

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | February 24 - February 28, 2025

Highlights:

The House passed the *Department of Energy and Small Business Administration Research Act* ([H.R.788](#)). Reps. Nick LaLota (R-N.Y.), Kelly Morrison (D-Minn.), and Shri Thanedar (D-Mich.) introduced the bill to [boost](#) joint research activities between the two agencies and the National Laboratories.

Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) reintroduced the *Assistance for Rural Water Systems Act* ([S.783](#)). If passed, the bill would [help](#) rural communities repair and modernize drinking water and wastewater infrastructure by administering accessible loan options through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Sens. Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Reps. Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.) and Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) reintroduced the *Voluntary Public Access Improvement Act* ([S.704/H.R.1565](#)). The bill aims to reauthorize and increase funding for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP). Through grant funding, the program [expands access](#) to recreational activities on public lands while working to recover wildlife and restore habitat.

February 28, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.

February 27, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.1645](#)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the continued implementation of the Climate and Health program by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sponsor: [Underwood, Lauren \[Rep.-D-IL-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.1651](#)

To nullify the final rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule".

Sponsor: [Balderson, Troy \[Rep.-R-OH-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.1655](#)

To provide that construction, rebuilding, or hardening of communications facilities following a major disaster or an emergency related to a wildfire is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

Sponsor: [Bentz, Cliff \[Rep.-R-OR-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.1676](#)

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to approve the wildlife conservation and restoration program of a State within a certain period of time.

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1677](#)

To prohibit the importation of certain minerals from the Russian Federation.

Sponsor: [Downing, Troy \[Rep.-R-MT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.1681](#)

To require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an interagency strike force to ensure that certain Federal land management agencies, including the organizational units of such agencies, prioritize the review of requests for communications use authorizations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Evans, Gabe \[Rep.-R-CO-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

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

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

[H.R.1684](#)

To amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fitzpatrick, Brian K. \[Rep.-R-PA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (175)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.1687](#)

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 \[Rep.-R-ID-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1719](#)

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 with respect to the definition of biofuels and sustainable aviation fuel, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Miller, Max L. \[Rep.-R-OH-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1721](#)

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[Rep.-R-IA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.1728](#)

To provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1729](#)

To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to allow for additional entities to be eligible to complete the maintenance work on Bolts Ditch and the Bolts Ditch Headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness, Colorado.

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1752](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the energy credit for qualified fuel cell property.

Sponsor: [Tenney, Claudia \[Rep.-R-NY-24\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.1754](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the energy credit shall not apply to certain types of energy production on agricultural land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Tiffany, Thomas P. \[Rep.-R-WI-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.1762](#)

To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to provide that the President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Chief of the Forest Service.

Sponsor: [Zinke, Ryan K. \[Rep.-R-MT-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Passed House:

[H.J.Res.20](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters".

Sponsor: [Palmer, Gary J. \[Rep.-R-AL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (29)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/27/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING DAY 3

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a [hearing](#) entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 3". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.764](#)

A bill to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.781](#)

A bill to reauthorize Long Island Sound programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gillibrand, Kirsten E. \[Sen.-D-NY\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.783](#)

Assistance for Rural Water Systems Act

Sponsor: [Shaheen, Jeanne \[Sen.-D-NH\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.789](#)

A bill to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cornyn, John \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.795](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exclude prior converted cropland from the definition of "navigable waters", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rounds, Mike \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.799](#)

A bill to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

[S.808](#)

A bill to prohibit the importation of certain minerals from the Russian Federation.

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.811](#)

A bill to express findings relating to the recreational trails program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Klobuchar, Amy \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Passed Senate:

[H.J.Res.35](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions".

Sponsor: [Pfluger, August \[Rep.-R-TX-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (19)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: Senate - 02/27/2025 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

February 26, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.1592](#)

To limit USDA funding for ground-mounted solar energy systems, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bost. Mike \[Rep.-R-IL-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1593](#)

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the President from considering insurance as a duplication of benefits for certain assistance under such Act.

Sponsor: [Brownley, Julia \[Rep.-D-CA-26\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.1594](#)

To support the sustainable aviation fuel market, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Brownley, Julia \[Rep.-D-CA-26\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Armed Services; Science, Space, and Technology; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Services, Science, Space, and Technology, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

[H.R.1604](#)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to periodically assess cybersecurity threats to, and vulnerabilities in, the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector and to provide recommendations to enhance their security and resilience, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct an annual cross-sector simulation exercise relating to a food-related emergency or disruption, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Finstad, Brad \[Rep.-R-MN-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1610](#)

To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to make available under the assistance to firefighters grant program the establishment of cancer prevention programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gottheimer, Josh \[Rep.-D-NJ-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.1612](#)

To designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hill, J. French \[Rep.-R-AR-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1613](#)

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the research and development of a policy to insure the production of mushrooms.

Sponsor: [Houlahan, Chrissy \[Rep.-D-PA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1618](#)

To require the Federal Communications Commission to review certain rules of the Commission and develop recommendations for rule changes to promote precision agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Latta, Robert E. \[Rep.-R-OH-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.1622](#)

To provide for the inclusion of uranium on the list of critical minerals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McGuire, John \[Rep.-R-VA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.J.Res.62](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources".

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Passed House:

[H.J.Res.35](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions".

Sponsor: [Pfluger, August \[Rep.-R-TX-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (19)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING DAY 2

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a [hearing](#) entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 2". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT SPENDING PUSH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the Biden Administration's Energy and Environment Spending Push". Testimony was heard from Jonathan Black, Chief Advisor for Strategic Planning and Program Oversight, Office of Inspector General, Department of Energy; J. Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office; Nicole Murley, Acting Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency; and Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office.

VALUATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT AND THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a [hearing](#) entitled "Evaluating the Implementation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEADING THE CHARGE: OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN AMERICA'S ENERGY RELIABILITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a [hearing](#) entitled "Leading the Charge: Opportunities to Strengthen America's Energy Reliability". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Other Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on...H.R. 501, the "Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2025"; H.R. 744, the "Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act"; and H.R. 1382, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to San Francisco Bay restoration, and for other purposes. H.R. 744 [was] ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 501 and H.R. 1382 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on H.R. 1491, the "Disaster Related Extension of Deadlines Act"....H.R. 1491 [was] ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.741](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require research and development regarding a policy to insure the production of mushrooms.

Sponsor: [Fetterman, John \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 02/26/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.754](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to periodically assess cybersecurity threats to, and vulnerabilities in, the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector and to provide recommendations to enhance their security and resilience, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct an annual cross-sector simulation exercise relating to a food-related emergency or disruption, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cotton, Tom \[Sen.-R-AR\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 02/26/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.759](#)

A bill to provide for standardization, publication, and accessibility of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 02/26/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Committee Hearings:

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine perspectives from the field, focusing on farmer and rancher views on the agricultural economy, after receiving testimony from Tim Boring, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Stockbridge; Bret Erickson, J and D Produce Inc., Edinburg, Texas, on behalf of the International Fresh Produce Association; Jeremy Hinton, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Hodgenville, on behalf of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation; Anna Murphree Rhinewalt, Sandy Ridge Farms, Inc., Senatobia, Mississippi, on behalf of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation and the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council; and Benjamin Etcheverry, New Mexico Chile Association, Deming.

IIJA IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act implementation and case studies, after receiving testimony from Russell R. McMurry, Georgia Department of Transportation, Atlanta, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation

Officials; Gary Johnson, Granite Construction Inc., Cedar Park, Texas; and Michael A. Carroll, Philadelphia Office of Transportation and Infrastructure, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

February 25, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.1553](#)

To establish an Office of Environmental Justice within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barragán, Nanette Diaz \[Rep.-D-CA-44\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 02/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

[H.R.1555](#)

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bice, Stephanie I. \[Rep.-R-OK-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1565](#)

Voluntary Public Access Improvement Act.

Sponsor: [Dingell, Debbie \[Rep.-D-MI-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1587](#)

To prohibit the President from revoking Presidential permits relating to cross-border energy facilities.

Sponsor: [Walberg, Tim \[Rep.-R-MI-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/25/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.J.Res.61](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing".

Sponsor: [Griffith, H. Morgan \[Rep.-R-VA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Passed House:

[H.R.788](#)

DOE and SBA Research Act

Sponsor: [LaLota, Nick \[Rep.-R-NY-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Small Business

Latest Action: House - 02/25/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.Res.161](#)

Providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 35) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions"; and providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 14) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.

Sponsor: [Houchin, Erin \[Rep.-R-IN-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-5](#)

Latest Action: House - 02/25/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

THE STATE OF THE CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a [hearing](#) entitled "The State of the Civil Works Program".

Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials: Lieutenant General William H. Graham, Jr., Chief of Engineers and Commanding General; Major General Mark C. Quander, Commanding General, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division; Brigadier General Daniel Hibner, Commanding General, South Atlantic Division; Colonel James J. Handura, Commander, South Pacific Division; and Colonel George H. Walter, Commander, Southwestern Division.

FULL BLAST: CONTRASTING MOMENTUM IN THE SPACE MINING ECONOMY TO THE TERRESTRIAL MINING REGULATORY MORASS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a [hearing](#) entitled "Full Blast: Contrasting Momentum in the Space Mining Economy to the Terrestrial Mining Regulatory Morass". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING AND IMPROVING SAFETY AND EFFICIENT PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a [hearing](#) entitled "Promoting and Improving Safety and Efficient Pipeline Infrastructure". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.700](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.704

Voluntary Public Access Improvement Act.

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 02/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.714

A bill to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.719

A bill to amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Murkowski, Lisa \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 02/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S.720

A bill to establish an Office of Environmental Justice within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: Senate - Judiciary

Latest Action: Senate - 02/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S1350](#))

S.722

A bill to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hoeven, John \[Sen.-R-ND\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.J.Res.24](#)

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 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing".

Sponsor: [Scott, Tim \[Sen.-R-SC\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Passed Senate:

[S.J.Res.11](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources".

Sponsor: [Kennedy, John \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/25/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 54 - 44. [Record Vote Number: 92](#). (text: CR [S1333](#))

February 24, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.1514](#)

To establish the Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1534](#)

To strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of American industry through the research and development of advanced technologies to improve the efficiency of cement, concrete, and asphalt production, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Miller, Max L. \[Rep.-R-OH-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 02/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.1541](#)

To provide that a project for the collocation of a personal wireless service facility is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

Sponsor: [Rulli, Michael A. \[Rep.-R-OH-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/24/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

Committee Hearings:

ESTABLISHING THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2034; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL RELATING TO WASTE EMISSIONS CHARGE

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) on [H. Con. Res. 14](#), establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; [H.J. Res. 20](#), providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters"; and [H.J. Res. 35](#), providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions".... Testimony was heard from Chairman Arrington, Chairman Guthrie, and Representatives Boyle of Pennsylvania, Tonko, Scott of Virginia, and Kaptur.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.688](#)

A bill to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally.

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 02/24/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.689](#)

A bill to approve the settlement of the water right claims of the Tule River Tribe, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 02/24/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S1313](#))

[S.692](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the clean fuel production credit to provide a special rate for sustainable vessel fuel.

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

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 02/24/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.