

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | January 26 - January 30, 2026

The House and Senate introduced the *Santini-Burton Modernization Act* ([H.R.7255/S.3695](#)) to increase funding to protect the environmentally sensitive Tahoe Basin, including by improving lake clarity, mitigating impacts from recreation, and reducing wildfire risk. Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-Calif.), along with co-sponsors Reps. Dina Titus (D-Nev.) and Susie Lee (D-NV), introduced the bill in the House. Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), and Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) introduced the bill in the Senate.

Reps. Bob Latta (R-Ohio) and Doris Matsui (D-Calif.) introduced the *Securing Community Upgrades for a Resilient Grid Act* (SECURE Grid Act) ([H.R.7257](#)) to safeguard the country's energy infrastructure. The bill would require states to assess electric grid risks from extreme weather, aging infrastructure, and cyber threats in their respective State Energy Security Plans, which are submitted annually to receive State Energy Program funds. To learn more, check out EESI's [briefing](#) on grid resilience.

Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and John Curtis (R-Utah) introduced the *Large-Scale Water Recycling Reauthorization Act* ([S.3693](#)). The bill would extend the Bureau of Reclamation's Large-Scale Water Recycling Program, which supports large-scale water recycling projects in the Colorado River Basin and the rest of the western United States. Reps. Susie Lee (D-Nev.) and Juan Ciscomani (R-Ariz.) introduced the House version of the bill ([H.R.6204](#)) in November.

Sens. Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), and Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) introduced the *Water Security and Drought Resilience Act* ([S.3732](#)) to strengthen drought preparedness and recovery infrastructure. The bill would reauthorize the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Small Storage Program*, which funds small surface water and groundwater storage, and create a grant program for projects that increase water availability.

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**January 30, 2025**

**House:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

[H.R.7282](#)

**To incentivize States not to enact costly, burdensome, and unreasonable energy code housing policies, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Crank, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 01/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

#### **H.R.7287**

**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 expand the capacity and reach of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota.**

Sponsor: [Johnson, Dusty \[Rep.-R-SD-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

#### **H.R.7288**

**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 from the Missouri River to the Western Dakota Regional Water System, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

#### **H.R.7298**

**To amend the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012 to alter project eligibility for the transit-oriented development planning grant program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Simon, Lateefah \[Rep.-D-CA-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### **H.R.7301**

**To provide for the development of transportation demand management strategies, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Strickland, Marilyn \[Rep.-D-WA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

**Bills Reported:**

**H.R.4626**

**Don't Mess With My Home Appliances Act**

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/30/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 401

**Senate:**

**Bills Reported:**

**S.2245**

**A bill to amend the Digital Coast Act to improve the acquisition, integration, and accessibility of data of the Digital Coast program and to extend the program.**

Sponsor: [Baldwin, Tammy \[Sen.-D-WI\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/30/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 310.

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**January 29, 2025**

**House:**

The House did not meet today.

**Senate:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**S.3722**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and extend certain tax credits to incentivize energy efficiency.**

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

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**S.3723**

**A bill 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 from the Missouri River to the Western Dakota Regional Water System, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Thune, John \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**S.3725**

**A bill 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 expand the capacity and reach of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc. (doing business as "Lewis & Clark Regional Water System"), in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota.**

Sponsor: [Thune, John \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**S.3728**

**A bill to remove the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation consider the committed or anticipated non-Federal funding for long distance intercity passenger rail routes under the Corridor Identification and Development Program.**

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

**S.3732**

**A bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to authorize assistance under the storage program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**S.3736**

**A bill 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: [Rounds, Mike \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**S.3737**

**A bill to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible entities for the conduct of innovative approaches to voluntary water partnership agreements among multiple water users and projects conducted by individual agricultural entities, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**S.3738**

**A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the large-scale water recycling and reuse program, to establish a Water Conveyance Improvement Program, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**S.3743**

**A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a feasibility study on a selective water withdrawal system at Glen Canyon Dam, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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**January 28, 2025**

**House:**

The House did not meet today.

**Senate:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**S.3708**

**A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**S.3711**

**A bill to establish the Climate Financial Risk Committee and Climate Financial Risk Advisory Committee on the Financial Stability Oversight Council.**

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**S.3713**

**A bill to require the advice and consent of the Senate for entry or reentry into any international climate agreement, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (23)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### **S.3715**

**A bill to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **S.3717**

**A bill 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: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### **S.3718**

**A bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to establish a pilot program to award grants to facilitate home delivery of commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### **S.3720**

**A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bay Area Ridge as a national scenic trail, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Schiff, Adam B. \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **Committee Hearings:**

## FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING PROCESS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine improving the Federal environmental review and permitting process, part 2, after receiving testimony from Brendan Bechtel, Bechtel, Reston, Virginia, on behalf of Business Roundtable's Smart Regulation Committee; Brent Booker, Laborers' International Union of North America, Dustin Meyer, American Petroleum Institute, and Abigail Ross Hopper, Solar Energy Industries Association, Washington, D.C.; and David Terry, National Association of State Energy Officials.

## PALISADES FIRE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations* concluded a [hearing](#) to examine one year after disaster, focusing on the Palisades fire, after receiving testimony from Patrick Butler, Redondo Beach Fire Department Fire Chief and Harbor Master, Redondo Beach, California; Rick Crawford, Los Angeles Fire Department, Washington, D.C.; and Spencer Hawkins, International Association of Emergency Managers, Macon, Georgia.

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**January 27, 2025**

**House:**

### Bills Introduced:

#### [\*\*H.R.7245\*\*](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the mass timber plant investment credit, the mass timber workforce development credit, and the mass timber construction credit.

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

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

#### [\*\*H.R.7246\*\*](#)

To establish the Climate Financial Risk Committee and Climate Financial Risk Advisory Committee on the Financial Stability Oversight Council.

Sponsor: [Casten, Sean \[Rep.-D-IL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services

**H.R.7248**

**To require the Corps of Engineers to take certain actions with respect to rental amounts and administrative fees charged to certain marinas, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Comer, James \[Rep.-R-KY-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

**H.R.7249**

**To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to establish additional considerations with regard to the adequacy of permit performance bonds, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Deluzio, Christopher R. \[Rep.-D-PA-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

**H.R.7250**

**To reauthorize the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000.**

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

**H.R.7254**

**To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bay Area Ridge National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

**H.R.7255**

**To amend Public Law 96-586 to modernize the authority of the Forest Service to acquire and administer land under that Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Kiley, Kevin \[Rep.-R-CA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

#### [H.R.7257](#)

##### **SECURE Grid Act**

Sponsor: [Latta, Robert E. \[Rep.-R-OH-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

#### [H.R.7258](#)

##### **Energy Emergency Leadership Act**

Sponsor: [Lee, Laurel M. \[Rep.-R-FL-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### [H.R.7262](#)

**To authorize the Secretary of Education to make payments to State educational agencies to provide immediate services or assistance to local educational agencies and non-public schools that serve an area in which a major disaster or emergency has been declared, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Mannion, John W. \[Rep.-D-NY-22\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce

#### [H.R.7264](#)

**To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for floodplain easement restoration and management, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Messmer, Mark B. \[Rep.-R-IN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture

#### [H.R.7266](#)

##### **Rural and Municipal Utility Cybersecurity Act**

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### [H.R.7268](#)

**To allow the Secretary of the Army to carry out authorized water development projects that address contaminated sediments pursuant to a joint remediation plan developed in coordination with the non-Federal interest and approved by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Pou, Nellie \[Rep.-D-NJ-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 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.

#### [H.R.7272](#)

**Pipeline Cybersecurity Preparedness Act**

Sponsor: [Weber, Randy K. Sr. \[Rep.-R-TX-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

### **Senate:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

##### [S.3693](#)

**Large-Scale Water Recycling Reauthorization Act**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/27/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

##### [S.3694](#)

**A bill to provide for the development of transportation demand management strategies, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Blunt Rochester, Lisa \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 01/27/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

**S.3695**

**A bill to amend Public Law 96-586 to modernize the authority of the Forest Service to acquire and administer land under that Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/27/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**S.3701**

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

Sponsor: [Duckworth, Tammy \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 01/27/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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**January 26, 2025**

**House:**

The House did not meet today.

**Senate:**

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

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