Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | May 26 - 30, 2025

Highlights:

Reps. Emily Randall (D-Wash.), Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-Wash.), and Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) reintroduced the *Tribal Emergency Response Resources Act* (H.R.3654). The bill would <u>streamline</u> tribal nations' access to the federal resources needed to respond to extreme weather events and sea level rise.

Reps. John James (R-Mich.), Jay Obernolte (R-Calif.), and Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-lowa) reintroduced the *Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act* (H.R.3617) to <u>strengthen</u> the Department of Energy's capacity to identify domestic critical mineral needs and address supply chain vulnerabilities. Critical minerals have numerous applications in clean energy technologies, from wind turbines and solar panels to electric vehicle components and the electric grid itself.

Rep. Kim Schrier (D-Wash.), alongside Reps. Rick Larsen (D-Wash.), Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), and John Moolenaar (R-Mich.), introduced a bill (<u>H.R.3656</u>) to <u>support</u> specialty crop farmers. Specifically, the bill would increase agricultural research institutions' access to federal funding through the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI), which supports <u>climate-smart practices</u> such as precision irrigation.

May 30, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.

May 29, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.3616

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review regulations that may affect the reliable operation of the bulk-power system.

Sponsor: <u>Balderson</u>, <u>Troy</u> [Rep.-R-OH-12] Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.3617

To amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to secure the supply of critical energy resources, including critical minerals and other materials, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>James, John [Rep.-R-MI-10]</u> Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.3628

To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to add a standard related to State consideration of reliable generation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Evans</u>, <u>Gabe [Rep.-R-CO-8]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.3632

To amend the Federal Power Act to adjust the requirements for orders, rules, and regulations relating to furnishing adequate service, to require owners or operators of generating facilities to provide notice of planned retirements of certain electric generating units, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Griffith, H. Morgan [Rep.-R-VA-9] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.3637

To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 with respect to third-party contracts for wildfire hazard fuel removal, to amend the National Forest Management Act with respect to the threshold for advertised timber sales, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>LaMalfa</u>, <u>Doug [Rep.-R-CA-1]</u> Cosponsors: (2) Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 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.3638

To direct the Secretary of Energy to prepare periodic assessments and submit reports on the supply chain for the generation and transmission of electricity, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Latta</u>, <u>Robert E. [Rep.-R-OH-5]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.3654

Tribal Emergency Response Resources Act

Sponsor: Randall, Emily [Rep.-D-WA-6] Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

H.R.3656

To amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to waive the matching funds requirement under the specialty crop research initiative, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Schrier, Kim [Rep.-D-WA-8] Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.3657

To amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to annually submit to Congress a report on the status of ongoing hydropower relicensing applications.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.3661

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to take certain actions relating to incident periods and extreme weather, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Titus, Dina [Rep.-D-NV-1]</u> Cosponsors: (<u>1</u>) Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/29/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure.

Senate:
Γhe Senate did not meet today.
<u>May 28, 2025</u> Γhe House and Senate did not meet today.
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<u>May 27, 2025</u>
Γhe House and Senate did not meet today.

May 26, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.