

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | March 18 - March 22, 2024

Highlights:

Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-Pa.) and bipartisan cosponsors introduced the *Growing Opportunities in Agriculture (GO Agriculture) Act* ([H.R.7731](#)) in the House. The bipartisan bill would establish a grant program to support new [agricultural education opportunities](#) in U.S. high schools, promoting future food security by paving the way for young people to enter the field. For more on supporting a new generation of farmers, check out EESI's article, [Growing Career Opportunities for Young People in Agriculture](#).

Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-Colo.) and bipartisan cosponsors in the House, alongside Sens. Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) in the Senate, introduced the *Farm Transitions Act* ([H.R.7769/S.4018](#)) to [reauthorize](#) the Commission on Farm Transitions. The reauthorization bill will set up the Commission—part of the 2018 Farm Bill ([P.L. 115–334](#))—to address the challenges of passing ownership of agricultural land to the next generation of farmers.

Reps. Celeste Maloy (R-Utah) and Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) introduced the *Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024* ([H.R.7779/S.2781](#)). The bipartisan bill would allow qualified environmental, community, and other groups to [clean up](#) polluted, abandoned hardrock mines. The Senate bill, reintroduced by Sens. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) and Jim Risch (R-Idaho), passed the Environmental and Public Works Committee in January. EESI's [article](#) on clean energy development on reclaimed mine lands discusses some of the benefits of remediating these areas.

March 22, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7795](#)

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit the taking for a trophy of any endangered or threatened species of fish or wildlife in the United States and the importation of endangered and threatened species trophies into the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Jackson Lee, Sheila \[Rep.-D-TX-18\]](#) Cosponsors: ([12](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/22/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.7797

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program on ocean fertilization and restoration research and development, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" \[Rep.-R-GA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/22/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R.7798

To amend the Plant Protection Act to establish a fund for spotted wing drosophila research and mitigation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Chavez-DeRemer, Lori \[Rep.-R-OR-5\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/22/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.7807

To create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People's Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Obernolte, Jay \[Rep.-R-CA-23\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/22/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.Res.1105

Designating March 21, 2024, as "National Women in Agriculture Day".

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([14](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/22/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Passed House:

H.R.1023

To repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund.

Sponsor: [Palmer, Gary J. \[Rep.-R-AL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-26](#)

Committee Print: [H.Prt. 118-26](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/22/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4056](#)

A bill to reduce enteric methane emissions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/22/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4068](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a business tax credit for the purchase of zero-emission electric lawn, garden, and landscape equipment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 03/22/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.4070](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify the definition of "small refinery" for purposes of the Renewable Fuel Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Tester, Jon \[Sen.-D-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/22/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.4071](#)

A bill to establish an Office of Colonias and Farmworker Initiatives within the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/22/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

March 21, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.7769

Farm Transitions Act

Sponsor: [Caraveo, Yadira \[Rep.-D-CO-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.7775

To prohibit the procurement of certain items containing perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and prioritize the procurement of products not containing PFAS.

Sponsor: [Lawler, Michael \[Rep.-R-NY-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Oversight and Accountability

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

H.R.7776

To amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lee, Susie \[Rep.-D-NV-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.7779

Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.7786](#)

To amend the Federal Power Act to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue permits for the construction and modification of national interest high-impact transmission facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Peters, Scott H. \[Rep.-D-CA-50\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.1792](#)

South Pacific Tuna Treaty Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman \[Del.-R-AS-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 354.

[H.R.1829](#)

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 355.

Passed House:

[H.R.7023](#)

Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act

Sponsor: [Rouzer, David \[Rep.-R-NC-7\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-375](#)

Committee Print: [H.Prt. 118-25](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

[H.Con.Res.86](#)

Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy.

Sponsor: [Zinke, Ryan K. \[Rep.-R-MT-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([21](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.Res.987](#)

Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([22](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/21/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a [budget hearing](#) on the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1395](#), the "Delaware River Basin Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2023"; [H.R. 5487](#), the "Help Our Kelp Act"; [H.R. 6814](#), the "Marine Fisheries Habitat Protection Act"; and [H.R. 7020](#), the "Great Lakes Mapping Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Graves of Louisiana, Huffman, Fitzpatrick, and McClain; Clay Porch, Director, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

RURAL TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a [hearing](#) entitled "Rural Transportation Challenges: Stakeholder Perspectives". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Other Committee Actions:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee concluded a [markup](#) on [H.R. 6727](#), to establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas, and for other purposes.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4016](#)

A bill to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sinema, Kyrsten \[Sen.-I-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4018](#)

A bill to amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize the Commission on Farm Transitions-Needs for 2050, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Baldwin, Tammy \[Sen.-D-WI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4019](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide regular updates to Livestock Indemnity Program payment rates to reflect market prices, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4020](#)

A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the export or sale of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to certain entities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fetterman, John \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))
Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4022](#)

A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cardin, Benjamin L. \[Sen.-D-MD\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))
Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works
Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.4027](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue permits for the construction and modification of national interest high-impact transmission facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))
Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4045](#)

A bill to require a study on public health impacts as a consequence of the February 3, 2023, train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

Sponsor: [Vance, J. D. \[Sen.-R-OH\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))
Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

[S.4048](#)

A bill to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: ([12](#))
Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works
Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Passed Senate:

[S.4050](#)

A bill to extend the deadline to commence construction of certain hydroelectric projects on the Red River.

Sponsor: [Cassidy, Bill \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Latest Action: Senate - 03/21/2024 Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

March 20, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7738](#)

To establish the Toxic Exposure Fund of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bost, Mike \[Rep.-R-IL-12\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs; Rules; Budget

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2024 Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.7743](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish the "Department of Energy Experienced Worker Program".

Sponsor: [DeGette, Diana \[Rep.-D-CO-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.7754](#)

To amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.Res.1098](#)

Supporting the designation of April 2024 as "National Native Plant Month".

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Passed House:

[H.R.1121](#)

Protecting American Energy Production Act

Sponsor: [Duncan, Jeff \[Rep.-R-SC-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([29](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 118-19,Part 1](#), [H. Rept. 118-19,Part 2](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.6009](#)

Restoring American Energy Dominance Act

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([12](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-376](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.Res.1085](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1023) to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1121) to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6009) to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 86) expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 987) denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R 7023) to amend section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to codify certain regulatory provisions relating to nationwide permits for dredged or fill material, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Reschenthaler, Guy \[Rep.-R-PA-14\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-428](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/20/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Meetings:

THE DANGER CHINA POSES TO AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled "The Danger China Poses to American Agriculture". Testimony was heard from Kristi Noem, Governor, South Dakota; Chairman Gallagher and Representative Krishnamoorthi; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS--DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a [budget hearing](#) on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary, Department of Energy.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 5015](#), the "Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act of 2023"; [H.R. 5499](#), the "Congressional Oversight of the Antiquities Act"; [H.R. 6085](#), to prohibit the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Rock Springs RMP Revision, Wyoming; [H.R. 6209](#), the "Sloan Canyon Conservation and Lateral Pipeline Act"; [H.R. 6547](#), the "Colorado Energy Prosperity Act"; and [H.R. 7006](#), to prohibit natural asset companies from entering into any agreement with respect to land in the State of Utah or natural assets on or in such land. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boebert, Hageman, Titus, Miller-Meeks, and Leger Fernandez; Nada Wolff Culver, Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Chris French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Eric Bingham, Land Use Director, Sweetwater County, Wyoming; Greg Poschman, Commissioner, Board of County Commissioners, Pitkin County, Colorado; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING DOMESTIC OFFSHORE ENERGY RESERVES AND ENSURING U.S. ENERGY DOMINANCE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a [hearing](#) entitled "Assessing Domestic Offshore Energy Reserves and Ensuring U.S. Energy Dominance". Testimony was heard from Walter Cruickshank, Deputy

Director, U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

Other Committee Actions:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on....[H.R. 7655](#), the "Pipeline Safety, Modernization, and Expansion Act of 2024"; [H.R. 7673](#), the "Liberty in Laundry Act"; [H.R. 7645](#), the "Clothes Dryers Reliability Act"; [H.R. 7637](#), the "Refrigerator Freedom Act"; [H.R. 7626](#), the "Affordable Air Conditioning Act"; [H.R. 7700](#), the "Stop Unaffordable Dishwasher Standards Act"; and [H.R. 7650](#), the "Air Quality Standards Implementation Act of 2024." ...[H.R. 7655](#)...was ordered reported, as amended. [H.R. 7673](#), [H.R. 7645](#), [H.R. 7637](#), [H.R. 7626](#), [H.R. 7700](#), [H.R. 7650](#) were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee began a [markup](#) on [H.R. 6727](#), to establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas, and for other purposes...

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 6219](#), the "ASCEND Act"; [H.R. 7073](#), the "Next Generation Pipelines R&D Act"; and [H.R. 7685](#), the "IMPACT Act". [H.R. 6219](#), [H.R. 7073](#), and [H.R. 7685](#) were ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.3985](#)

A bill to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/20/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.3996](#)

A bill to enhance the work of the North Pacific Research Board.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 03/20/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.4004](#)

A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Crapo, Mike \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#) Cosponsors: (49)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 03/20/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Passed Senate:

[S.Res.603](#)

A resolution designating April 2024 as "National Native Plant Month".

Sponsor: [Braun, Mike \[Sen.-R-IN\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Latest Action: Senate - 03/20/2024 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

[S.Res.604](#)

A resolution designating March 21, 2024, as "National Women in Agriculture Day".

Sponsor: [Ernst, Joni \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#) Cosponsors: (64)

Latest Action: Senate - 03/20/2024 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

Committee Meetings:

CLIMATE COSTS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the nature of climate costs, after receiving testimony from Theresa McKenney, NEMO Equipment, Inc., Dover, New Hampshire; Joao Gomes, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Scott Walter, Capital Research Center, Washington, D.C.; Hilary Hutcheson, Columbia Falls, Montana; and Gus Schumacher, Anchorage, Alaska.

PFAS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine PFAS as hazardous substances, after receiving testimony from Kate R. Bowers, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; James C. Kenney, New Mexico Environment Department Cabinet Secretary, Santa Fe; Scott Faber, Environmental Working Group, Washington, D.C.; Michael Witt, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, Newark, New Jersey; and Robert D. Fox, Solid Waste Association of North America, and the National Waste Recycling Association, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

March 19, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.7722](#)

To establish the Integrated Blue Economy and Blue Energy Technologies Program, and a Blue Economy Center of Excellence, to support research and development of blue energy technologies.

Sponsor: [Kilmer, Derek \[Rep.-D-WA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.7728](#)

To repeal section 115 of the Clean Air Act.

Sponsor: [Perry, Scott \[Rep.-R-PA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.7731](#)

Growing Opportunities in Agriculture (GO Agriculture) Act

Sponsor: [Thompson, Glenn \[Rep.-R-PA-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

[H.Res.1085](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1023) to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1121) to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6009) to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 86) expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 987) denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7023) to amend section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to codify certain regulatory provisions relating to nationwide permits for dredged or fill material, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Reschenthaler, Guy \[Rep.-R-PA-14\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-428](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2024 Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 67.

[H.Res.1086](#)

Expressing support for the designation of March 19, 2024, as "National Agriculture Day" and celebrating the importance of agriculture as one of the most impactful industries in the United States.

Sponsor: [Alford, Mark \[Rep.-R-MO-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([65](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.6185](#)

GRID Act

Sponsor: [Duncan, Jeff \[Rep.-R-SC-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/19/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 353.

Committee Meetings:

TO REPEAL SECTION 134 OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT, RELATING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND [CUTTING GREEN CORRUPTION AND

**TAXES ACT]; PROTECTING AMERICAN ENERGY PRODUCTION ACT;
RESTORING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE ACT; NATIONWIDE PERMITTING
IMPROVEMENT ACT [CREATING CONFIDENCE IN CLEAN WATER PERMITTING
ACT]; EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT A CARBON TAX WOULD
BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY; DENOUNCING THE
HARMFUL, ANTI-AMERICAN ENERGY POLICIES OF THE BIDEN
ADMINISTRATION**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1023](#), to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund [Cutting Green Corruption and Taxes Act]; [H.R. 1121](#), the "Protecting American Energy Production Act"; [H.R. 6009](#), the "Restoring American Energy Dominance Act"; [H.R. 7023](#), the "Nationwide Permitting Improvement Act" [Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act]; [H. Con. Res. 86](#), expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy; and [H. Res. 987](#), denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8-4, a rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 1023](#), the "Cutting Green Corruption and Taxes Act", [H.R. 1121](#), the "Protecting American Energy Production Act", [H.R. 6009](#), the "Restoring American Energy Dominance Act", [H. Con. Res. 86](#), Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, [H. Res. 987](#), Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes, and [H.R. 7023](#), the "Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Duncan, Tonko, Stauber, Dingell, Rouzer, Larsen of Washington, Miller of West Virginia, and Graves of Louisiana.

Senate:

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