

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | April 4-8, 2022

Highlights:

Two hearings focused on the ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*** (P.L.117-58). A Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs [hearing](#) focused on using the law to **advance public transportation in small cities and rural areas**. In the House, a Natural Resources Committee [hearing](#) explored the Biden Administration's priorities for **investing in wildfire management, ecosystem restoration, and resilient communities** through the law.

Electric vehicles were also a popular topic in Congress. The House Oversight and Reform Committee held a [hearing](#) to examine the benefits, opportunities, and challenges of **electrifying the Postal Service fleet**. Additionally, Rep. Sean Casten (D-Ill.) introduced [H.R.7453](#) to help meet the increasing electricity demand of electric vehicles, and Rep. John Garamendi (D-Calif.) introduced [H.R.7379](#) which would require the Department of Defense to purchase electric vehicles going forward.

Congressional Round-Up:

April 8, 2022

Senate

There was no energy or environmental activity in the Senate on April 8, 2022.

House

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.6968](#)

Ending Importation of Russian Oil Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Doggett, Lloyd \[D-TX-35\]](#) (Introduced 03/08/2022) Cosponsors: ([33](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Foreign Affairs; Judiciary; Rules

Latest Action: 04/08/2022 Signed by President.

[H.R.7476](#)

To amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to require the President to automatically waive certain critical document fees for individuals and households affected by major disasters for which assistance is provided under the Individuals and Households Program.

Sponsor: [Rep. Neguse, Joe \[D-CO-2\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/08/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

April 7, 2022

Senate

Latest Committee Action

[S.2372](#)

Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Sen. Heinrich, Martin \[D-NM\]](#) (Introduced 07/15/2021) Cosponsors: ([32](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/07/2022 Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

[S.3742](#)

Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act of 2022

Sponsor: [Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore \[R-WV\]](#) (Introduced 03/03/2022) Cosponsors: ([9](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/07/2022 Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.3743](#)

Recycling and Composting Accountability Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Carper, Thomas R. \[D-DE\]](#) (Introduced 03/03/2022) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/07/2022 Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.4033](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to incentivize investment in facilities that carry out the metallurgy of rare earth elements and the production of finished rare earth products, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Rubio, Marco \[R-FL\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/07/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Hearings

CRITICAL MINERALS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the scope and scale of critical mineral demand and recycling of critical minerals, after receiving testimony from Dave Howell, Acting Director and Principal Deputy Director, Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, Director, Vehicle

Technologies Office, Department of Energy; Joseph Britton, Zero Emission Transportation Association, and Duncan Wood, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.; Scott Forney, General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems, San Diego, California; and JB Straubel, Redwood Materials, Carson City, Nevada.

House

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.3113](#)

Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Moore, Blake D. \[R-UT-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/11/2021) Cosponsors: ([11](#))
Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-272](#)
Latest Action: Senate - 04/07/2022 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

[H.R.6968](#)

Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Doggett, Lloyd \[D-TX-35\]](#) (Introduced 03/08/2022) Cosponsors: ([33](#))
Committees: House - Ways and Means; Foreign Affairs; Judiciary; Rules
Latest Action: 04/07/2022 Presented to President.

[H.R.7434](#)

To require the Secretary of Energy to remove carbon dioxide directly from ambient air or seawater, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Tonko, Paul \[D-NY-20\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: ([1](#))
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.7439](#)

To promote United States energy security and independence by bolstering renewable energy supply chains in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Bush, Cori \[D-MO-1\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: ([29](#))
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; Education and Labor
Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the...

[H.R.7448](#)

To require a study on the resiliency of space access infrastructure for national security requirements, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Brown, Anthony G. \[D-MD-4\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.7453

To require the Secretary of Energy to complete and publish a study and develop a plan related to the ability of the electric system to meet the electricity demand of new electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Casten, Sean \[D-IL-6\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.7460

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to incentivize investment in facilities that carry out the metallurgy of rare earth elements and the production of finished rare earth products, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Gonzales, Tony \[R-TX-23\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Education and Labor; Foreign Affairs; Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall...

H.R.7463

To protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Harder, Josh \[D-CA-10\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.7476

To amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to require the President to automatically waive certain critical document fees for individuals and households affected by major disasters for which assistance is provided under the Individuals and Households Program.

Sponsor: [Rep. Neguse, Joe \[D-CO-2\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.7480

To amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to prohibit the use of the authorities under title I and title III of such Act for electric vehicles or related technologies.

Sponsor: [Rep. Perry, Scott \[R-PA-10\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.7481

To prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds relating to the Office for Environmental Justice and any other program, project, or activity relating to climate change of the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Perry, Scott \[R-PA-10\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (0)

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

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and 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...

H.R.7484

To amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for renewable fuel.

Sponsor: [Rep. Rice, Tom \[R-SC-7\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.7486

To promote environmental literacy.

Sponsor: [Rep. Sarbanes, John P. \[D-MD-3\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2022) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Education and Labor

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Hearings

COST–SAVING CLIMATE SOLUTIONS: INVESTING IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO PROMOTE ENERGY SECURITY AND CUT ENERGY BILLS

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ``Cost-Saving Climate Solutions: Investing in Energy Efficiency to Promote Energy Security and Cut Energy Bills". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

April 6, 2022

Senate

Latest Committee Action

S.267

Investments in Rural Transit Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Sen. Smith, Tina \[D-MN\]](#) (Introduced 02/04/2021) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development. Hearings held.

S.2365

Local Transit Planning Support Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Ossoff, Jon \[D-GA\]](#) (Introduced 07/15/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development. Hearings held.

S.3123

A bill to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Merkley, Jeff \[D-OR\]](#) (Introduced 11/01/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.3126

A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Merkley, Jeff \[D-OR\]](#) (Introduced 11/01/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.3273

Agua Caliente Land Exchange Fee to Trust Confirmation Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Padilla, Alex \[D-CA\]](#) (Introduced 11/29/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.4013

A bill to promote United States energy security and independence by bolstering renewable energy supply chains in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Sanders, Bernard \[I-VT\]](#) (Introduced 04/06/2022) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Hearings

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimate and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and David Palumbo, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine advancing public transportation in small cities and rural places under the bipartisan infrastructure law, including [S. 267](#), to increase the Federal share of operating costs for certain projects that receive grants under the Formula Grants to Rural Areas Program of

the Federal Transit Administration, and [S. 2365](#), to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the Government share of the cost of certain planning activities, after receiving testimony from Ryan Daniel, St. Cloud Metro Bus, St. Cloud, Minnesota; Scott Bogren, Community Transportation Association of America, Washington, D.C.; and Baruch Feigenbaum, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Michael S Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

House

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.1951](#)

Increase Federal Disaster Cost Share Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Rep. Thompson, Mike \[D-CA-5\]](#) (Introduced 03/16/2021) Cosponsors: ([18](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2022 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 213.

[H.R.3113](#)

Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act

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

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

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-272](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

[H.R.4881](#)

Old Pascua Community Land Acquisition Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. \[D-AZ-3\]](#) (Introduced 07/30/2021) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Indian Affairs

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-166](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[H.R.5641](#)

SPEED Recovery Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Graves, Sam \[R-MO-6\]](#) (Introduced 10/20/2021) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure | Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-274](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R.5689

Resilient AMERICA Act

Sponsor: [Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. \[D-OR-4\]](#) (Introduced 10/22/2021) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure | Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-277](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/06/2022 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R.7404

To clarify the authority of the President to declare certain national emergencies under the National Emergencies Act, certain major disasters or emergencies under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, or public health emergencies under the Public Health Service Act on the premise of climate change, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. McKinley, David B. \[R-WV-1\]](#) (Introduced 04/05/2022) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

H.R.7431

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to facilitate the training and employment of veterans for certain conservation activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Soto, Darren \[D-FL-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/06/2022) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Hearings

A 2022 REVIEW OF THE FARM BILL: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled ``A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: International Trade and Food

Assistance Programs". Testimony was heard from Daniel Whitley, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; Sarah Charles, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

GOUGED AT THE GAS STATION: BIG OIL AND AMERICA'S PAIN AT THE PUMP
Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Gouged at the Gas Station: Big Oil and America's Pain at the Pump". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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Senate

Latest Committee Action

S.3997

A bill to amend the Land Between the Lakes Protection Act of 1998 to clarify the administration of the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. McConnell, Mitch \[R-KY\]](#) (Introduced 04/05/2022) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/05/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.3998

A bill to clarify the inability of the President to declare national emergencies under the National Emergencies Act, major disasters or emergencies under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and public health emergencies under the Public Health Service Act on the premise of climate change, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore \[R-WV\]](#) (Introduced 04/05/2022) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/05/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Hearings

PETROLEUM MARKETS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring transparency in the petroleum markets, after receiving testimony from Robert McCullough, McCullough Research, Portland, Oregon; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act, focusing on stakeholders' needs and experiences, after receiving testimony from Senator Booker; Mayor Ras J. Baraka, Newark, New Jersey; Josh Schimmel, National Association of Clean Water Agencies, Springfield, Massachusetts; Susan Parker Bodine, Earth and Water Law, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and Mark Pepper, Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems, Glenrock.

House

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.2501](#)

Spectrum Coordination Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. \[R-FL-12\]](#) (Introduced 04/14/2021) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-287](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2022 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.5641](#)

SPEED Recovery Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Graves, Sam \[R-MO-6\]](#) (Introduced 10/20/2021) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-274](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2022 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.5689](#)

Resilient AMERICA Act

Sponsor: [Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. \[D-OR-4\]](#) (Introduced 10/22/2021) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-277](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2022 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.7397](#)

To restart oil and gas leasing and permitting on Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Burgess, Michael C. \[R-TX-26\]](#) (Introduced 04/05/2022) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2022 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.7398

To prohibit wildlife killing contests on public lands, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Cohen, Steve \[D-TN-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/05/2022) Cosponsors: ([14](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2022 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.7399

To amend the Land Between the Lakes Protection Act of 1998 to clarify the administration of the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Comer, James \[R-KY-1\]](#) (Introduced 04/05/2022) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2022 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.7403

To require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to operate a uranium reserve consisting of uranium produced and converted in the United States and a program to ensure the availability of uranium produced, converted, and enriched in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Latta, Robert E. \[R-OH-5\]](#) (Introduced 04/05/2022) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2022 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such



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H.R.7404

To clarify the authority of the President to declare certain national emergencies under the National Emergencies Act, certain major disasters or emergencies under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, or public health emergencies under the Public Health Service Act on the premise of climate change, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. McKinley, David B. \[R-WV-1\]](#) (Introduced 04/05/2022) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2022 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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...

Hearings

A 2022 REVIEW OF THE FARM BILL: ENERGY-RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Energy-Renewable Energy Opportunities in Rural America". Testimony was heard from Xochitl Torres Small, Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

INVESTING IN WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT, ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION, AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: EXAMINING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing entitled "Investing in Wildfire Management, Ecosystem Restoration, and Resilient Communities: Examining Implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law". Testimony was heard from Jeff Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, Department of the Interior; Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Brian Ferebee, Chief Executive of Intergovernmental Relations, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

IT'S ELECTRIC: DEVELOPING THE POSTAL SERVICE FLEET OF THE FUTURE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "It's Electric: Developing the Postal Service Fleet of the Future". Testimony was heard from Tammy L. Whitcomb, Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service; Victoria K Stephen, Executive Director, Next Generation Delivery Vehicle, U.S. Postal Service; Jill M. Naamane, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

FEMA PRIORITIES FOR 2022 AND THE 2022–2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "FEMA Priorities for 2022 and the 2022–2026 Strategic Plan". Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

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Senate

Latest Committee Action

S.1320

Chiricahua National Park Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Kelly, Mark \[D-AZ\]](#) (Introduced 04/22/2021) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 117-88](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/04/2022 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

S.3989

A bill to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may not enter into certain conservation easements with a term of more than 50 years, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Cramer, Kevin \[R-ND\]](#) (Introduced 04/04/2022) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/04/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House

Latest Committee Action

[H.R.7155](#)

Home Front Energy Independence Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Feenstra, Randy \[R-IA-4\]](#) (Introduced 03/18/2022) Cosponsors: ([5](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

[H.R.7182](#)

Future of Water Act of 2022

Sponsor: [Rep. Khanna, Ro \[D-CA-17\]](#) (Introduced 03/21/2022) Cosponsors: ([17](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

[H.R.7379](#)

To transition the nontactical vehicle fleet of the Department of Defense to electric or other zero emission vehicles, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Garamendi, John \[D-CA-3\]](#) (Introduced 04/04/2022) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

[H.R.7384](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to support energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate resilience improvements at certain institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. \[D-MA-8\]](#) (Introduced 04/04/2022) Cosponsors: ([11](#))

Committees: House - Education and Labor

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

[H.R.7388](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a manufacturing investment tax credit and a production tax credit for manufacturing facilities that produce offshore wind turbine components.

Sponsor: [Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. \[D-NJ-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/04/2022) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.