



Congressional Round-Up

July 27-31, 2026

Every week, the Environmental and Energy Study Institute publishes a legislative tracker of environment- and energy-related bills introduced, advanced, and passed by Congress, as well as relevant committee hearings. This document was put together with information from congress.gov, press releases from congressional offices, and news stories. (Note that we may have inadvertently missed a bill or hearing.)

Highlights:

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee advanced the *Energy Security Pacts Act* ([S.4392](#)) to strengthen U.S. critical mineral supply chains. The bill, introduced by Sens. Chris Coons (D-Del.) and Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), aims to [secure](#) international partnerships to support mineral and energy infrastructure development in partner countries. Reps. Young Kim (R-Calif.) and Ami Bera (D-Calif.) lead the bill's House counterpart ([H.R.7037](#)), which passed the chamber in June. To learn more about critical mineral supply chains, as well as their role in clean energy, check out EESI's [issue brief](#) and our latest fact sheets on [lithium](#) and [cobalt](#).

Reps. Brittany Pettersen (D-Colo.) and Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.) introduced the *Wildfire Research Coordination Act* ([H.R.9998](#)) to [improve](#) cross-agency collaboration on wildfire prevention research and the *Wildfire Responder Protection Act* ([H.R.10001](#)) to secure appropriate health care coverage for firefighters exposed to hazardous conditions. The bills are part of a wildfire mitigation package introduced in response to the Aspen Acres and Willow fires. EESI's [briefing](#) about wildfire policy outlines other opportunities to strengthen wildfire mitigation efforts.

Sens. John Fetterman (D-Pa.), Dave McCormick (R-Pa.), and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) introduced the *Spotted Lanternfly Research and Development Act* ([S.5200](#)) to [label](#) the Spotted Lanternfly as a high-priority research area for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Rep. Joseph Morelle (D-N.Y.) introduced a similar bill ([H.R.4708](#)) in the House in July 2025.

Reps. Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.) and Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.) introduced the *Recycling Infrastructure and Accountability Act* ([H.R.9987](#)) to [direct](#) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a feasibility study on launching a national recycling database. The database would track information on recycling infrastructure, materials recovery, landfill diversion, and community accessibility to recycling services.



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The House and Senate did not meet today.

July 30, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.9987

Recycling Infrastructure and Data Accountability Act

Sponsor: [Lawler, Michael \[Rep.-R-NY-17\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9992

To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Administrators of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration to establish a memorandum of understanding to share disaster relief data and information, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moore, Tim \[Rep.-R-NC-14\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.9998

Wildfire Research Coordination Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

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

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.9999

Mountain Pine Beetle Coordination Act

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources



Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.10000](#)

Emergency Mountain Pine Beetle Response Act

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.10001](#)

Wildfire Responder Protection Act

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

Committees: House - Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

[H.R.10002](#)

Guaranteed Disaster Assistance Act

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([0](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.10004](#)

Defending Our Energy and Water Act

Sponsor: [Scholten, Hillary J. \[Rep.-D-MI-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.10005](#)

Data Center Resource Disclosure Act

Sponsor: [Scholten, Hillary J. \[Rep.-D-MI-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([2](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.10007](#)

Environmental Health Workforce Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Thanedar, Shri \[Rep.-D-MI-13\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Education and Workforce



Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.10010](#)

Build Homes, Not Hate Act of 2026

Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz, Debbie \[Rep.-D-FL-25\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2026 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.5181](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program relating to the digitization of county roads and the creation of publicly accessible road datasets, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.5182](#)

A bill to establish a Federal working group for recycled plastic content traceability, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schiff, Adam B. \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.5187](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to strengthen the domestic science and engineering workforce through partnerships among institutions of higher education, National Laboratories, other Federal science agencies, and industry to support accelerated doctoral programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Warner, Mark R. \[Sen.-D-VA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.5195](#)

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A bill to establish a Green New Deal for public schools.

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

Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.5199

A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission over the interconnection of large loads to the transmission system, to provide for standards and procedures for the interconnection of large loads, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.5200

A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include spotted lanternfly control research and development as a high-priority research and extension initiative, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fetterman, John \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Committee Hearings:

AI AND COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Media concluded a [hearing](#) to examine intelligent networks, focusing on powering artificial intelligence and transforming communications, after receiving testimony from Dan Watermeier, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln; Jonathan Spalter, USTelecom--The Broadband Association, Washington, D.C.; Bob Everson, Cisco Systems, Inc., Richardson, Texas; and Asad Ramzanali, Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator, Nashville, Tennessee.

July 29, 2026

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

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S.5159

A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to support microgrids, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.5165

A bill to authorize the Office of Polar Programs of the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.5170

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to remove carbon dioxide directly from ambient air or seawater, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Hearings:

LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine S. 3573, to amend the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act to modify a provision relating to the extension of certain dates for the completion of the Regional Water System, S. 3617, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Yavapai-Apache Nation in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, [and other bills] after receiving testimony from Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Buddy Rocha, Jr., Yavapai-Apache Nation, Verde, Arizona; Jeff Grubbe, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Palm Springs, California; and Catalina Chacon, Pechanga Band of Indians, Temecula, California.

July 28, 2026

The House did not meet today.



Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.5145](#)

A bill to clarify the use of certain existing grants under the Clean Air Act to purchase air sensors, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rosen, Jacky \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.5151](#)

A bill to establish the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative to carry out projects for the protection and restoration of the Mississippi River Corridor, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Baldwin, Tammy \[Sen.-D-WI\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/28/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

July 27, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9947](#)

Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act

Sponsor: [DeSaulnier, Mark \[Rep.-D-CA-10\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

Tags: energy/fossil fuels

[H.R.9953](#)

To reduce trawl gear impacts on bycatch and seafloor habitat in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Gulf of Alaska, to establish gear performance standards, seafloor contact detection, and salmon excluder requirements, to improve Council transparency and participation, to prioritize ecosystem analyses, to modernize electronic monitoring, to prohibit unsustainable foreign seafood imports, and to establish a Bycatch Mitigation and Habitat Protection Assistance Fund.

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

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Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Tags: wildlife & conservation

H.R.9959

To establish a Green New Deal for public schools.

Sponsor: [Jayapal, Pramila \[Rep.-D-WA-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([14](#))

Committees: House - Education and Workforce; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2026 Referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Tags:

H.R.9962

To establish a Green New Deal for Health to prepare and empower the health care sector to protect the health and well-being of our workers, our communities, and our planet in the face of the climate crisis, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Khanna, Ro \[Rep.-D-CA-17\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([6](#))

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

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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...

H.R.9968

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress a report on barriers to participation in Department of Agriculture programs faced by certified organic farms and farms that may be interested in transitioning to organic production, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ogles, Andrew \[Rep.-R-TN-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.9975

Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act of 2026

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.9976

To amend the Plant Protection Act to establish a fund for spotted wing drosophila research and mitigation.

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

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Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.5134](#)

A bill to establish a Green New Deal for Health to prepare and empower the health care sector to protect the health and well-being of our workers, our communities, and our planet in the face of the climate crisis, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: Senate - 07/27/2026 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Bills Reported:

[S.4392](#)

Energy Security Pacts Act

Sponsor: [Coons, Christopher A. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 07/27/2026 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 508.



