



Congressional Round-Up

October 12-16, 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 *Illegal Red Snapper and Tuna Enforcement Act* ([P.L. 119-123](#)) was signed into law. Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), and Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) led the bill through Congress to [direct](#) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop tests and methods that would assist in determining whether red snapper and certain tuna species were illegally caught before being imported to the United States. Illegal fishing contributes to fishery depletion and threatens economic and food security around the world.

The President also enacted the *Crow Tribes Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2025* ([P.L. 119-122](#)), led by Sens. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) and Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.). The Act [amends](#) the *Crow Tribes Water Rights Settlement Act of 2009* to give the tribe more flexibility to develop and advance their own water infrastructure projects, such as hydropower generation on the Yellowtail Afterbay Dam.

Reps. Val Hoyle (D-Ore.), Kim Schrier (D-Wash.), and Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) introduced the *Northwest Wetlands Voluntary Incentives Program Act* ([H.R.10823](#)). This bill would [create](#) a Department of Interior grant program that rewards states, tribes and private landowners for maintaining and restoring wetland bird habitats in the Columbia River Basin. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced an identical bill in the Senate ([S.1615](#)) in May 2025. EESI's 2025 [briefing](#) highlights other conservation efforts along the Columbia River.

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The House and Senate did not meet today.

October 15, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.10813

Historic Preservation and Land Conservation Certainty Act

Sponsor: [Carey, Mike \[Rep.-R-OH-15\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 10/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R.10823

Northwest Wetlands Voluntary Incentives Program Act

Sponsor: [Hoyle, Val T. \[Rep.-D-OR-4\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.10831

Acquired Lands Revenue Modernization Act

Sponsor: [Taylor, David J. \[Rep.-R-OH-2\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.10834

Gas Money Saved Act

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 10/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.



[H.R.10839](#)

Heat Island Reduction Act

Sponsor: [Walkinshaw, James R. \[Rep.-D-VA-11\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (2)

Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Action: House - 10/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

[H.Res.1628](#)

Supporting the designation of the week beginning on October 10, 2026, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week".

Sponsor: [Thompson, Mike \[Rep.-D-CA-4\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (7)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/15/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.5688](#)

Acquired Lands Revenue Modernization Act

Sponsor: [Moreno, Bernie \[Sen.-R-OH\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Latest Action: Senate - 10/15/2026 Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.5689](#)

A bill to prohibit Federal and State incentives for the development or commercial operations of data centers.

Sponsor: [Moreno, Bernie \[Sen.-R-OH\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Latest Action: Senate - 10/15/2026 Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.J.Res.221](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the agreement for civilian nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia pursuant to section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1)

Latest Action: Senate - 10/15/2026 Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.



[S.Res.950](#)

A resolution designating the week of September 14 through September 18, 2026, as "National Clean Energy Week".

Sponsor: [Collins, Susan M. \[Sen.-R-ME\]](#) Cosponsors: [\(9\)](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 10/15/2026 Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills Enacted:

[S.240](#)

Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: [\(1\)](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-93](#)

Latest Action: 10/15/2026 Became Public Law No: 119-122.

[S.283](#)

Illegal Red Snapper and Tuna Enforcement Act

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: [\(4\)](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-24](#)

Latest Action: 10/15/2026 Became Public Law No: 119-123.

October 14, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

October 13, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:



[H.R.10795](#)

Sudan IMPACT Act

Sponsor: [Baird, James R. \[Rep.-R-IN-4\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 10/13/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs

[H.R.10804](#)

Utility Accountability Act

Sponsor: [Riley, Josh \[Rep.-D-NY-19\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 10/13/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.10809](#)

Make Data Centers Pay Act

Sponsor: [Vindman, Eugene Simon \[Rep.-D-VA-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 10/13/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

October 12, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

