

Congressional Round-Up

October 26-30, 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 Committee on Natural Resources advanced the *Earth MRI Reauthorization Act of 2026* (H.R.9640), led by Reps. Robert Wittman (R-Va.) and Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.). The bill would reauthorize the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative—a U.S. Geological Survey program that helps generate baseline data on geologic hazards, critical minerals, and geothermal resources across the United States—through 2031.

The House Committee on Natural Resources also passed the *Don Young Doug LaMalfa Indian Buffalo Management Act* (H.R.7954). The bill, led by Reps. Jeff Hurd (R-Colo.), Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-N.M.), Julie Fedorchak (R-N.D.), and Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), would require the Secretary of the Interior to work with tribal governments—through grantmaking, consultation, and collaborative agreements—to restore and manage American bison populations.

Reps. George Whitesides (D-Calif.), James Gallagher (R-Calif.), Andrea Salinas (D-Ore.), and Vince Fong (R-Calif.) introduced the *No Bets on Wildfires Act* (H.R. 10951). The bill would ban prediction markets, such as Polymarket or Kalshi, from offering bets on wildfire outcomes, such as what cities might burn. The bill's leaders noted concerns that allowing gambling on wildfires may incentivize people to start wildfires to fulfill bets.

Reps. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.), Ben Cline (R-Va.), and Sarah McBride (D-Del.) introduced the *Farmer Recovery Opportunity and Support for Temperatures Relief Act* (H.R.10928). The bill directs the Department of Agriculture to provide block grants to states that experienced freezes in April 2026 to compensate for any associated crop losses.

October 30, 2026

House:

The House and Senate did not meet today.

October 29, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.10918
Natural Gas Dominance Act
Sponsor: Arrington, Jodey C. [Rep.-R-TX-19] **Cosponsors:** (2)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.10928
Farmer Recovery Opportunity and Support for Temperatures Relief Act
Sponsor: Gottheimer, Josh [Rep.-D-NJ-5] **Cosponsors:** (2)
Committees: House - Agriculture
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.10929
Protecting American Hemp Farmers Act
Sponsor: Hoyle, Val T. [Rep.-D-OR-4] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Ways and Means
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.10932
To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provide to the requesting State or Indian tribe the recommendation report for a major disaster declaration, to develop factors for recommending a declaration of a major disaster for a snowstorm or other snowfall event, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Kean, Thomas H. [Rep.-R-NJ-7] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.10934
American Minerals Royalty and Investment Act of 2026
Sponsor: Leger Fernandez, Teresa [Rep.-D-NM-3] **Cosponsors:** (6)
Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.10935
To direct the Secretary of the Interior to offer for sale certain Bureau of Land Management land in Monterey County, California, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Lofgren, Zoe [Rep.-D-CA-18] **Cosponsors:** (1)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.10947
Monitor Microplastics Now Act
Sponsor: Tlaib, Rashida [Rep.-D-MI-12] **Cosponsors:** (7)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.10950
Data Center Oversight Act
Sponsor: Vindman, Eugene Simon [Rep.-D-VA-7] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.10951
To amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prohibit the listing of contracts relating to wildfires.
Sponsor: Whitesides, George [Rep.-D-CA-27] **Cosponsors:** (3)
Committees: House - Agriculture
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Bills Reported:

H.R.4598
Technical Corrections to the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act, Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act, and Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act
Sponsor: Leger Fernandez, Teresa [Rep.-D-NM-3] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 751.

H.R.7254
To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bay Area Ridge National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Huffman, Jared [Rep.-D-CA-2] **Cosponsors:** (11)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 752.

H.R.7954
Don Young Doug LaMalfa Indian Buffalo Management Act
Sponsor: Hurd, Jeff [Rep.-R-CO-3] **Cosponsors:** (15)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 753.

H.R.8195
Responsible Cormorant Management and Control Act of 2026
Sponsor: Walberg, Tim [Rep.-R-MI-5] **Cosponsors:** (6)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 754.

H.R.8483
Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2026
Sponsor: Issa, Darrell [Rep.-R-CA-48] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 755.

H.R.9640
Earth MRI Reauthorization Act of 2026
Sponsor: Wittman, Robert J. [Rep.-R-VA-1] **Cosponsors:** (8)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 759.

H.R.9785
South Dakota Water Feasibility Studies Act
Sponsor: Johnson, Dusty [Rep.-R-SD-At Large] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 760.

H.R.10136
Crossett Experimental Forest Act of 2026
Sponsor: Westerman, Bruce [Rep.-R-AR-4] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 761.

H.R.10306
Technical Correction to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act of 2025
Sponsor: Amodei, Mark E. [Rep.-R-NV-2] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 10/29/2026 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 762.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

October 28, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

October 27, 2026

The House and Senate did not meet today.

October 26, 2026

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.10911
To amend the Animal Health Protection Act to establish a U.S. Swine health improvement plan as a voluntary program to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in cooperation with the States and the swine industry to prevent the introduction into the United States of, and to monitor for, diseases that threaten swine health, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Kaptur, Marcy [Rep.-D-OH-9] **Cosponsors:** (2)
Committees: House - Agriculture
Latest Action: House - 10/26/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.10914
To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to improve assistance for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: McClellan, Jennifer L. [Rep.-D-VA-4] **Cosponsors:** (2)
Committees: House - Agriculture
Latest Action: House - 10/26/2026 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.10916

To require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to jointly develop a strategy to increase the use of aquatic restoration and conservation activities in wildfire risk mitigation and post-fire recovery efforts, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Neguse, Joe [Rep.-D-CO-2] **Cosponsors:** (1)
Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture
Latest Action: House - 10/26/2026 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.10917
To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Panetta, Jimmy [Rep.-D-CA-19] **Cosponsors:** (0)
Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce; Education and Workforce
Latest Action: House - 10/26/2026 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

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