

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | September 18 - 22, 2023

Highlights:

The House passed the *Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023* ([H.R.2872](#)). First introduced by Rep. Garret Graves (R-La.) and Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.), this bipartisan legislation streamlines the use of duck stamps by hunters, ensuring continued federal funding for bird and wetland conservation efforts. The legislation's companion ([S.788](#)) passed the Senate in July.

The *Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act* ([H.R.4877](#)), introduced by Reps. Summer Lee (D-Pa.), Stephanie Bice (R-Okla.), Deborah Ross (D-N.C.), and Haley Stevens (D-Mich.), was brought to the House floor for a vote. Building on initiatives within the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, the bipartisan bill would accelerate research to plug abandoned and hazardous oil and gas wells. A companion bill ([S.429](#)) was introduced in the Senate earlier this year. Check out EESI's [article](#) on the climate and workforce benefits to remediating abandoned wells.

The *New Opportunities for Technological Innovation, Mitigation, and Education to Overcome Waste* (NO TIME TO Waste) Act ([H.R.5657/S.2889](#)) was introduced in the House and Senate this week. The bipartisan, bicameral bill, brought by Reps. Chellie Pingree (D-Maine) and Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.) and Sens. Chris Coons (D-Del.) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), would strengthen the U.S. Department of Agriculture's efforts to reduce food waste.

The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology held a [hearing](#), "Chips on the Table: A One Year Review of the Chips and Science Act." Rep. Ro Khanna, sponsor of the *Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors* (CHIPS) and *Science Act*, recently met with EESI to discuss how his bipartisan bill furthers both climate policy and national security. Listen to the podcast episode [here](#).

September 22, 2023

House:

Bills Reported:

[H.R.4824](#)

Carbon Sequestration Collaboration Act

Sponsor: [Baird, James R. \[Rep.-R-IN-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))
Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology
Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-213](#)
Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 173.

[H.R.4866](#)

Fire Weather Development Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Garcia, Mike \[Rep.-R-CA-27\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))
Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology
Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-214](#)
Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 174.

[H.R.4877](#)

Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act

Sponsor: [Lee, Summer L. \[Rep.-D-PA-12\]](#) Cosponsors: ([6](#))
Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology
Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-215](#)
Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 1

Other Committee Actions:

[H.R.5664](#)

To reauthorize the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schrier, Kim \[Rep.-D-WA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: ([6](#))
Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

Senate:

No climate related activity in the Senate today.

September 21, 2023

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5616](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore lease sales.

Sponsor: [Graves, Garret \[Rep.-R-LA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.5618](#)

To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Clean Energy Victory Bonds.

Sponsor: [Lofgren, Zoe \[Rep.-D-CA-18\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

[H.R.5621](#)

To extend the wildfire and hurricane indemnity program to cover certain crop losses in calendar year 2023, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Alford, Mark \[Rep.-R-MO-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.5622](#)

To make grants to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the Boy Scouts of America, the National 4-H Council, and the National FFA Organization to establish pilot projects to expand the programs carried out by the organizations in rural areas and small towns, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bacon, Don \[Rep.-R-NE-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([8](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.5626](#)

To require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

H.R.5627

To require a report relating to the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate.

Sponsor: [Burchett, Tim \[Rep.-R-TN-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.R.5631

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify limitations on amounts of farm ownership loans and operating loans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Finstad, Brad \[Rep.-R-MN-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5635

To nullify Presidential Proclamation 10606, establishing Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni-Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument and withdrawing certain land in Arizona from mineral entry, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gosar, Paul A. \[Rep.-R-AZ-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.5637

To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize the use of certain grants to deliver peer-to-peer mental health support to individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, farm work, and other occupations relating to agriculture.

Sponsor: [Harder, Josh \[Rep.-D-CA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5638

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to take certain actions with respect to Adbl A Polyethylene piping, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Houlahan, Chrissy \[Rep.-D-PA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

H.R.5654

To require the Secretary of Energy to withdraw a proposed rule relating to energy conservation standards for consumer water heaters.

Sponsor: [Ogles, Andrew \[Rep.-R-TN-5\]](#) Cosponsors: ([12](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.5656

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for new off-road plug-in electric vehicles.

Sponsor: [Phillips, Dean \[Rep.-D-MN-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.5657

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to reduce food loss and waste, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pingree, Chellie \[Rep.-D-ME-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Oversight and Accountability

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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.R.5660

To provide for the protection of natural and cultural resources, Tribal collaborative management, sustainable economic development, enhanced recreation, and equitable access on Federal lands in eastern Imperial and Riverside counties, California, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.5664

To reauthorize the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schrier, Kim \[Rep.-D-WA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R.5665

To require a comprehensive assessment of certain Federal trails, campsites, boat docks, and outdoor recreation facilities to determine the accessibility options for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stansbury, Melanie Ann \[Rep.-D-NM-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 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.R.5666

To establish an Office of Public Engagement within the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Sponsor: [Strickland, Marilyn \[Rep.-D-WA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

H.J.Res.91

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to the "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Consumer Water Heaters and Residential-Duty Commercial Water Heaters".

Sponsor: [Ogles, Andrew \[Rep.-R-TN-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.712](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4365) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1130) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 684) condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, for subverting the Second Amendment to the Constitution and depriving the citizens of New Mexico of their right to bear arms.

Sponsor: [Cole, Tom \[Rep.-R-OK-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Rules

Latest Action: House - 09/22/2023 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.Res.716](#)

Recognizing September 21, 2023, as National Teach Ag Day and celebrating 75 years of the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

Sponsor: [Mann, Tracey \[Rep.-R-KS-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([35](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.Res.719](#)

Supporting the designation of the week beginning September 24, 2023, as "National Source Water Protection Week".

Sponsor: [Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[Rep.-R-IA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([14](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.1069](#)

Clean Energy Demonstration Transparency Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Carey, Mike \[Rep.-R-OH-15\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-212](#)

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 172.

[H.R.2980](#)

DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-209](#)

Latest Action: House - 09/21/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 169.

Committee Meetings:

CONNECTING EVERY AMERICAN: THE FUTURE OF RURAL BROADBAND FUNDING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a [hearing](#) entitled "Connecting Every American: The Future of Rural Broadband Funding". Testimony was heard from public witnesses."

Other Committee Actions:

[H.R.1130](#)

Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Johnson, Bill \[Rep.-R-OH-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - *Energy and Commerce*

Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 712](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 4365](#), [H.R. 1130](#) and [H. Res. 684](#). The resolution provides for consideration of [H.R. 4365](#), under a structured rule; [H.R. 1130](#), under a structured rule; and [H.Res. 684](#), under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on all three bills.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2889](#)

A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to reduce food loss and waste, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Coons, Christopher A. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.2890](#)

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify limitations on amounts of farm ownership loans and operating loans, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - *Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. ([All Actions](#))

S.2893

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Clean Energy Victory Bonds.

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

Committees: Senate - *Finance*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. ([All Actions](#))

S.2898

A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize the use of certain grants to deliver peer-to-peer mental health support to individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, farm work, and other occupations relating to agriculture.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - *Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S4657](#)) ([All Actions](#))

S.2903

A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to extend education grant programs for Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hirono, Mazie K. \[Sen.-D-HI\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - *Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2908

A bill to assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land.

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

Committees: Senate - *Indian Affairs*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. ([All Actions](#))

S.Res.355

A resolution recognizing the critical importance of access to reliable, clean drinking water for Native Americans and affirming the responsibility of the Federal Government to ensure such water access.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: ([15](#))

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text: CR [S4658-4659](#)) ([All Actions](#))

Committee Meetings:

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

[S. 432](#), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Nulhegan River and Paul Stream in the State of Vermont for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system;

[S. 507](#), to establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National Historic Site;

[S. 608](#), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system;

[S. 912](#), to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education;

[S. 924](#), to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission;

[S. 961](#), to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, as the ``Salem Maritime National Historic Park";

[S. 1015](#), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

[S. 1059](#), to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas;

[S. 1088](#), to authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

[S. 1097](#), to establish the Cesar E. Chavez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, with an amendment;

[S. 1277](#), to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky;

[S. 1405](#), to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land in the State of Utah;

[S. 1657](#), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, with amendments;

[S. 1760](#), to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

[S. 2018](#), to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment to identify locations in National Parks in which there is the greatest need for broadband internet access service and areas in National Parks in which there is the greatest need for cellular service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

[S. 2020](#), to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group;

[S. 2042](#), to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

[S. 2136](#), to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

[S. 2149](#), to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation; and

[S. 2216](#), to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, with an amendment.

Other Committee Actions:

[H.R.2872](#)

The Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Graves, Garret \[Rep.-R-LA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - *Natural Resources*

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-198](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Received in the Senate. ([All Actions](#))

[S.432](#)

Nulhegan River and Paul Stream Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.608](#)

Deerfield River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. ([All Actions](#))

[S.912](#)

Mining Schools Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: ([13](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. ([All Actions](#))

[S.924](#)

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension Act

Sponsor: [Cardin, Benjamin L. \[Sen.-D-MD\]](#) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. ([All Actions](#))

[S.961](#)

Salem Maritime National Historical Park Redesignation and Boundary Study Act

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. ([All Actions](#))

[S.1015](#)

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

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. ([All Actions](#))

[S.1059](#)

Big Bend National Park Boundary Adjustment Act

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

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. ([All Actions](#))

[S.1088](#)

North Dakota Trust Lands Completion Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. ([All Actions](#))

S.1277

Mammoth Cave National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. ([All Actions](#))

S.1405

Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration Exchange Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. ([All Actions](#))

S.1657

La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act

Sponsor: [Sinema, Kyrsten \[Sen.-I-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably. ([All Actions](#))

S.2018

Connect Our Parks Act

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: ([6](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. ([All Actions](#))

S.2020

Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.2042

Sloan Canyon Conservation and Horizon Lateral Water Pipeline Act

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.2136

Utah State Parks Adjustment Act

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.2149

Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act

Sponsor: [Tester, Jon \[Sen.-D-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.2216

Montana Sportsmen Conservation Act

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - *Energy and Natural Resources*

Latest Action: Senate - 09/21/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.

September 20, 2023

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.5582

To provide for white oak restoration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barr, Andy \[Rep.-R-KY-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources; Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Education and the Workforce, 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.R.5583

To establish an advisory panel to study the development of a climate-friendly certification for agricultural products, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Brownley, Julia \[Rep.-D-CA-26\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5606

Future Generations Protection Act

Sponsor: [Schakowsky, Janice D. \[Rep.-D-IL-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (22)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources; Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Foreign Affairs, 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.

Bills Reported:

H.R.615

Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (50)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 164.

H.R.764

Trust the Science Act

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (25)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 167.

H.R.1245

Grizzly Bear State Management Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 165.

[H.R.1726](#)

Continued Rapid Ohia Death Response Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Tokuda, Jill N. \[Rep.-D-HI-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 166.

Passed House:

[H.R.2872](#)

The Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Graves, Garret \[Rep.-R-LA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-198](#)

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.3371](#)

Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act

Sponsor: [Johnson, Dusty \[Rep.-R-SD-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-197](#)

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2023 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Meetings:

AMERICAN HYDROPOWER: UNLEASHING RELIABLE, RENEWABLE, CLEAN POWER ACROSS THE U.S.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a [hearing](#) entitled “American Hydropower: Unleashing Reliable, Renewable, Clean Power Across the U.S.”. Testimony was heard from Terry Turpin, Director of the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; John Hairston, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; Thomas P. Smith, Chief of Operation and Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and a public witness.

CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine growing the economy of the future, focusing on job training for the clean energy transition, after receiving testimony from Courtenay Eichhorst, United Association Local Union 412, on

behalf of New Mexico Building Trades, and Tracy Hartzler, Central New Mexico Community College, both of Albuquerque; and William W. Beach, Economic Policy Innovation Center, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.

Other Committee Actions:

Full Committee Markup Session

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on [H.R. 929](#), the “Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act of 2023”; [H.R. 934](#), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes”; [H.R. 1786](#), the “GROW Act”; [H.R. 3448](#), the “American Battlefield Protection Program Enhancement Act”; [H.R. 4051](#), the “SHARKED Act”; and [H.R. 4596](#), the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023”. [H.R. 934](#), [H.R. 4051](#), and [H.R. 3448](#) were ordered reported, as amended. [H.R. 4596](#), [H.R. 1786](#), and [H.R. 929](#) were ordered and reported, without amendment.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2855](#)

A bill to modernize and streamline the permitting process for broadband infrastructure on Federal land, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2865](#)

A bill to establish the Prairie du Rocher French Colonial National Historical Park in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2867](#)

A bill to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2868](#)

A bill to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 09/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

[S.2870](#)

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 in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Scott, Rick \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 09/20/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Committee Meetings:

DROUGHT IMPACTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a [hearing](#) to examine drought impacts on drinking water access and water availability, after receiving testimony from Michael Brain, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Kyle Jones, Community Water Center, Sacramento, California; Jonathan Smith, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, Oregon; and Albert Barker, Idaho Water Resources Board, Boise.

DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a [hearing](#) to examine drinking water infrastructure and tribal communities, after receiving testimony from Brian Bennon, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Phoenix; Ken Norton, National Tribal Water Council, Flagstaff, Arizona;

Jola WallowingBull, Northern Arapaho Tribal Engineering Department, Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

September 19, 2023

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5558](#)

To establish the Prairie du Rocher French Colonial National Historical Park in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.5564](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish an excise tax on plastics.

Sponsor: [Doggett, Lloyd \[Rep.-D-TX-37\]](#) Cosponsors: ([25](#))

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

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2023 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Committee Meetings:

EXAMINING BARRIERS TO ACCESS IN FEDERAL WATERS: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE MARINE SANCTUARY AND MONUMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining Barriers to Access in Federal Waters: A Closer Look at the Marine Sanctuary and Monument System". Testimony was heard from Jainey Bavishi, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S MISMANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL ONSHORE OIL AND GAS PROGRAM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the Biden Administration's Mismanagement of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program". Testimony was heard from Mike Nedd, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1657](#), the "Lake Winnibigoshish Land Exchange Act of 2023"; [H.R. 3107](#), the "Improving Outdoor Recreation Coordination Act"; [H.R. 3200](#), the "Gateway Community and Recreation Enhancement Act"; and [H.R. 4984](#), the "D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Stauber and Neguse; Mike Reynolds, Deputy Director, Congressional and External Relations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Jacqueline Emanuel, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Cory Smith, Commissioner, District 1, Itasca County, Minnesota; Randy Brodehl, Commissioner, Flathead County, Kalispell, Montana; Delano Hunter, Acting Director, Department of General Services, Washington D.C.; and a public witness.

CHIPS ON THE TABLE: A ONE YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled "Chips on the Table: A One Year Review of the Chips and Science Act". Testimony was heard from Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

FEMA: THE CURRENT STATE OF DISASTER READINESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a [hearing](#) entitled "FEMA: The Current State of Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery". Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

September 18, 2023

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5537](#)

To amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gimenez, Carlos A. \[Rep.-R-FL-28\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2023 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.R.5553](#)

To extend Federal recognition to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Spanberger, Abigail Davis \[Rep.-D-VA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee Meetings:

UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2023....

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) on [H.R.1130](#), the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023”....The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9-3, a rule providing for consideration of [H.R.1130](#), the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023”....The rule provides for consideration of [H.R.1130](#), the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides

that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report are waived.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2827](#)

A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to establish minimum interregional transfer capabilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Other Committee Actions:

[H.R.1435](#)

Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([84](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce | Senate - Environment and Public Works

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-169](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/18/2023 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.