

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | June 28-July 2, 2021

From June 28 to July 2, Congress introduced several bills related to renewable energy. Both [H.R.3326](#) and [H.R.3330](#) would promote the development of renewable energy on public lands. Additionally, the House Energy and Commerce Committee held a [hearing](#) to examine four bills, [H.R.1512](#), [H.R.1514](#), [H.R.2678](#), and [H.R.4027](#), which seek to expand electric transmission to support the transition to a decarbonized electric grid.

Other notable bills:

- [H.R.4309](#) would advance innovation and deployment of zero-emissions electricity technology.
- [H.R.4235](#) would provide grants for climate-resilient living shorelines projects.
- [H.R.4220](#) would establish a National Climate Service Corps.

Here's what else happened in Congress:

### July 2, 2021

#### Senate

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2:30 p.m., on Monday, July 5, 2021.

#### House

##### Latest Committee Action

##### [H.R.4336](#)

**To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to provide for project delivery programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Schweikert, David \[R-AZ-6\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/02/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

##### [H.R.4353](#)

**To direct the Secretary of Energy to support research and development on extraction of uranium from seawater to reduce the dependence of the United States on imported uranium, illustrating that innovative technology for domestic extraction could be a more cost efficient and environmentally friendly alternative than traditional extraction methods, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Schweikert, David \[R-AZ-6\]](#) (Introduced 07/02/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/02/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**July 1, 2021**

**Senate**

The Senate met at 11:00:04 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:00:40 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., on Monday, July 5, 2021.

**House**

**Latest Committee Action**

**[H.R.3075](#)**

**Illegal Fishing and Forced Labor Prevention Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. Huffman, Jared \[D-CA-2\]](#) (Introduced 05/11/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Ways and Means; Transportation and Infrastructure; Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

**[H.R.3132](#)**

**Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. Amodei, Mark E. \[R-NV-2\]](#) (Introduced 05/12/2021) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**[H.R.3113](#)**

**MAPLand Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. Moore, Blake D. \[R-UT-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/11/2021) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**[H.R.3176](#)**

**Shawnee Wilderness Designation Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. Curtis, John R. \[R-UT-3\]](#) (Introduced 05/13/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**[H.R.3211](#)**

**Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership Act of 2021**

Sponsor: [Rep. Neguse, Joe \[D-CO-2\]](#) (Introduced 05/13/2021) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

### **H.R.3314**

#### **No Land Grab Act of 2021**

Sponsor: [Rep. Mann, Tracey \[R-KS-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/18/2021) Cosponsors: (6)  
Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Science, Space, and Technology  
Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

### **H.R.3326**

#### **Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2021**

Sponsor: [Rep. Levin, Mike \[D-CA-49\]](#) (Introduced 05/19/2021) Cosponsors: (1)  
Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture  
Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

### **H.R.3330**

#### **Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2021**

Sponsor: [Rep. Gosar, Paul A. \[R-AZ-4\]](#) (Introduced 05/19/2021) Cosponsors: (5)  
Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture  
Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

### **H.R.4300**

#### **To direct the Secretary of the Interior to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[R-IA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: (134)  
Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture  
Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 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, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### **H.R.4302**

#### **To address the bark beetle epidemic, to reduce catastrophic wildfires in the highest risk areas, to restore and improve the ecological integrity of forest, grassland, rangeland, and watershed ecosystems across the United States**

**through public and private partnerships with Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments and private partners, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Boebert, Lauren \[R-CO-3\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 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, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### **H.R.4309**

**To advance innovation in and deployment of zero-emission electricity technology, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. DeGette, Diana \[D-CO-1\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology; Ways and Means; Transportation and Infrastructure; Education and Labor

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each...

### **H.R.4313**

**To clarify which small refineries are eligible for an exemption from the requirements of the Renewable Fuel Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Feenstra, Randy \[R-IA-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### **H.R.4329**

**To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to improve access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas, including by encouraging the provision of broadband loans and grants to increase broadband service in rural ports, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. \[D-VI-At Large\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee...

### **H.R.4335**

**To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to impose time limits on the completion of certain required actions under the Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Schweikert, David \[R-AZ-6\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **H.R.4336**

**To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to provide for project delivery programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Schweikert, David \[R-AZ-6\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/01/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of...

## **June 30, 2021**

### **Senate**

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

### **House**

#### **Latest Committee Action**

### **H.R.4224**

**To require, pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, disclosure of the introduction of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances into treatment works, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Delgado, Antonio \[D-NY-19\]](#) (Introduced 06/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/30/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

### **H.R.4253**

**To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for chromium-6, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Green, Al \[D-TX-9\]](#) (Introduced 06/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### **H.R.4254**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish an income tax credit for the sale or blending of certain fuels containing ethanol.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Axne, Cynthia \[D-IA-3\]](#) (Introduced 06/30/2021) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 06/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **H.R.4270**

**To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and demonstration program with respect to abandoned wells, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Lamb, Conor \[D-PA-17\]](#) (Introduced 06/30/2021) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **H.R.4284**

**To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to assistance for disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Ruiz, Raul \[D-CA-36\]](#) (Introduced 06/30/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### **S.J.Res.14**

**A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review".**

Sponsor: [Sen. Heinrich, Martin \[D-NM\]](#) (Introduced 03/25/2021) Cosponsors: (23)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: 06/30/2021 Presented to President.

### **Committee Hearings**

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022 were ordered reported, as amended.

### **ADDRESSING CLIMATE AS A SYSTEMIC RISK: THE NEED TO BUILD RESILIENCE WITHIN OUR BANKING AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled "Addressing Climate as a Systemic Risk: The Need to Build Resilience within Our Banking and Financial System". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **TOXIC COAL ASH: ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM THE PUERTO RICO PLANT AND OPTIONS FOR PLANT CLOSURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Toxic Coal Ash: Adverse Health Effects from the Puerto Rico Plant and Options for Plant Closure". Testimony was heard from David K. Owens, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority; and public witnesses.

### **TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS FOR SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS**

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Transportation Investments for Solving the Climate Crisis". Testimony was heard from Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### **SUPPLY CHAIN RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY: SMALL PRODUCERS AND LOCAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled "Supply Chain Recovery and Resiliency: Small Producers and Local Agricultural Markets". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**June 29, 2021**

**Senate**

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

## House

### Latest Committee Action

#### [H.R.3293](#)

#### **Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021**

Sponsor: [Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa \[D-DE-At Large\]](#) (Introduced 05/18/2021)

Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 06/29/2021 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. [H. Rept. 117-77](#), Part I.

#### [H.R.4219](#)

#### **To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to adjust the royalty rates for leases for coal mining and oil and gas extraction on Federal land, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Cheney, Liz \[R-WY-At Large\]](#) (Introduced 06/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### [H.R.4220](#)

#### **To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a National Climate Service Corps to help communities withstand and respond to changes in the Earth's climate with respect to natural disasters, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Chu, Judy \[D-CA-27\]](#) (Introduced 06/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Education and Labor

Latest Action: House - 06/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

#### [H.R.4224](#)

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Sponsor: [Rep. Delgado, Antonio \[D-NY-19\]](#) (Introduced 06/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### [H.R.4226](#)



**To restrict the ability of the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to adjust the rates for flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. \[R-FL-26\]](#) (Introduced 06/29/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 06/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

#### **H.R.4231**

**To direct the Secretary concerned to coordinate with impacted parties when conducting a forest management activity, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. McClintock, Tom \[R-CA-4\]](#) (Introduced 06/29/2021) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/29/2021 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, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

#### **H.R.4235**

**To require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to award grants to certain entities for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. \[D-NJ-6\]](#) (Introduced 06/29/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

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

Latest Action: House - 06/29/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on 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 the jurisdiction of the...

#### **Committee Hearings**

#### **THE CLEAN FUTURE ACT AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION: DELIVERING CLEAN POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled "The CLEAN Future Act and Electric Transmission: Delivering Clean Power to the People". Testimony was heard from Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

**June 28, 2021**

**House**

**Passed House**

## **H.R.3593**

### **Department of Energy Science for the Future Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice \[D-TX-30\]](#) (Introduced 05/28/2021) Cosponsors: (39)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/28/2021 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### **Latest Committee Action**

## **H.R.4202**

**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: [Rep. McCollum, Betty \[D-MN-4\]](#) (Introduced 06/28/2021) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/28/2021 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of...