

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | April 29 - May 3, 2024

Highlights:

The House passed the *Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act* ([H.R.4877/S.429](#)). Reps. Summer Lee (D-Pa.) and Stephanie Bice (R-Okla.) and Sens. Ben Lujan (D-N.M.) and Kevin Cramer (R-N.Dak.) introduced the bill, which would accelerate research to plug [abandoned and hazardous oil and gas wells](#).

House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Okla.) and Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.) passed their *Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023* ([H.R.6093](#)) in the House. The bill reauthorizes [weather modeling and forecasting research](#) programs under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The [reauthorization](#) also creates new programs to improve forecasting, increase public-private partnerships, and bolster hazardous weather preparedness. Rep. Sorensen discussed the *Weather Act* in his introduction of EESI's [briefing](#), *Innovations in Weather Forecasting for a Changing Climate*.

The *Fire Weather Development Act of 2023* ([H.R.4866](#)), introduced by Reps. Mike Garcia (R-Calif.), Yadira Caraveo (D-Colo.), and Young Kim (R-Calif.), passed the House. The bill would [improve](#) NOAA's capacity to accurately forecast and detect [wildfires](#) and communicate risk to susceptible communities.

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works passed the *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024* ([S.3738/H.R.7257](#)). Sens. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and J.D. Vance (R-Ohio) and Reps. David Joyce (R-Ohio), Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), Bill Huizenga (R-Mich.), and Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.) introduced the bill, which reauthorizes and increases funding for the [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#) to address ongoing and emerging threats to the Great Lakes system.

May 3, 2024

House:

The House of Representatives did not meet today.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

May 2, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8229](#)

To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to establish additional payments for unborn livestock under the livestock indemnity payment program.

Sponsor: [Jackson, Ronny \[Rep.-R-TX-13\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/02/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.8230](#)

To streamline the permitting process for communications infrastructure on National Forest System lands.

Sponsor: [Johnson, Dusty \[Rep.-R-SD-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/02/2024 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.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4237](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for new clean vehicles, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (18)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.4242](#)

A bill to extend the authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4245](#)

A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4251](#)

A bill to establish a payment program for unexpected loss of markets and revenues to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses due to major disasters, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Collins, Susan M. \[Sen.-R-ME\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4252](#)

A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to establish additional payments for unborn livestock under the livestock indemnity payment program.

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4253](#)

A bill to ensure that United States diplomats and officials of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission are able to advance efforts seeking compliance by the United Mexican States with the 1944 Treaty on Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande.

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

[S.4259](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hirono, Mazie K. \[Sen.-D-HI\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Bills Reported:

[S.3738](#)

GLRI Act of 2024

Sponsor: [Stabenow, Debbie \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/02/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 366.

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS: DOT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a [hearing](#) to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior.

May 1, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8193](#)

To prohibit and restrict certain actions in the Bristol Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Peltola, Mary Sattler \[Rep.-D-AK-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8198](#)

To reauthorize and improve the relending program to resolve ownership and succession on farmland, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bishop, Sanford D. \[Rep.-D-GA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.8206](#)

To ensure that Big Cypress National Preserve may not be designated as wilderness or as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Franklin, C. Scott \[Rep.-R-FL-18\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8210](#)

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to eliminate a requirement that certain individuals be related by blood or marriage to be eligible for farm loans as a qualified beginning farmer or rancher, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lee, Summer L. \[Rep.-D-PA-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

[H.R.8214](#)

To ratify and approve all authorizations, permits, verifications, extensions, biological opinions, incidental take statements, and any other approvals or orders issued pursuant to Federal law necessary for the establishment and

administration of the Coastal Plain oil and gas leasing program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Peltola, Mary Sattler \[Rep.-D-AK-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8215](#)

To exempt certain vessels transporting liquefied natural gas from certain coastwise endorsement requirements, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Perry, Scott \[Rep.-R-PA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8216](#)

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ruiz, Raul \[Rep.-D-CA-25\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8219](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Tokuda, Jill N. \[Rep.-D-HI-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.J.Res.133](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3".

Sponsor: [Fulcher, Russ \[Rep.-R-ID-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (40)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.J.Res.134](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Improving Protections for Workers in Temporary Agricultural Employment in the United States".

Sponsor: [Armstrong, Kelly \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

[H.J.Res.135](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Improving Protections for Workers in Temporary Agricultural Employment in the United States".

Sponsor: [Franklin, C. Scott \[Rep.-R-FL-18\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

[H.J.Res.136](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles".

Sponsor: [James, John \[Rep.-R-MI-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (117)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Passed House:

[H.R.6285](#)

Alaska's Right to Produce Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Stauber, Pete \[Rep.-R-MN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (16)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-463](#)

Latest Action: House - 05/01/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS--U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION MISSION AREA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a [budget hearing](#) on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) Mission Area. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation; Marcia Bungler, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; Terry J. Cosby, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a [hearing](#) entitled "The Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Energy Budget". Testimony was heard from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary, Department of Energy.

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the President's FY 2025 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior". Testimony was heard from Deb Haaland, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

DISASTER MITIGATION: REVIEWING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND COSTS OF FEMA'S RESILIENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a [hearing](#) entitled "Disaster Mitigation: Reviewing the Effectiveness and Costs of FEMA's Resilience Programs". Testimony was heard from Victoria Salinas, Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Administrator, Office of Resilience, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4219](#)

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to eliminate a requirement that certain individuals be related by blood or marriage to be eligible for farm loans as a qualified beginning farmer or rancher, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.4220

A bill to collect information regarding water access needs across the United States, to understand the impacts of the water access gap in each State and territory, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wyden, Ron \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.4222

A bill to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.4227

A bill to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.J.Res.74

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3".

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (44)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.75](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles".

Sponsor: [Ricketts, Pete \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#) Cosponsors: (48)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a [hearing](#) to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine Big Oil's evolving efforts to avoid accountability for climate change, after receiving testimony from Representative Raskin; Michael Ratner, Specialist in Energy Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Sharon Y. Eubanks, former Director, Tobacco Litigation Team, Department of Justice; Geoffrey Supran, University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science, Miami, Florida; and Ariel Cohen, International Tax and Investment Center, Washington, D.C.

April 30, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8164](#)

To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit certain activities involving prohibited primate species, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8169](#)

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit the use of lead ammunition on all lands and waters under the jurisdiction and control of the Forest Service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Dean, Madeleine \[Rep.-D-PA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 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.

[H.R.8179](#)

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out research and development with respect to winter oilseed crops, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kustoff, David \[Rep.-R-TN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.8182](#)

To establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Scott, Austin \[Rep.-R-GA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8187](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a program to support the development, maintenance, implementation, and adoption of digital identification systems for advanced energy technologies for the purpose of increasing critical material supply chain transparency.

Sponsor: [Tonko, Paul \[Rep.-D-NY-20\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

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

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 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.

Passed House:

[H.R.615](#)

Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([50](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 118-203,Part 1](#), [H. Rept. 118-203](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.764](#)

Trust the Science Act

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([25](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-206](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.3195](#)

Superior National Forest Restoration Act

Sponsor: [Stauber, Pete \[Rep.-R-MN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: ([13](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-377](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.3397](#)

WEST Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([20](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-378](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.4824](#)

Carbon Sequestration Collaboration Act

Sponsor: [Baird, James R. \[Rep.-R-IN-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-213](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.4877](#)

Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act

Sponsor: [Lee, Summer L. \[Rep.-D-PA-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-215](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.6093](#)

Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Lucas, Frank D. \[Rep.-R-OK-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (29)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-306](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.Res.1173](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 615) to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2925) to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3195) to rescind Public Land Order 7917, to reinstate mineral leases and permits in the Superior National Forest, to ensure timely review of Mine Plans of Operations, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 764) to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3397) to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6285) to ratify and approve all authorizations, permits, verifications, extensions, biological opinions, incidental

take statements, and any other approvals or orders issued pursuant to Federal law necessary for the establishment and administration of the Coastal Plain oil and gas leasing program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6090) to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fischbach, Michelle \[Rep.-R-MN-7\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-477](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/30/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS--ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a [budget hearing](#) on the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Faisal Amin, Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS--DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a [budget hearing](#) on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

EXAMINING THE INFLUENCE OF EXTREME ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST GROUPS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the Influence of Extreme Environmental Activist Groups in the Department of the Interior". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IT'S ELECTRIC: A REVIEW OF FLEET ELECTRIFICATION EFFORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a [hearing](#) entitled "It's Electric: A Review of Fleet Electrification Efforts". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4203](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide emergency relief to producers that experienced losses as a result of disasters occurring in 2023, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Marshall, Roger \[Sen.-R-KS\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 04/30/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4206](#)

A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit certain activities involving prohibited primate species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Blumenthal, Richard \[Sen.-D-CT\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/30/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.4209](#)

A bill to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [King, Angus S., Jr. \[Sen.-I-ME\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/30/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4216](#)

A bill to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ossoff, Jon \[Sen.-D-GA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/30/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Passed Senate:

[H.R.1042](#)

Prohibiting Russian Uranium Imports Act

Sponsor: [McMorris Rodgers, Cathy \[Rep.-R-WA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-296](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/30/2024 Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

[S.2116](#)

Strengthening Support for American Manufacturing Act

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 04/30/2024 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

April 29, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8145](#)

To require the Secretary of the Army to convey or lease certain land acquired for the Table Rock Lake project to owners of property located adjacent to such project, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Burlison, Eric \[Rep.-R-MO-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8155](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to develop fish and wildlife program funding alternatives to mitigate the cost to Bonneville Power Administration ratepayers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8156](#)

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress an updated report on the roles, responsibilities, and practices of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8157](#)

To prohibit the Secretary of the Army from carrying out certain spillage operations on the Lower Snake Rivers dams, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8158](#)

To require the Secretary of the Army to acquire technology that uses acoustic sound to deter pinniped predators at such Dam, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8159](#)

To prohibit the breaching of federally operated dams if such breach would result in the replacement energy resource occupying additional acreage, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8161](#)

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Army from retiring an energy generation source if that retirement would raise customer electricity rates and decrease regional energy reliability by more than 10 percent, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources
Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 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

[H.Res.1175](#)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that hydropower is a vital component to an all-of-the-above approach to energy development which is critical to United States national security.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.1176](#)

Expressing disapproval of the Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative entered into by the Biden administration.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.615](#)

Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (50)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Committee Reports: [H. Rept. 118-203,Part 1](#), [H. Rept. 118-203,Part 2](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 1173](#) Reported to House.

[H.Res.1173](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 615) to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2925) to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and for other purposes; providing for consideration

of the bill (H.R. 3195) to rescind Public Land Order 7917, to reinstate mineral leases and permits in the Superior National Forest, to ensure timely review of Mine Plans of Operations, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 764) to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3397) to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6285) to ratify and approve all authorizations, permits, verifications, extensions, biological opinions, incidental take statements, and any other approvals or orders issued pursuant to Federal law necessary for the establishment and administration of the Coastal Plain oil and gas leasing program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6090) to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fischbach, Michelle \[Rep.-R-MN-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 73.

Passed House:

[H.R.1069](#)

Clean Energy Demonstration Transparency Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Carey, Mike \[Rep.-R-OH-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-212](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.4866](#)

Fire Weather Development Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Garcia, Mike \[Rep.-R-CA-27\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-214](#)

Latest Action: House - 04/29/2024 The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

Committee Meetings:

ALASKA'S RIGHT TO PRODUCE ACT OF 2023; SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST RESTORATION ACT; MINING REGULATORY CLARITY ACT OF 2024; PROTECTING ACCESS FOR HUNTERS AND ANGLERS ACT OF 2023; TRUST THE SCIENCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) on...[H.R. 6285](#), the “Alaska's Right to Produce Act of 2023”; [H.R. 3195](#), the “Superior National Forest Restoration Act”; [H.R. 2925](#), the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024”; [H.R. 615](#), the “Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023”; [and] [H.R. 764](#), the “Trust the Science Act”.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Ocasio-Cortez, Fry, Nadler, Graves of Louisiana, and Stauber.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.