

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | January 13, 2025 - January 17, 2025

Highlights:

The House passed the *Promoting Opportunities to Widen Electrical Resilience (POWER) Act of 2025* ([H.R.164](#)). Reps. Val Hoyle (D-Ore.) and Mike Ezell (R-Miss.) reintroduced the bill to bolster the capacity of not-for-profit electric utilities to incorporate hazard mitigation and resilience measures when rebuilding grid infrastructure after major disasters.

The House passed the *Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act* ([H.R.152](#)) with 405-5 votes. Led by Rep. Mike Ezell (R-Miss.), the bill would [accelerate and improve](#) disaster recovery efforts under the Federal Emergency Management Agency by streamlining disaster assistance application processes.

Rep. Jim Costa (D-Calif.) introduced a [pair of bills](#) to support long-term surface and ground water resource management. The *Groundwater Recharge Technical Assistance Act* ([H.R.337](#)), which Reps. David Valadao (R-Calif.), Mike Thompson (D-Calif.), and Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.) co-lead, would strengthen drought resilience in the West by providing an annual \$3 million to support groundwater recharge projects. The *Every Drop Counts Act* ([H.R.338](#)), cosponsored by Reps. David Valadao (R-Calif.) and Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho), would increase drought preparedness and water supply reliability by increasing the funding eligibility of water storage projects under the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*.

Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.) reintroduced the *Western Wildfire Support Act* ([S.91](#)) to [provide](#) communities with wildfire prevention, mitigation, and recovery resources. EESI [explores](#) other wildfire mitigation tools on our podcast, *The Climate Conversation*.

January 17, 2025

House:

No environmental or energy activity in the House today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.147](#)

A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants to air pollution control agencies to implement a cleaner air space program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 01/17/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

January 16, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.470](#)

To provide that the Secretary of Commerce shall not issue an interim or final rule or Secretarial Amendment that includes an area or bottom closure in the South Atlantic for species managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region until the South Atlantic Great Red Snapper Count study is complete and the data related to that study is integrated into the stock assessment.

Sponsor: [Rutherford, John H. \[Rep.-R-FL-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (16)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.471](#)

Fix Our Forests Act

Sponsor: [Westerman, Bruce \[Rep.-R-AR-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (43)

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

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.480](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a methane border adjustment mechanism.

Sponsor: [Brownley, Julia \[Rep.-D-CA-26\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.501](#)

To amend certain laws relating to disaster recovery and relief with respect to the implementation of building codes, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Edwards, Chuck \[Rep.-R-NC-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.502](#)

To ensure the rural surface transportation grant program is accessible to rural areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Finstad, Brad \[Rep.-R-MN-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.504](#)

To amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gimenez, Carlos A. \[Rep.-R-FL-28\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.513](#)

To nullify certain Presidential withdrawals of unleased offshore land, amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to establish limits on the authority of the President to withdraw unleased offshore land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Higgins, Clay \[Rep.-R-LA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (19)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Rules

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.524](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny certain green energy tax benefits to companies connected to certain countries of concern.

Sponsor: [Moolenaar, John R. \[Rep.-R-MI-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (22)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.526](#)

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to make certain adjustments to the royalty rates for leases for oil and gas extraction on Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ogles, Andrew \[Rep.-R-TN-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.527](#)

To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey, to establish a grant program for monitoring wildfires by satellite.

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.528](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a program for post-disaster reforestation and restoration Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 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.

[H.R.531](#)

To amend the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman \[Del.-R-AS\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.536](#)

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

Sponsor: [Scholten, Hillary J. \[Rep.-D-MI-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.549](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the clean fuel production credit.

Sponsor: [Van Duyne, Beth \[Rep.-R-TX-24\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.556](#)

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.

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (41)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 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.

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

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 Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers".

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/16/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.109](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore lease sales under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cassidy, Bill \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.140](#)

A bill to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.143](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to repeal the natural gas tax.

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 01/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.144](#)

A bill 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: [Moran, Jerry \[Sen.-R-KS\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 01/16/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

January 15, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.408

To nullify the Presidential memoranda on the withdrawal of certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf from oil or natural gas leasing.

Sponsor: [Arrington, Jodey C. \[Rep.-R-TX-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.412

To authorize the Bay Mills Indian Community of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

Sponsor: [Bergman, Jack \[Rep.-R-MI-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.435

To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal wildland firefighting and firefighting support positions in the Forest Service or the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Issa, Darrell \[Rep.-R-CA-48\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform; Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.437

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to expand assistance related to winter storms, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kennedy, Timothy M. \[Rep.-D-NY-26\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.441](#)

To improve drought related disaster assistance programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Letlow, Julia \[Rep.-R-LA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.442](#)

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to modify a provision relating to quality loss adjustment coverage.

Sponsor: [Letlow, Julia \[Rep.-R-LA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.466](#)

To require the Secretary of Energy to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear waste repository, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[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: (14)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Passed House:

[H.R.164](#)

POWER Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Hoyle, Val T. \[Rep.-D-OR-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)
Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure
Latest Action: House - 01/15/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Meetings:

AMERICA BUILDS: THE STATE OF THE NATION'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled "America Builds: the State of the Nation's Transportation System". Testimony was heard from Jeff Landry, Governor, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.101](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear waste repository, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)
Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works
Latest Action: Senate - 01/15/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.104](#)

A bill to rescind Presidential memoranda on the withdrawal of certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf from oil or natural gas leasing.

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)
Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources
Latest Action: Senate - 01/15/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.105](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rounds, Mike \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)
Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 01/15/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

January 14, 2025

No environmental or energy activity in the House today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.85

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 01/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.90

A bill to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to finalize and implement certain travel management plans in the State of Utah.

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.91

A bill to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.93

A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

January 13, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.331](#)

To amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.337](#)

To provide technical and financial assistance for groundwater recharge, aquifer storage, and water source substitution projects.

Sponsor: [Costa, Jim \[Rep.-D-CA-21\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.338](#)

To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to increase surface water and groundwater storage, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Costa, Jim \[Rep.-D-CA-21\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.346](#)

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

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.347](#)

To require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program.

Sponsor: [Keating, William R. \[Rep.-D-MA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.359](#)

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require reporting relating to certain cost-share requirements, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Obernolte, Jay \[Rep.-R-CA-23\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.360](#)

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Oyster Reef Restoration and Conservation Program.

Sponsor: [Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria \[Rep.-D-NY-14\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.J.Res.18](#)

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 Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Improvements (LCRI)".

Sponsor: [Palmer, Gary J. \[Rep.-R-AL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/13/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Passed House:

[H.R.152](#)

Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

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

Latest Action: Senate - 01/14/2025 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Senate:

No environmental or energy activity in the Senate today.