildfire Aerial Response Safety Act" [and other bills]. ...[H.R. 6618](#) [was] ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

January 20, 2025

No environmental or energy related activity in the House or Senate today.

January 19, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.