

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | October 13 - October 17, 2025

Reps. Paul D. Tonko (D-N.Y.), Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.), and Nydia Velázquez (D-N.Y.) and Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) reintroduced the *New York-New Jersey Watershed Protection Act* ([H.R.5762/S.2926](#)) to [restore and protect](#) the Hudson, Mohawk, and Raritan Rivers' water resources. For more information on healthy rivers, check out EESI's [article](#), which highlights key learnings from EESI's [Resilient and Healthy Rivers Briefing Series](#).

Reps. Mike Ezell (R-Miss), Ed Case (D-Hawaii), Kat Cammack (R-Fla.), and Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) introduced the *Marine Aquaculture Research and Advancement (MARA) Act of 2025* ([H.R.5746](#)). The bill, if passed, would [support](#) efforts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to sustainably expand offshore aquaculture through expanded scientific research, streamlined permitting, bolstered workforce and infrastructure development, and guardrails for responsible growth.

House representatives introduced two bills to continue funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Rep. April McClain Delaney (D-Md.) along with eight Democratic cosponsors introduced [H.R.5777](#) to direct FEMA to continue certain reimbursements during lapses in appropriations. Reps. Jared Moskowitz (D-Fla.) and Troy Carter (D-La.) introduced [H.R.5780](#) to direct FEMA to continue funds from the Disaster Relief Fund during lapses in appropriations.

October 17, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5765](#)

To direct Federal departments or agencies to implement certain definitions for the terms affordable, reliable, and clean energy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Balderson, Troy \[Rep.-R-OH-12\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 10/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.5777](#)

To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse certain expenses during a period in which there is a lapse in appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McClain Delaney, April \[Rep.-D-MD-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([8](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 10/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R.5780

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue to obligate and disburse covered funds in the Disaster Relief Fund during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moskowitz, Jared \[Rep.-D-FL-23\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 10/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.5781

To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 with respect to preagreement costs of emergency watershed protection measures, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 10/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5782

To improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, and for other purposes.

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

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

Latest Action: House - 10/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.5783

State Actions For Employing Transportation Risk Assessments and Crossing Knowledge Strategies Act

Sponsor: [Pou, Nellie \[Rep.-D-NJ-9\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 10/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.5785

To expand the authorization of voluntary Federal grazing permit retirement, provide increased flexibility for Federal grazing permittees, promote the equitable resolution or avoidance of conflicts on Federal lands managed by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Smith, Adam \[Rep.-D-WA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: [\(2\)](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/17/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.Res.812

Condemning the United Nations and International Maritime Organization for proposing a global tax on shipping emissions, threatening United States sovereignty, trade, and economic interests.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#) Cosponsors: [\(1\)](#)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 10/17/2025 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

October 16, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3015

A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize the water resources research and technology institutes program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Boozman, John \[Sen.-R-AR\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 10/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.3016

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to study new technologies and opportunities for recycling spent nuclear fuel.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 10/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

October 15, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Passed Senate:

S.Res.449

A resolution designating the week beginning on October 12, 2025, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week".

Sponsor: [Coons, Christopher A. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: Senate - Judiciary

Latest Action: Senate - 10/15/2025 Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

October 14, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5745](#)

To promote fish habitat through the enhancement of certain offshore oil and gas platforms and pipelines as artificial reefs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.5746](#)

To require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an assessment program for commercial-scale offshore aquaculture through demonstration projects, to establish Aquaculture Centers of Excellence, to support aquaculture workforce development and working waterfronts, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 10/14/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction.

[H.R.5752](#)

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land to the city of Price, Utah, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kennedy, Mike \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.5756](#)

HEATS Act

Sponsor: [Ruiz, Raul \[Rep.-D-CA-25\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Appropriations

Latest Action: House - 10/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

H.R.5760

To amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and require review of certain agricultural transactions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stefanik, Elise M. \[Rep.-R-NY-21\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Financial Services; Foreign Affairs; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 10/14/2025 Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions.

H.R.5762

To establish the New York-New Jersey Watershed Restoration Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Tonko, Paul \[Rep.-D-NY-20\]](#) Cosponsors: ([25](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.3004

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land to the city of Price, Utah, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 10/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.3007

A bill to prohibit the enforcement of laws relating to the installation, certification, and maintenance of emissions control devices under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 10/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Bills Reported:

S.190

North Pacific Research Board Enhancement Act

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 10/14/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 189.

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

Latest Action: Senate - 10/14/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 183.

S.550

A bill to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mullin, Markwayne \[Sen.-R-OK\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 10/14/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 185.

S.622

Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Amendments Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 10/14/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 187

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Senate:

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