



Congressional Round-Up

May 4-May 8, 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:

Reps. John Garamendi (D-Calif.) and Mike Thompson (D-Calif.) introduced the *ADAPT Assets Act* ([H.R.8653](#)) to [protect](#) critical transportation infrastructure from natural disasters. The bill would provide \$2 billion annually to support the development of ten critical infrastructure projects that bolster disaster preparedness. To learn more about transportation infrastructure resilience, check out EESI's [briefing series](#) on the *Next Era of Transportation and Infrastructure*.

Members of Congress returned to their respective states for district-focused work last week. Check back [next week](#) for key legislative environment and energy solutions advancing through Congress!

May 8, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

May 7, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8674](#)

Geese House Site Conveyance Act



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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8682](#)

To codify the categorical exclusion proposed in the National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures for the Bureau of Land Management related to salvage harvesting published on April 6, 2026, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Downing, Troy \[Rep.-R-MT-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8688](#)

Forest Health and Wildfire Risk Reduction Act

Sponsor: [Hurd, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8695](#)

No Delays in Disaster Relief Act

Sponsor: [Letlow, Julia \[Rep.-R-LA-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8706](#)

To amend the Energy Act of 2020 to modify certain programs and projects with respect to energy storage technology, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 05/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.8711](#)

To require a strategy for the defense of data centers from external breaches from malefactors and the protection of the communities surrounding data centers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Subramanyam, Suhas \[Rep.-D-VA-10\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Homeland Security; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/07/2026 Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.8715](#)



To amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the enhancement of a penalty for an investor-owned electric or gas utility that increase rates within the 2-year period occurring before or after the assessment of the penalty.

Sponsor: [Tlaib, Rashida \[Rep.-D-MI-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R.8717](#)

To amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to permit the construction of certain noise barriers with funds from the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Williams, Nikema \[Rep.-D-GA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/07/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

May 6, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

May 5, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

May 4, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8653](#)



To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for demonstration projects that make critical transportation infrastructure resilient to natural hazards, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Garamendi, John \[Rep.-D-CA-8\]](#) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/04/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

