

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | January 6, 2025 - January 10, 2025

### Highlights:

Rep. David Joyce (R-Ohio), alongside Reps. Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.), Bill Huizenga (R-Mich.), and Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) reintroduced the *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Act of 2025* ([H.R.284](#)). The GLRI [supports](#) Great Lakes states, tribes, and communities with funding for projects that address issues like habitat loss, agricultural water pollution, and invasive species. The bill would provide an annual \$500 million for the program over five years.

Reps. Nick LaLota (R-N.Y.) and Joe Courtney (D-Conn.) reintroduced the *Long Island Sound Stewardship and Restoration Act* ([H.R.288](#)). If passed, the bill would reauthorize the Environmental Protection Agency's Long Island Sound programs for five years, and support the development of new conservation programs for 12 priority habitats in the region.

*ICYMI:* President Biden signed several climate and environment measures into law in the final days of the 118th Congress—from drought mitigation and habitat conservation to mine remediation and increased access to public lands. Find them all in December's [Congressional Round-Ups](#).

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### January 10, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.

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### January 9, 2025

#### House:

#### Bills Introduced:

[H.R.257](#)

**To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit the Securities and Exchange Commission from requiring an issuer to make climate-related disclosures that are not material to investors, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

### **H.R.261**

**To amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prohibit requiring an authorization for the installation, continued presence, operation, maintenance, repair, or recovery of undersea fiber optic cables in a national marine sanctuary if such activities have previously been authorized by a Federal or State agency.**

Sponsor: [Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" \[Rep.-R-GA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **H.R.280**

**To require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions with respect to certain qualified coal applications, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **H.R.281**

**To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **H.R.284**

**To reauthorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Joyce, David P. \[Rep.-R-OH-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (27)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **H.R.288**

**To reauthorize Long Island Sound programs, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 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.R.289**

**To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 with respect to the Acer access and development program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **H.R.291**

**To amend the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant Program of the Department of Agriculture.**

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **H.R.292**

**To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to carry out research and development regarding a policy to insure table, wine, and juice grapes against losses due to a freeze event, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### **H.R.301**

**To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to establish a deadline for processing applications related to geothermal leasing.**

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.302](#)

**To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 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, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### [H.R.311](#)

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alcohol fuels credit, the biodiesels fuel credit, the sustainable aviation fuel credit, the clean fuel production credit, the alcohol fuel, biodiesel, and alternative fuel mixtures credit, and other related provisions.**

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

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### [H.R.312](#)

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal certain credits relating to alternative fuel vehicles.**

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

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### [H.R.313](#)

**To repeal the natural gas tax.**

Sponsor: [Pfluger, August \[Rep.-R-TX-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.316](#)

**To authorize the President to provide disaster assistance to States and Indian Tribes under a major disaster recovery program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Rouzer, David \[Rep.-R-NC-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **[H.J.Res.15](#)**

**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 Commercial Water Heating Equipment".**

Sponsor: [Messmer, Mark \[Rep.-R-IN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Senate:**

**Bills Introduced:**

### **[S.56](#)**

**A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 with respect to the Acer access and development program, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 01/09/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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**January 8, 2025**

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

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**January 7, 2025**

## House:

### Bills Introduced:

#### [H.R.229](#)

**To prohibit the implementation of the Rock Springs Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan.**

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/07/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### [H.R.230](#)

**To prohibit the implementation of the Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Buffalo, Wyoming Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.**

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/07/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

#### [H.R.231](#)

**To amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program.**

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/07/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

## Senate:

### Bills Introduced:

#### [S.25](#)

**A bill to impose an assessment related to fossil fuel emissions, to establish the Polluter Pay Climate Fund, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Van Hollen, Chris \[Sen.-D-MD\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 01/07/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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**January 6, 2025**

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