

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | September 8 - September 12, 2025

The Senate passed the bipartisan *Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments (HABHRCA) Act of 2025* ([S.93](#)). The bill [seeks](#) to reauthorize the original *HABHRCA Act of 1998* to support federal and state government responses to harmful algal blooms, which occur in all 50 states and threaten coastal economies and ecosystems. Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) and Tammy Bladwin (D-Wis.) reintroduced the bill alongside 14 bipartisan cosponsors. Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.) and Dave Joyce (R-Ohio) lead companion legislation ([H.R.644](#)) in the House.

The *Fire Ready Nation Act of 2025* ([S.306](#)) passed the Senate. Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.) introduced the bill alongside seven bipartisan cosponsors. The bill aims to [establish](#) a Fire Weather Services program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and authorize funding for the development of innovative [wildfire forecasting technologies](#). The bill now moves to the House for further consideration.

The Senate passed the *Enhancing First Response Act* ([S.725](#)). The bill, introduced by Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), updates the 9-1-1 emergency reporting system to increase reliable connection during natural disasters. The bill now moves to the House for further consideration. Two companion bills are in the House: the *911 SAVES Act* ([H.R.540](#)) led by Rep. Norma Torres (D-Calif.) and the *Emergency Reporting Act* ([H.R.5200](#)) led by Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.).

Reps. Troy Downing (R-Mont.) and Vicente Gonzalez (D-Texas) introduced the *Improvement of Mapping, Addresses, Geography, Elevations, and Structures (IMAGES) Act* ([H.R. 5229](#)) to [modernize and improve](#) flood mapping standards. The bill, if passed, would require data that informs flood risk mitigation to be accessible to the public, mandate that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Insurance Rate Maps use planimetric features, and order that FEMA flood maps are updated every five years (maps are currently updated every 35 years on average).

September 12, 2025

House:

No environmental or energy activity in the House today.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

September 11, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.5318

To provide that the deployment of a small personal wireless service facility is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hudson, Richard \[Rep.-R-NC-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/11/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.5321

To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the special rule for low emission and energy efficient vehicles facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [LaLota, Nick \[Rep.-R-NY-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.5332

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a technology assessment focused on liquid-cooling systems for artificial-intelligence compute clusters and high-performance computing facilities, require the development of Federal Government-wide best-practice guidance for Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Obernolte, Jay \[Rep.-R-CA-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

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

Latest Action: House - 09/11/2025 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.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.1949](#)

Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Pfluger, August \[Rep.-R-TX-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (43)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/11/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 225.

[H.R.3109](#)

REFINER Act

Sponsor: [Latta, Robert E. \[Rep.-R-OH-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/11/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 223.

[H.R.3617](#)

Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act

Sponsor: [James, John \[Rep.-R-MI-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/11/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 224.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2775](#)

A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish and maintain a database and webpage that is available to the public and contains information on the billion-dollar disasters that occur each year in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 09/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.2787](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to ensure that ranchers who have grazing agreements on national grasslands are treated the same as permittees on other Federal land.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

September 10, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5257](#)

To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian Tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust.

Sponsor: [Cole, Tom \[Rep.-R-OK-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([6](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.5264](#)

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that certain projects for the placement and installation of communications facilities are not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Goldman, Craig A. \[Rep.-R-TX-12\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.5265](#)

To direct the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, to establish an electric bike safety program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gottheimer, Josh \[Rep.-D-NJ-5\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.5273](#)

To provide that a project for the collocation of a telecommunications service facility is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.5280

To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to enhance the long-term protection of watersheds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Nunn, Zachary \[Rep.-R-IA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.5285

To amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to expand the goals of the tornado warning improvement and extension program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 09/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Committee Hearings:

PROMOTING FOREST HEALTH AND RESILIENCY THROUGH IMPROVED ACTIVE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture held a [hearing](#) entitled “Promoting Forest Health and Resiliency Through Improved Active Management”. Testimony was heard from Jamie Barnes, State Forester, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, Department of Natural Resources, Utah; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 573](#), the “Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act”; [H.R. 4503](#), the “ePermit Act”; and [H.R. 4776](#), the “SPEED Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman and Representatives Yakym and Johnson of South Dakota; and public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACTS IMPLEMENTATION: REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF PAST PROVISIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a [hearing](#) entitled “Water Resources Development Acts Implementation: Review and Oversight of Past Provisions”. Testimony was heard from Adam R. Telle, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Army (Civil Works); and Lieutenant General William H. Graham, Jr., Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 5089](#), the “Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2025”. [H.R. 5089](#) was ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2753](#)

A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern.

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2754](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the City of Ouray, Colorado, certain land managed by the Forest Service, together with a reservoir.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Passed Senate:

[S.93](#)

Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (15)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-34](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/10/2025 Passed Senate without amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

[S.306](#)

Fire Ready Nation Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Cantwell, Maria \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-42](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/10/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

[S.725](#)

Enhancing First Response Act

Sponsor: [Klobuchar, Amy \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 09/10/2025 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

[S.759](#)

Modernizing Access to Our Public Oceans Act

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-40](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/10/2025 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Committee Hearings:

WILDFIRE EMISSIONS PREVENTION ACT AND RENEWABLE FUEL FOR OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine a discussion draft of the Wildfire Emissions Prevention Act, and [S. 881](#), to amend the Clean Air Act to include fuel for ocean-going vessels as additional renewable fuel for which credits may be generated under the renewable fuel program, after receiving testimony from Johnny Sabo, Georgia State Forester, Dry Branch, on behalf of

the National Association of State Foresters; Jonathan Wood, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana; and Kathy J. Metcalf, Chamber of Shipping of America, Abirami Vijayan, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Nikita Pavlenko, International Council on Clean Transportation, all of Washington, D.C.

AMERICA'S FIRE APPARATUS CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Disaster Management, District of Columbia, and Census concluded a [hearing](#) to examine America's fire apparatus crisis, after receiving testimony from Dennis L. Rubin, Kansas City Fire Department, Kansas City, Kansas; Edward A. Kelly, International Association of Fire Fighters, Boston, Massachusetts; Basel J. Musharbash, Antimonopoly Counsel, Paris, Texas; Mike Virnig, REV Group, Brookfield, Wisconsin; and Dan Meyer, Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., Appleton, Wisconsin.

FEDERAL ENERGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine Federal programs at the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Anna Maria Ortiz, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; David Conrad, Acting Director and Deputy Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy; and Jocelyn Fenton, Denali Commission, Anchorage, Alaska.

September 9, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5219](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to assess the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Camden Battlefield area in the State of South Carolina as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Norman, Ralph \[Rep.-R-SC-5\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

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

[H.R.5227](#)

Unleashing Low-Cost Rural AI Act

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

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 09/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.5229](#)

IMAGES Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Downing, Troy \[Rep.-R-MT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 09/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

[H.R.5230](#)

Faster Buses Better Futures Act

Sponsor: [Frost, Maxwell \[Rep.-D-FL-10\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

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

[H.R.5241](#)

RTCP Revitalization Act

Sponsor: [Tokuda, Jill N. \[Rep.-D-HI-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([6](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

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

Committee Hearings:

BUILDING THE AMERICAN DREAM: EXAMINING AFFORDABILITY, CHOICE, AND SECURITY IN APPLIANCE AND BUILDINGS POLICIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a [hearing](#) entitled “Building the American Dream: Examining Affordability, Choice, and Security in Appliance and Buildings Policies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE STATE OF OUR NATION'S FEDERAL FORESTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) entitled “The State of Our Nation's Federal Forests”. Testimony was heard from Tom Schultz, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 681](#), to amend the Act of August 9, 1955 (commonly known as the “Long-Term Leasing Act”), to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and for other purposes; [H.R. 3654](#), the “TERRA Act”; [H.R. 3903](#), the “Chugach Alaska Land Exchange Oil Spill Recovery Act of 2025”; [H.R. 3925](#), the “Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation Land Exchange Act”; and [H.R. 4463](#), to amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993. Testimony was heard from Representatives Begich, Obernolte, and Randall; John Crockett, Deputy Chief for State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Bryan Mercier, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EXPLORING THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a [hearing](#) entitled “Exploring the Economic Potential of the Golden Age of American Energy Dominance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2741](#)

Legacy Mine Cleanup Act of 2025

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

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

[S.2742](#)

Protect Consumers from Reallocation Costs Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

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

[S.2744](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to codify and extend the rules for personal casualty losses arising from major disasters and the rules for the exclusion from gross income of compensation for losses or damages resulting from certain wildfires.

Sponsor: [Scott, Rick \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

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

September 8, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.5171](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to gray wolves.

Sponsor: [Bentz, Cliff \[Rep.-R-OR-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.5184](#)

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from enforcing energy efficiency standards applicable to manufactured housing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Houchin, Erin \[Rep.-R-IN-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.5196](#)

Protect Our Farmers and Families Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Luna, Anna Paulina \[Rep.-R-FL-13\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/08/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.5200](#)

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.5216](#)

BUFFER Act

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/08/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Passed House:

[H.R.3428](#)

Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions Review Act

Sponsor: [Bresnahan, Robert P. \[Rep.-R-PA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/08/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2735](#)

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Land Transfer Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 09/08/2025 Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bills Reported:

[S.606](#)

Contaminated Wells Relocation Act

Sponsor: [Kaine, Tim \[Sen.-D-VA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 09/08/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 149.