

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | January 5 - January 9, 2026

The House passed the *Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of 2026* ([H.R.6938](#)), which [provides](#) appropriations to federal departments' and agencies' activities and programs related to commerce, law enforcement, science, energy and water development, public lands, and the environment for the 2026 fiscal year. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) introduced the bill.

The House and Senate introduced the *Better Care for PFAS Patients Act* ([H.R.6977/S.3598](#)) to [support](#) Americans affected by per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Reps Maxine Dexter (D-Ore.) and Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.) lead the bill, which ensures that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Research assesses and updates their health guidance on PFAS exposure. To learn more about PFAS, check out EESI's [issue brief](#).

Sens. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.) introduced the *Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Act* ([S.3609](#)) to [establish](#) a grant program, which would provide \$1 billion annually to empower community wildfire resilience. Reps. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) and Jay Obernolte (R-Calif.) are expected to introduce companion legislation in the House. To learn more about wildfire resilience efforts, check out EESI's new [article](#) "Heating Up Wildfire Solutions."

Reps. Josh Riley (D-N.Y.) and Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.) introduced [H.R.6969](#). The bill would establish a program that compensates producers for using conservation practices in watersheds. Dig into EESI's Farm Bill resources, including briefings, legislative side-by-sides, articles, and podcasts, [here](#).

January 9, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7000](#)

To amend the Clean Air Act to exclude a portable fuel container from the definition of a consumer or commercial product, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moore, Barry \[Rep.-R-AL-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Passed House:

H.R.5184

To authorize the Secretary of Energy to transmit to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development recommendations for changes to preemptive energy conservation standards applicable to manufactured homes

Sponsor: [Houchin, Erin \[Rep.-R-IN-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-419](#)

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2026 The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

January 8, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.6977

To provide for the periodic issuance of up-to-date clinical guidance on addressing the health effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Dexter, Maxine \[Rep.-D-OR-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.6981

SHINE Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Lee, Susie \[Rep.-D-NV-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[**H.R.6983**](#)

To require data centers to generate electricity, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Menendez, Robert \[Rep.-D-NJ-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[**H.R.6984**](#)

To require reports on the effects of data centers on air quality and water quality, and on electricity consumption by data centers.

Sponsor: [Menendez, Robert \[Rep.-D-NJ-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[**H.R.6990**](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue a final rule adding as a class all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances with at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom to the list of hazardous air pollutants under section 112(b) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7412(b)), and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Bills Reported:

[**H.R.178**](#)

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McClintock, Tom \[Rep.-R-CA-5\]](#) (Introduced 01/03/2025) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-429, Part I.

[**H.R.179**](#)

Proven Forest Management Act of 2025

Sponsor: [McClintock, Tom \[Rep.-R-CA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-430, Part I.

[**H.R.839**](#)

No FED in West Texas Act

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 374.

[**H.R.1110**](#)

Grazing for Wildfire Risk Reduction Act

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-433, Part I.

[**H.R.2250**](#)

National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025

Sponsor: [DelBene, Suzan K. \[Rep.-D-WA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-431, Part I.

[**H.R.2405**](#)

The White Oak Resilience Act

Sponsor: [Barr, Andy \[Rep.-R-KY-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/08/2026 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 119-434, Part I.

Passed House:

[**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: Senate - 01/08/2026 Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3598

A bill to provide for the periodic issuance of up-to-date clinical guidance on addressing the health effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Shaheen, Jeanne \[Sen.-D-NH\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

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

Latest Action: Senate - 01/08/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.3609

A bill to establish a community protection and wildfire resilience grant program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 01/08/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Passed Senate:

S.Res.577

A resolution observing the 1-year anniversary of the 2025 Southern California wildfires.

Sponsor: [Schiff, Adam B. \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Latest Action: Senate - 01/08/2026 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

January 7, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.6969

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish a program that provides payments to producers for carrying out conservation practices in selected eligible watersheds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Riley, Josh \[Rep.-D-NY-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.Res.980

A resolution observing the 1-year anniversary of the 2025 Southern California wildfires.

Sponsor: [Chu, Judy \[Rep.-D-CA-28\]](#) Cosponsors: (42)

Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Action: House - 01/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Passed House:

H.Res.977

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4593) to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to revise the definition of showerhead; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5184) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from enforcing energy efficiency standards applicable to manufactured housing, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6938) making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Houchin, Erin \[Rep.-R-IN-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-424](#)

Latest Action: House - 01/07/2026 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE: DAWN OF THE NEW NUCLEAR ERA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a [hearing](#) entitled “American Energy Dominance: Dawn of the New Nuclear Era”. Testimony was heard from John Wagner, Director, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SHOWER ACT; AFFORDABLE HOMES ACT; COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE; ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT; AND INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 4593](#), the “SHOWER Act”; [H.R. 5184](#), the “Affordable HOMES Act”; and [H.R. 6938](#), the “Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 4593](#), the “SHOWER Act”, [H.R. 5184](#), the “Affordable HOMES Act”, and [H.R. 6938](#), the “Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026”.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[**S.3585**](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to exempt consumer-regulated electric utilities from Federal regulation, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/07/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[**S.3590**](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the clean water infrastructure resiliency and sustainability program, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize certain resilience and sustainability programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Blunt Rochester, Lisa \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 01/07/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

January 6, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

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: House - 01/06/2026 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.6939

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 contact from trawl fishing gear.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/06/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.6941

To direct the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study to identify the effects of covered geoengineering projects on the health of humans and the environment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Crane, Elijah \[Rep.-R-AZ-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/06/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.6944

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share grants for retrofitting agricultural tractors with rollover protection structures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Feenstra, Randy \[Rep.-R-IA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/06/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Committee Hearings:

SHOWER ACT; AFFORDABLE HOMES ACT; LEGISLATION ON THE COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE; ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT; AND INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on [H.R. 4593](#), the “SHOWER Act”; [H.R. 5184](#), the “Affordable HOMES Act”; and legislation on the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act. Testimony was heard from Chairman Cole, and Representatives Fry, Pallone, DeLauro, and Grothman.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

January 5, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3580

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share grants for retrofitting agricultural tractors with rollover protection structures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hyde-Smith, Cindy \[Sen.-R-MS\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 01/05/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Passed Senate:

S.320

National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-74](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 01/05/2026 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

S.1626

National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-92](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 01/05/2026 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.