

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | May 19 - 23, 2025

### Highlights:

The Senate passed the *Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act* ([S.97](#)). Sens. Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), and Rick Scott (R-Fla.) reintroduced the bill to increase investment in [domestic manufacturing](#) of semiconductors, which convert energy into electricity in solar panels and wind turbines, among other applications. Reps. Greg Landsman (D-Ohio) and Cliff Bentz (R-Ore.) led the bill's House companion ([H.R.2480](#)), which passed the chamber last month. It will now move to President Trump's desk for approval.

The Senate also passed the *Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act* ([S.216](#)). Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) lead the bill, which would strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) [Marine Debris Program](#). The program works to accelerate federal response to marine pollution events, increase international cooperation on ocean cleanup, and drive plastic waste reduction and reuse.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation advanced Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Brian Schatz's (D-Hawaii) *Illegal Red Snapper and Tuna Enforcement Act* ([S.283](#)). The bill would combat illegal fishing, which contributes to fishery depletion and threatens economic and food security, by [enhancing](#) the traceability of tuna and red snapper entering the United States.

Reps. Dave Min (D-Calif.) and Young Kim (R-Calif.) introduced the *Building Resiliency and Understanding of Shrublands to Halt (BRUSH) Fires Act* ([H.R.3553](#)). The bill would require the U.S. Forest Service to [assess](#) its existing wildfire mitigation strategies. EESI [explores](#) other wildfire mitigation tools on our podcast, *The Climate Conversation*.

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### **May 23, 2025**

The House and Senate did not meet today.

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### **May 22, 2025**

## House:

### Passed House:

#### [S.J.Res.31](#)

**A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act".**

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: House - 05/22/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## Senate:

### Bills Introduced:

#### [S.1860](#)

**A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Brian Head Town, Utah, certain National Forest System land.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/22/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### [S.1870](#)

**A bill to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/22/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### [S.1901](#)

**A bill to address the effect of litigation on applications to export liquefied natural gas, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/22/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.1902**

**A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy threat analysis program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/22/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.1907**

**A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to provide for a consistent definition for plant biostimulants.**

Sponsor: [Marshall, Roger \[Sen.-R-KS\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/22/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### **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 - 05/22/2025 Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR [S3120-3121](#))

### **S.Res.248**

**A resolution expressing the need for the Federal Government to establish a national biodiversity strategy for protecting biodiversity for current and future generations.**

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/22/2025 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text: CR [S3121-3122](#))

**Passed Senate:**

### **H.J.Res.87**

**Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to**

**"California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".**

Sponsor: [James, John \[Rep.-R-MI-10\]](#) Cosponsors: ([24](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: Senate - 05/23/2025 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

#### **[H.J.Res.88](#)**

**Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".**

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([41](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: Senate - 05/23/2025 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

#### **[H.J.Res.89](#)**

**Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".**

Sponsor: [Obernolte, Jay \[Rep.-R-CA-23\]](#) Cosponsors: ([32](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: Senate - 05/23/2025 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

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**May 21, 2025**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

#### **[H.R.3538](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Wildlife Confiscations Network, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Garbarino, Andrew R. \[Rep.-R-NY-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### **[H.R.3549](#)**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide critical businesses with a tax credit for electric generators placed in service in certain high risk disaster areas.**

Sponsor: [Luttrell, Morgan \[Rep.-R-TX-8\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 05/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **[H.R.3553](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a study with respect to the effectiveness of available wildfire mitigation methods in reducing the risk of wildfire and the severity of damages from wildfire in communities within or adjacent to shrubland ecosystems, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Min, Dave \[Rep.-D-CA-47\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/21/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

#### **[H.R.3555](#)**

**To ensure that the National Park Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([26](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### **[H.R.3559](#)**

**To ensure that the Forest Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([24](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/21/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

#### **[H.R.3568](#)**

**To amend the Research Facilities Act and the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to address deferred maintenance at agricultural research facilities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Schrier, Kim \[Rep.-D-WA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **[H.R.3572](#)**

**To make projects in certain counties eligible for funding under the rural surface transportation grant program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **Committee Hearings:**

#### **APPROPRIATIONS--ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CIVIL WORKS); BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies* held a [budget hearing](#) on the Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) and the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General William H. Graham, Jr., Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army of Corps Engineers; Robyn Colosimo, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); and Scott Cameron, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Exercising Delegated Authority of the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior.

#### **EXAMINING WAYS TO ENHANCE OUR DOMESTIC CRITICAL MINERAL SUPPLY CHAINS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation* held a [hearing](#) entitled “Examining Ways to Enhance Our Domestic Critical Mineral Supply Chains”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs* held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 2130](#), the “Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act of 2025”; [H.R. 2388](#), the “Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act”; [H.R. 2815](#), the “Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act of 2025”; and [H.R. 3073](#), the “Shivwits Band of Paiutes Jurisdictional Clarity Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of South Dakota, Randall, Begich, and Maloy; and public witnesses.

## **UNLEASHING A GOLDEN AGE: EXAMINING THE USE OF FEDERAL LANDS TO POWER AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations* held a [hearing](#) entitled “Unleashing a Golden Age: Examining the Use of Federal Lands to Power American Technological Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **Senate:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

##### **[S.1825](#)**

**A bill to amend the Research Facilities Act to address deferred maintenance at agricultural research facilities, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/21/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

##### **[S.1841](#)**

**A bill to provide regulatory relief to alternative fuel producers and consumers, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/21/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

##### **[S.1842](#)**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a credit for carbon removal and storage for forest residues from wildfire management.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 05/21/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### **Bills Reported:**

##### **[S.283](#)**

**Illegal Red Snapper and Tuna Enforcement Act**

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)  
Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Latest Action: Senate - 05/21/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 86.

## **Passed Senate:**

### **[S.J.Res.55](#)**

**A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration relating to "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Fuel System Integrity of Hydrogen Vehicles; Compressed Hydrogen Storage System Integrity; Incorporation by Reference".**

Sponsor: [Capito, Shelley Moore \[Sen.-R-WV\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)  
Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Latest Action: Senate - 05/21/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 46. [Record Vote Number: 275](#).

## **Committee Hearings:**

### **APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* concluded a [hearing](#) to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior.

### **APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development* concluded a [hearing](#) to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Christopher Wright, Secretary of Energy.

### **EPA BUDGET**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee* concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lee Zeldin, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

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**May 20, 2025**

**House:**

**Passed House:**

**[H.Res.426](#)**

Providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 13) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 31) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act"; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-105](#)

Latest Action: House - 05/20/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**Committee Hearings:**

**APPROPRIATIONS--DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

*Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* held a [budget hearing](#) on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Doug Burgum, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

**THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment* held a [hearing](#) entitled "The Fiscal Year 2026 Environmental Protection Agency Budget". Testimony was heard from Lee Zeldin, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands* held a [hearing](#) on legislation on the FORESTS Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Hurd; John

Crockett, Deputy Chief, State, Private and Tribal Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

## **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries* held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1885](#), the "Town of North Topsail Beach Coastal Barrier Resources System Map Amendment Act of 2025"; [H.R. 2294](#), to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009; [H.R. 2860](#), the "Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2025"; and [H.R. 3179](#), to rename the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge located in the State of Texas as the "Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge". Testimony was heard from Chairman Babin, and Representatives Murphy and Larsen of Washington; David Miko, Acting Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Tom Leonard, Alderman, North Topsail Beach, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

## **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources* held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 513](#), the "Offshore Lands Authorities Act of 2025"; [H.R. 931](#), to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, and for other purposes; [H.R. 2250](#), the "National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025"; [H.R. 2556](#), the "CORE Act of 2025"; [H.R. 3168](#), the "National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025"; [H.R. 3176](#), to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hunt, Begich, DelBene, Valadao, Higgins of Louisiana, and Downing; Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; and public witnesses.

## **MANDATES, MEDDLING, AND MISMANAGEMENT: THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT'S THREAT TO ENERGY AND MEDICINE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services* held a [joint hearing](#) entitled "Mandates, Meddling, and Mismanagement: The IRA's Threat to Energy and Medicine". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**Senate:**

**Bills Introduced:**

### [S.1823](#)

**A bill to authorize livestock producers and their employees to take black vultures to prevent death, injury, or destruction to livestock, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Mullin, Markwayne \[Sen.-R-OK\]](#) Cosponsors: ([15](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **Passed Senate:**

### [S.97](#)

**Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act**

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-18](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 05/20/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR [S3002](#); text: CR [S3002-3003](#))

### [S.216](#)

**Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act**

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-12](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 05/20/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR [S3001-3002](#); text: CR [S3001-3002](#))

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**May 19, 2025**

### **House:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

### [H.R.3487](#)

**To require the Secretary of Agriculture to designate and maintain at least 20 percent of the total number of trails in the Shawnee National Forest for trail riding by covered vehicles, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Bost, Mike \[Rep.-R-IL-12\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/19/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

#### **[H.Res.426](#)**

**Providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 13) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 31) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act"; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.**

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-105](#)

Latest Action: House - 05/20/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

#### **Passed House:**

#### **[H.R.1453](#)**

**Clean Energy Demonstration Transparency Act of 2025**

Sponsor: [Carey, Mike \[Rep.-R-OH-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/19/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

#### **Senate:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[S.J.Res.55](#)**

**A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration relating to "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Fuel**

**System Integrity of Hydrogen Vehicles; Compressed Hydrogen Storage System Integrity; Incorporation by Reference".**

Sponsor: [Capito, Shelley Moore \[Sen.-R-WV\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 05/19/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.