

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | March 6 - March 10, 2023

### Highlights:

In the Senate, two precision agriculture bills with bipartisan sponsorship were introduced. [S.734](#) would develop a partnership between the USDA and the private sector to help [support](#) the adoption of precision agriculture technology, while [S.719](#) would establish a loan program for precision agriculture.

The Senate Committee on the Budget held a [hearing](#) on the economic costs of wildfires. EESI's *Living with Climate Change: Wildfires* [briefing](#) provides more policies and practices to address wildfires.

The House Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry held a farm bill [hearing](#) on forestry stakeholder perspectives on Title VIII of the 2018 bill. EESI tracks all the climate, environment, and energy highlights of the 2023 Farm Bill hearings on our farm bill [page](#).

### March 10, 2023

#### Senate

#### Committee Action:

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the Senate.

#### Committee Meetings:

**HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE GREATER FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE IN AMERICA?:** *Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance* held a hearing entitled "How Do We Encourage Greater Flood Insurance Coverage in America?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### House

#### Committee Action:

#### [H.R.1527](#)

**To improve access for outdoor recreation through the use of special recreation permits on Federal recreational lands and waters, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 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.1534](#)

**To establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

### [H.R.1540](#)

**To establish a means-tested assistance program for national flood insurance program policyholders, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cartwright, Matt \[Rep.-D-PA-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services

### [H.R.1544](#)

**To adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Gonzales, Tony \[Rep.-R-TX-23\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

### [H.R.1556](#)

**To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Miller, Mary E. \[Rep.-R-IL-15\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### [H.R.1558](#)

**To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act.**

Sponsor: [Moran, Nathaniel \[Rep.-R-TX-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.1559](#)

**To direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue an oil and gas leasing program under section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Moran, Nathaniel \[Rep.-R-TX-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

### [H.R.1560](#)

**To exempt from the Lacey Act and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers between any of the States of Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Moran, Nathaniel \[Rep.-R-TX-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.1567](#)

**To require that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior submit accurate reports regarding hazardous fuels reduction activities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Tiffany, Thomas P. \[Rep.-R-WI-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2023 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.

**March 9, 2023**

**Senate**

**Committee Action:**

**S.732**

**A bill to amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national biochar research network, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Grassley, Chuck \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/09/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**S.734**

**A bill to enhance the participation of precision agriculture in the United States, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Thune, John \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/09/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S744-745; text: CR S745-746)

**S.736**

**A bill to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/09/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**S.739**

**A bill to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/09/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### [S.747](#)

**A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to States, territories, and Indian Tribes to address contamination by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances on farms, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/09/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S747)

### **Committee Meetings:**

**NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE:** *Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nuclear fuel cycle, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Huff, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and John C. Wagner, Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; and Joseph Dominguez, Constellation Energy, Baltimore, Maryland.

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN DERAILMENT:** *Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting public health and the environment in the wake of the Norfolk Southern train derailment and chemical release in East Palestine, Ohio, after receiving testimony from Senators Brown, Vance, and Casey; Debra Shore, Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Anne Vogel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director, Columbus; Alan Shaw, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia; Richard B. Harrison, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, Cincinnati; and Eric J. Brewer, Beaver County, Beaver, Pennsylvania.

## **House**

### **Committee Action:**

### [H.R.922](#)

**RURAL Broadband Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.

### [H.R.923](#)

## **POWER Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry

## **[H.R.934](#)**

**To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [McClintock, Tom \[Rep.-R-CA-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

## **[H.R.1479](#)**

**To establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Ciscomani, Juan \[Rep.-R-AZ-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

## **[H.R.1482](#)**

**To provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards network, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Bice, Stephanie I. \[Rep.-R-OK-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

## **[H.R.1483](#)**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal fossil fuel subsidies for oil companies, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Blumenauer, Earl \[Rep.-D-OR-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## **[H.R.1494](#)**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for casualty losses incurred by reason of Hurricane Ian, Hurricane Nicole, and Hurricane Fiona.**

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### **H.R.1496**

**To upgrade the communications service used by the National Weather Service, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Feenstra, Randy \[Rep.-R-IA-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

### **H.R.1520**

**To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Stanton, Greg \[Rep.-D-AZ-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### **H.J.Rest.27**

**Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'".**

Sponsor: [Graves, Sam \[Rep.-R-MO-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: H. Rept. 118-6

Latest Action: House - 03/09/2023 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### **Committee Meetings:**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL:** *Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug

Administration, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES:** *Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 750, the "Chinese-owned Applications Using The Information of Our Nation Act of 2023"; H.R. 784, the "Internet Application Integrity and Disclosure Act"; H.R. 742, the "Telling Everyone the Location of data Leaving the U.S. Act"; H.R. 813, the "Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2023"; H.R. 752, the "Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act of 2023"; H.R. 1068, the "Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act"; H.R. 1121, the "Protecting American Energy Production Act"; H.R. 1085, the "Researching Efficient Federal Improvements for Necessary Energy Refining Act"; H.R. 1058, the "Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act"; H. Con. Res. 14, a resolution expressing disapproval of the revocation by President Biden of the Presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline; H. Con. Res. 17, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should not impose any restrictions on the export of crude oil or other petroleum products; H.R. 1130, the "Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act"; H.R. 1115, the "Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act"; H.R. 1070, a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to treat the owner or operator of a critical energy resource facility as having been issued an interim permit for the treatment, storage, and disposal, of hazardous waste, and for other purposes; H.R. 1131, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to authorize the use of flexible air permitting with respect to certain critical energy resource facilities, and for other purposes; H.R. 1140, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to waive application of certain requirements with respect to processing and refining of a critical energy resource at a critical energy resource facility, and for other purposes; H.R. 1158, the "Elimination of Future Technology Delays Act"; H.R. 1141, the "Natural Gas Tax Repeal Act"; H.R. 1023, a bill to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund; and H.R. 1155, the "Keeping America's Refineries Act". H.R. 750, H.R. 784, H.R. 742, H.R. 813, H.R. 1068, H. Con. Res. 17, H.R. 1115, H.R. 1070, H.R. 1130, H.R. 1058, and H.R. 1140 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 752, H.R. 1121, H.R. 1085, H. Con. Res. 14, H.R. 1131, H.R. 1158, H.R. 1141, H.R. 1023, and H.R. 1155 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**March 8, 2023**

**Senate**



**Committee Action:**

**[S.697](#)**

**A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts and certain payments made by counties to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior under good neighbor agreements, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**[S.702](#)**

**A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain the Urban Waters Federal Partnership Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Sinema, Kyrsten \[Sen.-I-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**[S.706](#)**

**A bill to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws.**

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**[S.719](#)**

**A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a precision agriculture loan program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Fischer, Deb \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## Committee Meetings

**ECONOMIC COSTS OF WILDFIRES:** *Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic costs of wildfires, after receiving testimony from Veronica Serna, Mora County Commissioner, District 1, Mora, New Mexico; David Burt, DeltaTerra Capital, Natick, Massachusetts; Michael Wara, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment Climate and Energy Policy Program, Stanford, California; Morgan Varner, Tall Timbers, Tallahassee, Florida; and Nicolas Loris, C3 Solutions, Falls Church, Virginia.

## House

### Committee Action:

#### [H.R.1395](#)

**To amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Fitzpatrick, Brian K. \[Rep.-R-PA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

#### [H.R. 1435](#)

**To amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines.**

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### [H.R.1441](#)

**To require the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to further develop, finalize, and implement updated regulations for offshore oil and gas pipelines to address long-standing limitations regarding its ability to ensure active pipeline integrity and address safety and environmental risks associated with decommissioning, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Brownley, Julia \[Rep.-D-CA-26\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

### [H.R.1443](#)

**To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Castor, Kathy \[Rep.-D-FL-14\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

### [H.R.1444](#)

**To amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide for the consideration of climate change, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cleaver, Emanuel \[Rep.-D-MO-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 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 the committee concerned.

### [H.R.1449](#)

**To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to increase the frequency of lease sales, to require replacement sales, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Fulcher, Russ \[Rep.-R-ID-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.1450](#)

**To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts and certain payments made by counties to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior under good neighbor agreements, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Fulcher, Russ \[Rep.-R-ID-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 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.1455](#)**

**To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide research and extension grants to support the study of insects and pests that impact plantains and bananas, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [González-Colón, Jenniffer \[Resident Commissioner-R-PR-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

#### **[H.R.1457](#)**

**To require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions with respect to certain qualified coal applications, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### **[H.R.1460](#)**

**To require an interagency study on the environmental and energy impacts of crypto-asset mining, to assess crypto-asset mining compliance with the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### **[H.R.1461](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out a study on coastal seaweed farming, issue regulation relating to such farming, and establish an Indigenous seaweed farming fund, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/08/2023 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and 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 concerned.

## **Committee Meetings:**

**A REVIEW OF TITLE VIII: FORESTRY STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES:** *Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry* held a hearing entitled "A Review of Title VIII: Forestry Stakeholder Perspectives". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PROMOTING CONSERVATION WITH A PURPOSE ON AMERICA'S FEDERAL LANDS AND FORESTS:** *Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands* held a hearing entitled "Promoting Conservation with a Purpose on America's Federal Lands and Forests". Testimony was heard from Joel Ferry, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, Utah; and public witnesses.

**BENEFITS AND ACCESS: THE NECESSITY FOR MULTIPLE USE OF WATER RESOURCES:** *Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries* held a hearing entitled "Benefits and Access: The Necessity for Multiple Use of Water Resources". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL: WHY DEPLETING THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE IS NOT A SOLUTION TO AMERICA'S ENERGY PROBLEM, PART I:** *Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs* held a hearing entitled "Burning the Midnight Oil: Why Depleting the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is Not a Solution to America's Energy Problem, Part I". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**March 7, 2023**

**Senate**

## **Committee Action:**

### **[S.678](#)**

**A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.**

Sponsor: [Grassley, Chuck \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Judiciary

Latest Action: Senate - 03/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### **[S.683](#)**

**A bill to modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S670-671)

**S.684**

**A bill to prohibit the acquisition and ownership of agricultural land by certain foreign entities, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Hawley, Josh \[Sen.-R-MO\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**S.686**

**A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to review and prohibit certain transactions between persons in the United States and foreign adversaries, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Warner, Mark R. \[Sen.-D-VA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 03/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Committee Meetings**

**CRYPTO-ASSET MINING:** *Committee on Environment and Public Works:*

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the air, climate, and environmental impacts of crypto-asset mining, including an original bill entitled, ``The Crypto-Asset Environmental Transparency Act'', after receiving testimony from New York State Assembly Member Anna Kelles, 125th District, Cortland; Robert Altenburg, Citizens For Pennsylvania's Future, Harrisburg; and Courtney A. Dentlinger, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus.

**House**

**Committee Action:**

### [H.R.1380](#)

**To require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to issue guidance on climbing management in designated wilderness areas, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 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.1383](#)

**To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a climate impact management plan for the conservation of certain marine mammal species, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Brownley, Julia \[Rep.-D-CA-26\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.1392](#)

**To reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through December 31, 2024.**

Sponsor: [Davidson, Warren \[Rep.-R-OH-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

### [H.R.1395](#)

**To amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Fitzpatrick, Brian K. \[Rep.-R-PA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 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 the committee concerned.

### [H.R.1396](#)

**To modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Garamendi, John \[Rep.-D-CA-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

### **[H.R.1426](#)**

**To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to establish a floriculture and nursery plant health initiative, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Tokuda, Jill N. \[Rep.-D-HI-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **[H.R.1427](#)**

**To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to limit the use of business integrity and reputation factors when determining the eligibility of a retail food store or a wholesale food concern to be approved to redeem supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits.**

Sponsor: [Trone, David J. \[Rep.-D-MD-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **[H.R.1428](#)**

**To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal the prohibition for certain individuals convicted of a felony offense to participate in hemp production, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Trone, David J. \[Rep.-D-MD-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **[H.R.1430](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use certain previously completed environmental assessments and environmental impact statements to satisfy the review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 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.J.Res.27](#)

**Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'".**

Sponsor: [Graves, Sam \[Rep.-R-MO-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: H. Rept. 118-6

Latest Action: House - 03/07/2023 Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 199 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 140, H.J. Res. 27 and S. 619. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 140, under a structured rule. The resolution provides for consideration of H.J.Res. 27 and S. 619, under closed rules. General debate is limited to one hour of debate on all measures.

### **Committee Meetings:**

**COVID–19 ORIGIN ACT OF 2023; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO REVISED DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES; PROTECTING SPEECH FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE ACT:** *Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on legislative texts, including H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ``Revised Definition of `Waters of the United States' ". The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for H.J. Res. 27, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ``Revised Definition of `Waters of the United States' ". The rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ``Revised Definition of `Waters of the United States' ", under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or their respective designees. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points

of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Turner, and Representatives Himes, Rouzer, Larsen of Washington, Armstrong, and Raskin.

**March 6, 2023**

## **Senate**

### **Committee Action:**

#### **S.654**

**A bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Carper, Thomas R. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Work

#### **S.660**

**A bill to establish a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### **S.661**

**A bill to require an interagency study on the environmental and energy impacts of crypto-asset mining, to assess crypto-asset mining compliance with the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

## **House**

### **Committee Action:**

**[H.R.1367](#)**

**To establish a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Schakowsky, Janice D. \[Rep.-D-IL-9\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/06/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.