

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | July 26-30, 2021

**Last weekend**, the Senate finished writing the [bipartisan infrastructure bill](#), which includes multiple provisions relevant to climate action, including funding for electric vehicles, climate resilience, and abandoned coal mine cleanup. The bipartisan deal incorporates several other bills into the broader package, including [S.1953](#), [S.914](#), and [S.2377](#), which invest in roads, drinking water infrastructure, and electric grid resilience, respectively.

Congress also introduced several bills supporting climate resilience and adaptation. [H.R.4763](#) would establish a grant program for agricultural resilience, and [S.2510](#) would establish a program to help prepare, plan, and respond to extreme heat.

Here's what else happened in Congress:

### July 30, 2021

#### Senate

##### Latest Committee Action

##### [S.231](#)

##### Protecting Firefighters from Adverse Substances Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Peters, Gary C. \[D-MI\]](#) (Introduced 02/04/2021) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 117-21](#)

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Held at the desk.

#### House

##### Passed House

##### [H.R.2497](#)

##### Amache National Historic Site Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Neguse, Joe \[D-CO-2\]](#) (Introduced 04/14/2021) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-100](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2021 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

##### [H.R.2278](#)

##### To designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail Route, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. \[D-VA-11\]](#) (Introduced 03/29/2021) Cosponsors: (17)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-101](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2021 Received in the Senate.

### **H.R.3684**

#### **INVEST in America Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. \[D-OR-4\]](#) (Introduced 06/04/2021) Cosponsors: [\(5\)](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 117-70](#), [H. Rept. 117-70,Part 2](#)

Committee Print: [H.Prt. 117-9](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 08/01/2021 [S.Amdt.2137](#) Amendment [SA 2137](#) proposed by Senator Schumer for Senator Sinema. In the nature of a substitute.

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

#### **Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[R-IA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: [\(151\)](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-105](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 07/30/2021 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### **Latest Committee Action**

### **H.R.4863**

#### **To establish the Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann \[D-NM-1\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: [\(5\)](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### **H.R.4864**

#### **To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish grant programs focused on battery material processing, manufacturing, and recycling programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Doyle, Michael F. \[D-PA-18\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: [\(4\)](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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...

### [H.R.4872](#)

**To require the Secretary of Energy to provide rebates for the installation of zero-emission technologies in single-family homes and multifamily buildings, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Castor, Kathy \[D-FL-14\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([9](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.4873](#)

**To clarify the authority of the Department of Energy to dispose of certain foreign-origin fissile or radiological materials at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Cawthorn, Madison \[R-NC-11\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

### [H.R.4878](#)

**To amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails and designate the American Discovery Trail, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark \[D-CA-11\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.4891](#)

**To require the Secretary of Energy to establish a net-negative carbon dioxide baseload power development and commercialization program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. McKinley, David B. \[R-WV-1\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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...

### [H.R.4892](#)

**To reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Meng, Grace \[D-NY-6\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([22](#))  
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure  
Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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...

**H.R.4896**

**To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide reimbursement to agricultural producers for losses sustained due to illegal immigration.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Pfluger, August \[R-TX-11\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([3](#))  
Committees: House - Agriculture; Oversight and Reform  
Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.4903**

**To require the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to incentivize small business participation in demand side management programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Welch, Peter \[D-VT-At Large\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))  
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce  
Latest Action: House - 07/30/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**July 29, 2021**

**Senate**

**Passed Senate**

**S.231**

**PFAS Act**

Sponsor: [Sen. Peters, Gary C. \[D-MI\]](#) (Introduced 02/04/2021) Cosponsors: ([8](#))  
Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Committee Report: [S. Rept. 117-21](#)  
Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2021 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

## Latest Committee Action

### S.2537

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for previously-owned qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Feinstein, Dianne \[D-CA\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### S.2546

**A bill to require the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to develop standards for "Reef Safe" and "Ocean Safe" labels for sunscreen.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Merkley, Jeff \[D-OR\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### S.2552

**A bill to promote long-term economic recovery and job creation in underserved communities by providing for investment in catalytic local predevelopment projects for resilient climate infrastructure innovation and to provide assistance to support State and local project development, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Markey, Edward \[D-MA\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### S.2555

**A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a task force to address the effects of the release of perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances from activities of the Department of Defense, to include exposure to such substances in periodic health assessments of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne \[D-NH\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Armed Services

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

### S.2561

**A bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide that a land resource management plan or land use plan approved, amended, or revised under those Acts shall not be considered to be a continuing Federal agency action or constitute a discretionary Federal involvement or control for a distinct Federal purpose, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Daines, Steve \[R-MT\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S.2567**

**A bill to enact the definition of "waters of the United States" into law, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Capito, Shelley \[R-WV\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([32](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## **Committee Meetings**

### **NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen A. Owens, of Arizona, Jennifer Beth Sass, of Maryland, and Sylvia E. Johnson, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## **House**

### **Latest Committee Action**

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Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-101](#)

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

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### **Amache National Historic Site Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. Neguse, Joe \[D-CO-2\]](#) (Introduced 04/14/2021) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-100](#)

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Sponsor: [Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[R-IA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/01/2021) Cosponsors: ([151](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-105](#)

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

### **H.R.4767**

#### **To amend the Flood Control Act of 1946 with respect to emergency streambank and shoreline protection, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Joyce, David P. \[R-OH-14\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

### **H.R.4768**

#### **To require the Secretary of the Army to initiate at least 5 projects to reduce the loss and degradation of Great Lakes coastal wetlands, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Joyce, David P. \[R-OH-14\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

### **H.R.4798**

#### **To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to enter into cooperative agreements with States to carry out grant programs to assist in remediation and relocation efforts relating to hazardous air pollution, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Carter, Troy \[D-LA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

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

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within...

#### **H.R.4799**

**To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to make certain improvements in the laws relating to coal royalties, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Cartwright, Matt \[D-PA-8\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.4817**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for previously-owned qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Gomez, Jimmy \[D-CA-34\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **H.R.4822**

**To establish a coastal zone research initiative at the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime \[R-WA-3\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### **H.R.4825**

**To establish broadband expansion grant programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Hudson, Richard \[R-NC-8\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### **H.R.4833**



**To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to affirm that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act's prohibition on the unauthorized take or killing of migratory birds includes incidental take by commercial activities, and to direct the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to regulate such incidental take, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. \[D-CA-47\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([49](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### **H.R.4834**

**To require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for long-term nuclear power purchase agreements, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Luria, Elaine G. \[D-VA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Oversight and Reform

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.4842**

**To require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to take actions to mitigate tree spiking devices on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Newhouse, Dan \[R-WA-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([21](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 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.4852**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the credit for a residential energy efficient property permanent.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Sanchez, Linda T. \[D-CA-38\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 07/29/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### **Committee Meetings**

## **21ST CENTURY FOOD SYSTEMS: CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE'S ROLE IN PROTECTING DOMESTIC FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Committee On Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "21st Century Food Systems: Controlled Environment Agriculture's Role in Protecting Domestic Food Supply Chains and Infrastructure". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## **RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION: A CASE STUDY OF HOW INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON OFFSHORE WIND TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS AMERICAN WORKERS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled "Renewable Energy Transition: A Case Study of How International Collaboration on Offshore Wind Technology Benefits American Workers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on [H.R. 273](#), the "Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act"; [H.R. 274](#), the "Keep Finfish Free Act"; [H.R. 1569](#), the "Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Act of 2021"; [H.R. 1983](#), the "MONARCH Act of 2021"; [H.R. 2026](#), the "Global Amphibian Protection Act of 2021"; [H.R. 2325](#), the "Bear Protection Act of 2021"; [H.R. 2773](#), the "Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021"; [H.R. 2793](#), the "Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2021"; [H.R. 2848](#), the "Marine Mammal Research and Response Act of 2021"; [H.R. 2872](#), the "SAFE Act"; [H.R. 3075](#), the "Illegal Fishing and Forced Labor Prevention Act"; [H.R. 3128](#), the "American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act of 2021"; [H.R. 3135](#), the "Captive Primate Safety Act"; [H.R. 3396](#), the "Extinction Prevention Act of 2021"; and [H.R. 4458](#), the "KELP Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Young, Panetta, Dingell, Murphy of Florida, and Blumenauer; Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Deputy National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## **FINANCING CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AND JOB CREATION**

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Financing Climate Solutions and Job Creation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**July 28, 2021**  
**Senate**

**Latest Committee Action**

**S.2501**

**A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an offshore wind career training grant program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Markey, Edward \[D-MA\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/28/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**S.2506**

**A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to take actions to mitigate tree spiking devices on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Barrasso, John \[R-WY\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/28/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**S.2510**

**A bill to reduce the health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, requiring a study, and establishing financial assistance programs to address heat effects, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Markey, Edward \[D-MA\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/28/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**S.2516**

**A bill to prohibit the United States International Development Finance Corporation from imposing restrictions on the source of energy used by power-generation projects intended to provide affordable electricity in IDA-eligible countries or IDA-blend countries and to require the Corporation to promote a technology- and fuel-neutral, all-of-the-above energy development strategy for such countries.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Barrasso, John \[R-WY\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: ([10](#))  
Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations  
Latest Action: Senate - 07/28/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

### **S.2517**

**A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Paul, Rand \[R-KY\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: ([2](#))  
Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works  
Latest Action: Senate - 07/28/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.2518**

**A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to disclose testing and results of testing for perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances and to provide additional requirements for testing for such substances, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Rosen, Jacklyn \[D-NV\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))  
Committees: Senate - Armed Services  
Latest Action: Senate - 07/28/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## **Committee Hearings**

### **IMPACTS OF OVERCROWDING**

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of overcrowding in our national parks on park resources and visitor experiences, focusing on strategic approaches to visitor use management, after receiving testimony from Michael T. Reynolds, Regional Director for Interior Regions 6, 7, and 8, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Kristen Brengel, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin O. Gartland, Chamber of Commerce, Whitefish, Montana.

### **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the benefits of investing in United States Army Corps of Engineers water infrastructure projects, after receiving testimony from Collin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C.; Mario Cordero, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities; Amy W. Larson, Larson Strategies, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert McCoy, Amherst Madison, Charleston, West Virginia, on behalf of the Waterways Council, Inc.

## **AMERICA'S FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN**

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's food supply chain, after receiving testimony from Jon Schaben, Iowa Cattlemen's Association, Dunlap; Rob Larew, National Farmers Union, and George P. Slover, Consumer Reports, both of Washington, D.C.; Shane Miller, Tyson Foods, Dakota Dunes, South Dakota; Tim Schellpeper, JBS USA, Greeley, Colorado; and David Smith, Associated Wholesale Grocers, Kansas City, Kansas, on behalf of the National Grocers Association.

### **House**

#### **[H.R.4079](#)**

##### **Saving America's Pollinators Act of 2021**

Sponsor: [Rep. Blumenauer, Earl \[D-OR-3\]](#) (Introduced 06/23/2021) Cosponsors: ([54](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

#### **[H.R.4082](#)**

##### **Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission Act of 2021**

Sponsor: [Rep. Curtis, John R. \[R-UT-3\]](#) (Introduced 06/23/2021) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

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

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

#### **[H.R.4231](#)**

##### **Proven Forest Management Act of 2021**

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

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

#### **[H.R.4505](#)**

##### **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022**

Sponsor: [Rep. Cartwright, Matt \[D-PA-8\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Appropriations

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-97](#)

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Rule [H. Res. 567](#) passed House.

### **H.R.4729**

**To amend the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 to allow the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and other agencies to provide grants, assistance, studies, Federal coordination, and essential restoration and protection of the Mississippi River Corridor for the purpose of sustaining critical environmental services and the major U.S. economies that depend on them and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. \[D-MS-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/27/2021) Cosponsors: [\(0\)](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

### **H.R.4739**

**To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to require the submission of certain reports, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Gosar, Paul A. \[R-AZ-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: [\(0\)](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **H.R.4740**

**To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to reform agency process requirements, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Gosar, Paul A. \[R-AZ-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: [\(0\)](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **H.R.4746**

**To amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the rehearing process, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Casten, Sean \[D-IL-6\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: [\(1\)](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### **H.R.4758**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the section 45 credit for refined coal from steel industry fuel, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Doyle, Michael F. \[D-PA-18\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### **H.R.4763**

**To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out projects that further agricultural resiliency and modernization, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Harder, Josh \[D-CA-10\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

#### **H.R.4767**

**To amend the Flood Control Act of 1946 with respect to emergency streambank and shoreline protection, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Joyce, David P. \[R-OH-14\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### **H.R.4768**

**To require the Secretary of the Army to initiate at least 5 projects to reduce the loss and degradation of Great Lakes coastal wetlands, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Joyce, David P. \[R-OH-14\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 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...

#### **H.R.4774**

**To amend the Natural Gas Act with respect to the rehearing process, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Malinowski, Tom \[D-NJ-7\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## **H.R.4780**

**To authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and to use funds received as that compensation to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Thompson, Mike \[D-CA-5\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Appropriations

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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.4781**

**To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize a program to address orphaned, abandoned, or idled wells on Federal land, to establish a program to provide grants to States and Tribes to address orphaned wells, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Thompson, Glenn \[R-PA-15\]](#) (Introduced 07/28/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/28/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

## **Committee Meetings**

### **STATE OF THE BEEF SUPPLY CHAIN: SHOCKS, RECOVERY, AND REBUILDING**

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign

Agriculture held a hearing entitled ``State of the Beef Supply Chain:

Shocks, Recovery, and Rebuilding". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**July 27, 2021**

**Senate**

## **Latest Committee Action**

### **S.2475**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide investment and production tax credits for emerging energy technologies, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Crapo, Mike \[R-ID\]](#) (Introduced 07/27/2021) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/27/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.



## **S.2476**

**A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot program for hyperlocal air quality monitoring projects in environmental justice communities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Markey, Edward \[D-MA\]](#) (Introduced 07/27/2021) Cosponsors: ([7](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/27/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **Committee Hearings**

#### **Examine the President's FY 2022 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior**

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held a hearing to examine the President's budget request for the Department of the Interior for Fiscal Year 2022. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland was a witness.

#### **Pipeline Cybersecurity: Protecting Critical Infrastructure**

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation held a hearing titled "Pipeline Cybersecurity: Protecting Critical Infrastructure." The hearing examined the current state of pipeline cybersecurity and the role that federal regulators play in protecting our nation's critical infrastructure from malicious actors. This hearing also provided members an opportunity to examine recent actions taken in response to pipeline cyber incidents and gaps in our current oversight and regulatory structure.

## **House**

### **Latest Committee Action**

#### **H.R.4712**

**To promote desalination project development and drought resilience, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Levin, Mike \[D-CA-49\]](#) (Introduced 07/27/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

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

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2021 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...

#### **H.R.4716**

**To end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Nadler, Jerrold \[D-NY-10\]](#) (Introduced 07/27/2021) Cosponsors: ([26](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

## **H.R.4729**

**To amend the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 to allow the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and other agencies to provide grants, assistance, studies, Federal coordination, and essential restoration and protection of the Mississippi River Corridor for the purpose of sustaining critical environmental services and the major U.S. economies that depend on them and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. \[D-MS-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/27/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/27/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **Committee Hearings**

#### **Oversight: Hybrid EMR Oversight Hearing**

On Tuesday, July 27, 2021 House Natural Resources Committee Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will host an oversight hearing titled, "*The Toxic Legacy of the Mining Law of 1872.*"

#### **Changing Energy Landscape: Oversight of FERC**

The Subcommittee on Energy of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a hybrid hearing that included both in person and remote attendance on Tuesday July 27, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. The hearing is entitled, "The Changing Energy Landscape: Oversight of FERC."

#### **Defending the Electric Grid Against Cyber Threats**

The House Committee on Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on National Security, held a hearing to examine the security of the U.S. electric grid in light of the recent uptick in cyber incidents targeting government and critical infrastructure systems. The U.S. electric grid is a priority target for state and non-state cyber adversaries, and a successful attack could have devastating consequences for U.S. national security and economic interests. Although President Biden has taken decisive action to strengthen our national cyber defenses and protect U.S. critical infrastructure—including the electric grid—there are still vulnerabilities that must be addressed. The hearing considered whether additional regulations and policy initiatives are needed to mitigate growing cybersecurity threats to distribution systems, utility vendors, and global supply chains that support the U.S. electric grid.

## **Wealth for the Working Class**

The House Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development held a hybrid hearing titled: "Wealth for the Working Class: The Clean Energy Economy." The clean energy economy has seen robust growth in recent decades and now presents the opportunity for widespread wealth creation that benefits American small businesses, their workers, and consumers. It has the potential to create millions of good-paying jobs spread across tens of thousands of businesses while simultaneously lowering energy prices for consumers. This hearing will focus on workforce development initiatives in the clean energy economy, discuss Congressional proposals regarding clean energy, and explore the potential for the growth this industry could unleash.

## **Full Committee Markup on Steel Emissions**

The House Committee on Science, Space and Technology held a markup on several bills, including The Steel Upgrading Partnerships and Emissions Reductions Act ([H.R.4599](#)).

**July 26, 2021**

**Senate**

### **Latest Committee Action**

[S.2468](#)

**A bill to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to extend the moratorium on drilling off the coasts of the States of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sen. Rubio, Marco \[R-FL\]](#) (Introduced 07/26/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/26/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**House**

### **Latest Committee Action**

[H.R.1154](#)

**Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area Act**

Sponsor: [Rep. McEachin, A. Donald \[D-VA-4\]](#) (Introduced 02/18/2021) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/26/2021 At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

[H.R.4690](#)

**To reauthorize and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Huffman, Jared \[D-CA-2\]](#) (Introduced 07/26/2021) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/26/2021 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.4692](#)**

**To require the testing of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick \[D-NY-18\]](#) (Introduced 07/26/2021) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/26/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**[H.R.4696](#)**

**To amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to extend the moratorium on drilling off the coasts of the States of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rep. Waltz, Michael \[R-FL-6\]](#) (Introduced 07/26/2021) Cosponsors: ([16](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/26/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.