

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | August 5 - September 6, 2024

Highlights:

Reps. Kathy Castor (D-Fla.) and Yvette Clarke (D-N.Y.) reintroduced the *American Energy Efficiency Act* ([H.R.9467](#)) in the House. The [bill](#) would establish a [national energy efficiency resource standard](#) that would lower energy costs for American families and small businesses and create hundreds of thousands of new jobs. The Senate introduced its own version ([S.4615](#)) of the bill in June of this year. For the latest energy efficiency solutions from across the country, check out the [Energy Efficiency panel](#) from EESI's 2024 Clean Energy EXPO.

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-Fla.), alongside Democratic co-sponsors, introduced the *Empowering Women in Agriculture Act* ([H.R.9363](#)). The bill would [amend](#) the [Farm Bill](#) by increasing funding, outreach, and assistance to women farmers and ranchers, and adding women to the legal definition of "socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher." For more policy solutions to the barriers faced by socially disadvantaged agricultural workers, check out EESI's article, [Growing Career Opportunities for Young People in Agriculture](#).

September 6, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9467](#)

To amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Castor, Kathy \[Rep.-D-FL-14\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/06/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9472](#)

To enhance national security and energy independence through comprehensive offshore energy resource assessment and mapping, to establish a framework for the regular review and standardization of offshore resource exploration

methodologies, to streamline the permitting process for offshore geological and geophysical surveys, and to provide for related purposes.

Sponsor: [Hunt, Wesley \[Rep.-R-TX-38\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

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

Latest Action: House - 09/06/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.9492](#)

To amend Public Law 99-338 with respect to Kaweah Project permits.

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/06/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.Res.1423](#)

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 21 through September 28, 2024, as "National Estuaries Week".

Sponsor: [Posey, Bill \[Rep.-R-FL-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/06/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

September 5, 2024

No environmental or energy related activity in the House and Senate today.

September 4, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

September 3, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9447](#)

To prohibit funding for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change until China is no longer defined as a developing country.

Sponsor: [Dunn, Neal P. \[Rep.-R-FL-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2024 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.9450](#)

To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the ACCESS BROADBAND Act to provide for improvements to the broadband Deployment Locations Map of the Federal Communications Commission and the broadband infrastructure funding database of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pfluger, August \[Rep.-R-TX-11\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.1422](#)

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Sponsor: [Grijalva, Raúl M. \[Rep.-D-AZ-7\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/03/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

September 2, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 30, 2024

House:

No environmental or energy related activity in the House today.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

August 29, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 28, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 27, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9414](#)

To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a community-based flood insurance pilot program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Garbarino, Andrew R. \[Rep.-R-NY-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 08/27/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

August 26, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 23, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9400](#)

To designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [DeGette, Diana \[Rep.-D-CO-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/23/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

August 22, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 21, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 20, 2024

House:

No environmental or energy related activity in the House today.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

August 19, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 16, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9362](#)

To direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to improve interregional electricity transfer capability between immediately adjacent transmission planning regions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Casten, Sean \[Rep.-D-IL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9363](#)

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to expand outreach and assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who are women, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila \[Rep.-D-FL-20\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 08/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.9368](#)

To require the Commissioner for U.S. Customs and Border Protection to assess current efforts to respond to hazardous weather and water events at or near United States borders and, to the extent such efforts may be improved, to develop a hazardous weather and water events preparedness and response strategy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gonzales, Tony \[Rep.-R-TX-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Homeland Security

Latest Action: House - 08/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

[H.R.9371](#)

To take certain lands in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Quinault Indian Nation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kilmer, Derek \[Rep.-D-WA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 08/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.9375](#)

To require an earthquake resilience risk assessment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mullin, Kevin \[Rep.-D-CA-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

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

Latest Action: House - 08/16/2024 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.9381](#)

To amend title 51, United States Code, to promote advancements and innovation in United States aeronautical research and technology for enhanced safety, noise, resiliency, and improved environmental impacts in United States aviation systems.

Sponsor: [Sykes, Emilia Strong \[Rep.-D-OH-13\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 08/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

August 15, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 14, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 13, 2024

House:

No environmental or energy related activity in the House or Senate today.

August 12, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 9, 2024

No environmental or energy related activity in the House or Senate today.

August 8, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 7, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.

August 6, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.9306](#)

To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to modify the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

Sponsor: [Evans, Dwight \[Rep.-D-PA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 08/06/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.9319](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study, and publish guidance on, calculating and reporting scope 3 emissions.

Sponsor: [Schiff, Adam B. \[Rep.-D-CA-30\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/06/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.9323](#)

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the establishment of an Office of Public Engagement in the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Trahan, Lori \[Rep.-D-MA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 08/06/2024 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 the committee concerned.

Senate:

No environmental or energy activity in the Senate today.

August 5, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.