

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | June 16 - June 20, 2025

Highlights:

The Senate passed the *Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act* ([S.154](#)). Sens. John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) and bipartisan cosponsors reintroduced the bill to [extend](#) the life of the System Conservation Pilot Program to 2026. The program tests water conservation [strategies](#) in the Colorado River Basin to alleviate the impacts of severe drought. For more on conservation efforts across the river basin, check out EESI's Colorado River [briefing](#).

Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) and Rep. Shomari Figures (D-Ala.), alongside bipartisan House lawmakers, introduced the *Enhancing Science, Treatment, and Upkeep of America's Resilient and Important Estuarine Systems (ESTUARIES) Act* ([S.2063/H.R.3962](#)). The *ESTUARIES* Act would [reauthorize](#) the National Estuary Program, which supports local restoration efforts across 28 [estuaries of national significance](#). Episode [8.1](#) of EESI's podcast, *the Climate Conversation*, discusses estuary restoration with [Restore America's Estuaries](#) President and CEO Daniel Hayden.

Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) introduced the *Research for Environmental Uses and Sustainable Economies (REUSE) Act* ([S.2110](#)). The bill, if passed, would mandate a [federal study](#) on [plastics](#) reuse and refill systems across different sectors. The study would identify challenges to and opportunities for improving and expanding [reuse](#) and refill systems at the local, state, and federal levels.

June 20, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.4062

To encourage and facilitate efforts by States and other stakeholders to conserve and sustain the western population of monarch butterflies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#) Cosponsors: ([9](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/20/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.Res.526](#)

Recognizing the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and agriculture in the United States by designating June 15 through June 22, 2025, as "National Pollinator Week".

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/20/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.Res.527](#)

Expressing support for the designation of June 2025 as "National Dairy Month" to recognize the critical role dairy plays in maintaining a healthy diet and preserving our Nation's agricultural economy.

Sponsor: [Tenney, Claudia \[Rep.-R-NY-24\]](#) Cosponsors: ([8](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/20/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

June 18, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2105](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of the Air Force to conduct planning and design activities for Tye Gate and Arnold Gate infrastructure improvements at Dyess Air Force Base, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Armed Services

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.2110

Research for Environmental Uses and Sustainable Economies Act

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2112

A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to modify the definition of hemp, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Paul, Rand \[Sen.-R-KY\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2126

A bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wicker, Roger F. \[Sen.-R-MS\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.2128

A bill to encourage and facilitate efforts by States and other stakeholders to conserve and sustain the western population of monarch butterflies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.Res.289](#)

A resolution recognizing the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and agriculture in the United States by designating June 15 through June 22, 2025, as "National Pollinator Week".

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text: CR [S3474-3475](#))

Bills Reported:

[S.1463](#)

Finding ORE Act

Sponsor: [Coons, Christopher A. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 93.

[S.1801](#)

International Nuclear Energy Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 98.

Passed Senate:

[H.R.43](#)

Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2025

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR [S3459](#))

[H.R.618](#)

Apex Area Technical Corrections Act

Sponsor: [Horsford, Steven \[Rep.-D-NV-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-86](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
(consideration: CR [S3459](#))

[S.154](#)

Colorado River Basin System Conservation Extension Act

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
(text: CR [S3459](#))

[S.282](#)

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument Access Act

Sponsor: [King, Angus S., Jr. \[Sen.-I-ME\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
(text: CR [S3459](#))

[S.1112](#)

Big Bend National Park Boundary Adjustment Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/18/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
(text: CR [S3460](#))

Committee Hearings:

MODERNIZING AMERICA'S RAIL NETWORK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety concluded a [hearing](#) to examine modernizing America's rail network, after receiving testimony from Ian Jefferies, Association of American Railroads, and Clarence E. Anthony, National League of Cities, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter Gilbertson, Anacostia Rail Holdings Company, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association; and Husein A. Cumber, Brightline Holdings, LLC, Miami, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Christopher Wright, Secretary of Energy.

June 17, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4018](#)

Unleash America's Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources Act

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

[H.R.4025](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish an initiative to provide grants to fund the development of resilient energy systems in remote communities, island communities, and Tribal communities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Case, Ed \[Rep.-D-HI-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4031](#)

To authorize the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, to prioritize natural disaster resilience, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Espaillat, Adriano \[Rep.-D-NY-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

[H.R.4033](#)

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to allow certain activities to be conducted with respect to sturgeon held in captivity or in a controlled environment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fine, Randy \[Rep.-R-FL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4038

To require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to establish a standard for the response time to wildfire incidents, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kim, Young \[Rep.-R-CA-40\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

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

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R.4041

To exempt certain forest management activities in Yosemite National Park from requirements of section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McClintock, Tom \[Rep.-R-CA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4043

To prohibit the President or any designee from violating The Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada Concerning Transit Pipelines, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moolenaar, John R. \[Rep.-R-MI-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.R.4044

To reauthorize the Foundation for America's Public Lands, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moore, Blake D. \[Rep.-R-UT-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4047

To amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009 to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to collaborate with State and

local governments and Indian Tribes on vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, research planning, and similar activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pingree, Chellie \[Rep.-D-ME-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2089](#)

A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to allow certain activities to be conducted with respect to sturgeon held in captivity or in a controlled environment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Scott, Rick \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.2093](#)

A bill to establish, within the United States Agency for International Development, a program to promote mobility in rural communities through access to affordable, fit-for-purpose bicycles, to provide support to sustainably increase access to critical services in rural areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Durbin, Richard J. \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR [S3437](#))

[S.2098](#)

A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 06/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

June 16, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Passed Senate:

[S.Res.247](#)

A resolution designating May 2025 as "National Wildfire Preparedness Month".

Sponsor: [Hirono, Mazie K. \[Sen.-D-HI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Judiciary

Latest Action: Senate - 06/16/2025 Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

[S.Res.279](#)

A resolution designating June 2025 as "Great Outdoors Month".

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([9](#))

Latest Action: Senate - 06/16/2025 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.