

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | September 29 - October 3, 2025

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed the *Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act* ([H.R.744](#)). The bill, reintroduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) and eight bipartisan representatives, would allow state and local governments to [boost](#) their administrative capacity in response to future disasters. If passed, the bill would finance this effort with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's unused disaster assistance funds, which, under current law, are returned to the Disaster Relief Fund.

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure also passed the *Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2025* ([H.R.501](#)). Reps. Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.) and Dina Titus (D-Nev.) reintroduced the bill, which would [accelerate and improve](#) the processes for state and local governments to update their building codes and improve buildings' efficiency and climate resilience. Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and John Fetterman (D-Pa.) introduced the Senate version of the bill in February. To learn more about resilient buildings, check out EESI's [panel](#), "Building Resilience and Comfort," from our 2025 Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which covers [95%](#) of residential flood insurance policies in the country, expired on September 30, 2025. Sens. John Kennedy (R-La.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) introduced [S.2946](#) to reauthorize the program. Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.) introduced the House's version of the bill ([H.R.5577](#)) last week. To learn more about the NFIP, check out EESI's [briefing](#) on insurance in the age of climate change.

October 3, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5673](#)

To reinstate all financial assistance awards terminated by the Department of Energy.

Sponsor: [Barragán, Nanette Diaz \[Rep.-D-CA-44\]](#) Cosponsors: ([36](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 10/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.5682

To take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Issa, Darrell \[Rep.-R-CA-48\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Bills Reported:

H.R.281

Grizzly Bear State Management Act

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/03/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 281.

H.R.501

Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Edwards, Chuck \[Rep.-R-NC-11\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 10/03/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 273.

H.R.744

Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([11](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 10/03/2025 Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 119-320.

H.R.845

Pet and Livestock Protection Act

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([37](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/03/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 285.

H.R.2462

Black Vulture Relief Act

Sponsor: [Rose, John W. \[Rep.-R-TN-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([26](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/03/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 286.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2968](#)

A bill to ensure access to certain public land, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 10/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2970](#)

A bill to authorize the use of off-highway vehicles in certain areas of the Capitol Reef National Park, Utah.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 10/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

October 2, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2967](#)

A bill to address the management by certain Federal land management agencies over Federal land along the southern border and northern border, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 10/02/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

October 1, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.J.Res.85](#)

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 "Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units: Temporary-Use Incinerators and Air Curtain Incinerators Used in Disaster Recovery.

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 10/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.86](#)

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 "Air Plan Approval; South Dakota; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period".

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 10/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.87](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness: Gulf of America".

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 10/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

September 30, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.5617

To direct the Department of the Interior to identify and publish standard procedures and guidelines for geothermal leasing and permit issuance for environmentally responsible geothermal operations on Federal lands.

Sponsor: [Ansari, Yassamin \[Rep.-D-AZ-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.5620

To provide for the establishment of a task force to identify trade barriers to United States agricultural exports and carry out other related duties.

Sponsor: [Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" \[Rep.-R-AR-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.5631

To appoint a Geothermal Ombudsman and establish a Geothermal Permitting Task Force from within the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hurd, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.5633

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act with respect to research and development regarding harvest incentive policies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Jackson, Ronny \[Rep.-R-TX-13\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5636

To amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the reallocation of applicable volumes for small refineries under the Renewable Fuel Standard, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.5638

To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to require royalties on production from leased geothermal resources to be based on production from each electric generating facility, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.5639

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to co-locate renewable energy projects on certain existing Federal leased areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kennedy, Mike \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.5648

To provide for continuity of disaster relief funding in the case of a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moore, Tim \[Rep.-R-NC-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Appropriations

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

H.R.5650

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to assist primarily low-income individuals in making their homes and property more resilient to the impacts of climate change, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mullin, Kevin \[Rep.-D-CA-15\]](#) Cosponsors: ([9](#))

Committees: House - Financial Services; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.5652

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide flexibility with the cost share for fire management assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([13](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.5661

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to consider the use of resource preservation techniques in certain programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sykes, Emilia Strong \[Rep.-D-OH-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/30/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.2946

A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

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

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 09/30/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Passed Senate:

[S.Res.427](#)

A resolution designating October 8, 2025, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day".

Sponsor: [Graham, Lindsey \[Sen.-R-SC\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/30/2025 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

September 29, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2926](#)

A bill to establish the New York-New Jersey Watershed Restoration Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 09/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.2931](#)

A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

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

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 09/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Bills Reported:

[S.1433](#)

Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Murray, Patty \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))
Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Latest Action: Senate - 09/29/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 172.

Passed Senate:

[S.Res.418](#)

A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 20 through September 27, 2025, as "National Estuaries Week".

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: ([30](#))
Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works
Latest Action: Senate - 09/29/2025 Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.
