

Congressional Round-Up

November 2-6, 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 House Energy and Commerce Committee advanced the *Nuclear REFUEL Act* (H.R.3978) and the *Efficient Nuclear Licensing Hearings Act* (H.R.5549). The first of these bills, introduced by Reps. Robert Latta (R-Ohio) and Scott Peters (D-Calif.), would streamline nuclear facility safety rules to make it easier to recycle spent fuel, a practice that is not currently legal but would reduce nuclear waste. The second bill, reintroduced by Reps. Morgan Griffith (R-Va.), Kim Schrier (D-Wa.) and Marc Veasey (D-Texas), would simplify federal licensing rules to make it easier to build nuclear power plants.

Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.) introduced the *PURGE Act* (H.R.10957) and the *Clothing Microplastics Transparency Act of 2026* (H.R.10958) to tackle, mitigate, and regulate microplastics. The first of these bills would direct the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to research strategies and develop a pilot program for mitigating and remediating microplastics in the environment. The second would require clothing companies to clearly label clothes with the quantity of microplastics in them. It would also direct the Federal Trade Commission to promulgate microplastic regulations, such as testing protocols, for these companies.

Rep. Michael Baumgartner (R-Wash.) introduced the *Healthy Forests Incentives Act* (H.R.10952). The bill would create incentives to thin out high-risk forests and build partnerships between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and businesses to find productive uses for cleared lumber, such as biofuel and laminate. For more information on wildfire management, check out EESI's briefing, *Igniting Innovation: Progress and a Path Forward for Wildfire Policy*.

November 6, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

November 5, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.10957
PURGE Act
Sponsor: Mace, Nancy [Rep.-R-SC-1] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Science, Space, and Technology
Latest Action: House - 11/05/2026 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

H.R.10958
Clothing Microplastic Transparency Act of 2026
Sponsor: Mace, Nancy [Rep.-R-SC-1] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 11/05/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Bills Reported:

H.R.3978
Nuclear REFUEL (Recycling Efficient Fuels Utilizing Expedited Licensing) Act
Sponsor: Latta, Robert E. [Rep.-R-OH-5] **Cosponsors:** (28)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 11/05/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 768.

H.R.5549
Efficient Nuclear Licensing Hearings Act
Sponsor: Griffith, H. Morgan [Rep.-R-VA-9] **Cosponsors:** (25)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 11/05/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 769.

H.R.9084
Department of Energy Nuclear Transparency Act
Sponsor: Castor, Kathy [Rep.-D-FL-14] **Cosponsors:** (1)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 11/05/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 771.

H.R.9612
American Enrichment Deployment Act
Sponsor: Fry, Russell [Rep.-R-SC-7] **Cosponsors:** (6)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 11/05/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 772.

H.R.9613
Nuclear Advisory Committee Reform Act
Sponsor: Harshbarger, Diana [Rep.-R-TN-1] **Cosponsors:** (1)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 11/05/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 774.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

November 4, 2026

The House and the Senate did not meet today.

November 3, 2026

The House and the Senate did not meet today.

November 2, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.10952
Healthy Forests Incentives Act
Sponsor: Baumgartner, Michael [Rep.-R-WA-5] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Agriculture; Ways and Means; Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 11/02/2026 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.