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The House passed the *Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2026* (H.R.4553). The bill, sponsored by Rep. Charles Fleischmann (R-Tenn.), allocates \$57.3 billion in discretionary funding—\$766.4 million less than 2025's appropriations. It prioritizes funding that boosts national security, energy dominance, and economic competitiveness. As the fiscal year 2026 budget process continues, follow along with the help of EESI's briefing, *Understanding the Budget, Reconciliation, and Appropriations*.

Reps. Kevin Mullen (D-Calif.), Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), and Randy Weber Sr. (R-Texas) introduced the *Resilient Emergency Alert Communications and Training (REACT) Act* (H.R.5154) to improve alert and warning systems. Specifically, the bill would boost Federal Emergency Management Agency's federal resource outreach and provide local emergency officials with \$30 million annually to increase their testing, training, and public education of alert systems.

Sens. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), James Risch (R-Idaho), and Ben Luján (D-N.M.) reintroduced the *Headwaters Protection Act* (S.2701) to support the country's forests and watersheds. The bill, if passed, would increase and expand funding for the U.S. Forest Service's Water Source Protection Program and the Watershed Condition Framework, which together manage U.S. forests for watershed health and provide communities with clean drinking water. Reps. Jim Costa (D-Calif.) and David Valadao (R-Calif.) reintroduced the bill's House companion (H.R.605) in January.

September 5, 2025

No environmental or energy related activity in the House or Senate today.

September 4, 2025

House

Bills Introduced:

H.R.5131

To extend military land withdrawals in Alaska, New Mexico, and California for a period of 25 years and to make technical corrections to descriptions for certain military land withdrawals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Begich, Nicholas J. [Rep.-R-AK-At Large] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

H.R.5138

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to authorize grants for eligible institutions to carry out agriculture workforce training programs, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5141

To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to require States to consider measures that limit the amount of retail utility rate increases a utility company can request to once every 365 days.

Sponsor: <u>Harder, Josh [Rep.-D-CA-9]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R<u>.5151</u>

To reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Meng, Grace [Rep.-D-NY-6] Cosponsors: (17)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and

Commerce, 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...

H.R.5154

To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a program to provide technical and financial assistance to State, local, and Tribal authorities to conduct testing of emergency alert and warning systems, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Mullin, Kevin [Rep.-D-CA-15]</u> Cosponsors: (2) Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure.

H.R.5164

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to eliminate the prohibition on indirect costs with respect to aquaculture assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Tokuda, Jill N. [Rep.-D-HI-2]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5134

To enhance the preservation, maintenance, and management of national historic trails and national scenic trails, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Beyer, Donald S. [Rep.-D-VA-8]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

H.R.5150

To strengthen privacy protections for recipients of loans and payments processed by the Farm Service Agency.

Sponsor: McClain Delaney, April [Rep.-D-MD-6] Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Passed House:

H.R.4553

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026

Sponsor: Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [Rep.-R-TN-3] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Appropriations Committee Report: <u>H. Rept. 119-213</u> Latest Action: House - 09/04/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.2708

A bill to enhance the preservation, maintenance, and management of national historic trails and national scenic trails, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Kaine, Tim [Sen.-D-VA]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2712

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a carbon fee to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Durbin, Richard J. [Sen.-D-IL]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 09/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance. (text: CR S6321-6329)

S.2713

A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to provide grants for natural gas distribution pipeline infrastructure safety and modernization, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Ossoff, Jon [Sen.-D-GA] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 09/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.2726

A bill to prescribe Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Banks</u>, <u>Jim [Sen.-R-IN]</u> Cosponsors: (3) Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 09/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

S.2727

A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to authorize grants for eligible institutions to carry out agriculture workforce training programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Smith, Tina [Sen.-D-MN] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 09/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.J.Res.76

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 "Extension of Deadlines in Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review Final Rule".

Sponsor: <u>Schiff, Adam B. [Sen.-D-CA]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 09/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

September 3, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.5104

To reduce the health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, requiring a study, and establishing financial assistance programs to address heat effects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Bonamici, Suzanne [Rep.-D-OR-1] Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology Latest Action: House - 09/03/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.5111

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Costa, Jim [Rep.-D-CA-21] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5119

To amend the National Security Act of 1947, to direct the Director of National Intelligence to produce intelligence community assessments on certain effects of climate change, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Peters, Scott H. [Rep.-D-CA-50] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Intelligence (Permanent Select)

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Intelligence

(Permanent Select).

H.R.5123

To authorize a national program to reduce the threat to human health posed by exposure to indoor air contaminants, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Tonko, Paul [Rep.-D-NY-20] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce

Passed House:

H.J.Res.104

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment".

Sponsor: <u>Downing</u>, <u>Troy</u> [Rep.-R-MT-2] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to

without objection.

H.J.Res.105

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North

Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

Sponsor: Fedorchak, Julie [Rep.-R-ND-At Large] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to

without objection.

H.J.Res.106

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

Sponsor: Begich, Nicholas J. [Rep.-R-AK-At Large] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to

without objection.

H.Res.672

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4553) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 104) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 105) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 106) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan"; and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: H. Rept. 119-232

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to

without objection.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.2691

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to extend and enhance the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Ricketts, Pete [Sen.-R-NE]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 09/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2692

A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish in the Department of Agriculture an Office of Biotechnology Policy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Padilla, Alex [Sen.-D-CA]</u> Cosponsors: (1)
Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Latest Action: Senate - 09/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2693

A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the recognition, procurement, and domestic production of biobased products, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Young, Todd [Sen.-R-IN]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 09/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2694

A bill to improve connections between the Department of Agriculture and national and homeland security agencies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Padilla, Alex [Sen.-D-CA]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 09/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2701

A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Bennet, Michael F. [Sen.-D-CO]</u> Cosponsors: (4) Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 09/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

September 2, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.5085

To exempt Federal actions related to the construction of infill housing from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Friedman, Laura [Rep.-D-CA-30] Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure Latest Action: House - 09/02/2025 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.

H.R.5089

To improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Lucas, Frank D. [Rep.-R-OK-3]</u> Cosponsors: (<u>19</u>)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Natural Resources Latest Action: House - 09/02/2025 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.5097

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program under which the Secretary will award grants to

specialty crop producers to acquire certain equipment and provide training with respect to the use of such equipment.

Sponsor: Valadao, David G. [Rep.-R-CA-22] Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5102

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain streams in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in the State of Montana as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Zinke, Ryan K. [Rep.-R-MT-1] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

September 1, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.