

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | July 10 - July 14, 2023

Highlights:

Last week, the House passed the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024* ([H.R.2670](#)). The House version of this annual “must-pass” legislation includes investments in [energy conservation](#), [grid resilience](#), and [nuclear energy](#), while blocking implementation of several of the Biden-Harris Administration’s climate initiatives.

The *Nuclear Fuel Security Act of 2023* ([S.452](#)) passed to the Senate floor from the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The bipartisan bill, introduced by Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), would establish a nuclear fuel security [program](#) under the Department of Energy. A House version of the bill ([H.R.1086](#)) is waiting to be reviewed in Committee. EESI’s briefing, [The State of Play for Nuclear Energy in the United States](#), examines policies and programs through which Congress and the Executive Branch are supporting the country’s existing nuclear reactor fleet and moving research and technological innovations forward to meet clean energy goals.

The Senate saw support for agricultural research from both sides of the aisle last week. Sen. John Fetterman (D-Pa.) and six of his Democratic colleagues introduced a bill ([S.2317](#)) that would expand research on organic farming via the Agricultural Research Service. EESI recently hosted a joint [briefing](#) that discussed the climate, health and economic benefits of organic agriculture. Meanwhile, Sens. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.), and Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.) introduced the *Land Grant Research Prioritization Act* ([S.2316](#)). The bill, which has a counterpart in the House ([H.R.4162](#)), would make priority research grants available via the U.S. Department of Agriculture for land-grant universities to research issues like precision agriculture and artificial intelligence technologies.

In the House, Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-N.Y.) introduced the *Agricultural Representation for the United States Territories Act* ([H.R.4593](#)). The bill would increase representation for U.S. territories on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board. At EESI’s recent briefing, [Conservation Practices from Farms to Forests and Wetlands](#), panelists discussed the need for greater consideration of U.S. territories, as well indigenous communities, in creating federal agricultural policies that work for all farmers.

July 14, 2023

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.2670](#)

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Sponsor: [Rogers, Mike D. \[Rep.-R-AL-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Armed Services

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-125](#)

Latest Action: House - 07/14/2023 The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of [H.R. 2670](#).

[H.R.4643](#)

To provide for the assumption of full ownership and control of the International Outfall Interceptor in Nogales, Arizona, by the International Boundary and Water Commission, and for other purposes.provide for the assumption of full ownership and control of the International Outfall Interceptor in Nogales, Arizona, by the International Boundary and Water Commission, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4654](#)

To require a study of rural weather monitoring systems.

Sponsor: [Moran, Nathaniel \[Rep.-R-TX-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related legislation in the Senate today

July 13, 2023

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4596](#)

To reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4612](#)

To provide technical assistance to improve infrastructure in foreign markets for United States agricultural commodities.

Sponsor: [Feenstra, Randy \[Rep.-R-IA-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4617](#)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out projects with the potential to reduce or sequester greenhouse emissions that convert and valorize tree nut harvest by-products into multiple higher value biocarbon products, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Harder, Josh \[Rep.-D-CA-9\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4621](#)

To improve the environmental review process for highway projects through the use of interactive, digital, cloud-based platforms, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4629](#)

To reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4636](#)

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Wireless Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/13/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.Con.Res.56](#)

Recognizing that the climate crisis disproportionately affects the health, economic opportunity, and fundamental rights of children, expressing the sense of Congress that leadership by the United States is still urgently needed to address the climate crisis, and acknowledging the need of the United States to develop a national, comprehensive, science-based, and just climate recovery plan to phase out fossil fuel emissions, protect and enhance natural carbon sequestration, and put the United States on a path toward stabilizing the climate system.

Sponsor: [Schakowsky, Janice D. \[Rep.-D-IL-9\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.584](#)

Expressing support for the designation of July as "Plastic Pollution Action Month".

Sponsor: [Doggett, Lloyd \[Rep.-D-TX-37\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Committee Meetings:

The Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a legislative [hearing](#) on the following bills: H.R. 386, “Mount Rushmore Protection Act”; H.R. 1318, “Women’s Suffrage National Monument Location Act”; H.R. 2717, “Hershel Woody Williams National Medal of Honor Monument Location Act”; H.R. 3448, “American Battlefield Protection Program Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4377), To amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 with respect to extensions, additions, and revisions to the Barry M. Goldwater Range in Arizona.

The Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a legislative [hearing](#) on the following bill: H.R. 4374, “Energy Opportunities for All Act”.

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a legislative [hearing](#) entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request: Agency Perspectives (Part II)”.

The Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a [Markup](#) of Fiscal Year 2024 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Bill.

Other Committee Actions:

[H.Amdt.250](#)

Description: An amendment numbered 58 printed in House Report 118-142 to prohibit the use of funds for promotion of sustainable building materials (including low-embodied or no-carbon concrete or asphalt) or net-zero emissions construction.

Amends Bill: [H.R.2670](#)

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

Latest Action: 07/13/23 On agreeing to the Perry amendment (A035) Failed by voice vote.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2287](#)

A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to expand the operation of State employment and training programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2312

A bill to amend section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services as members of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and to require the Committee to consider the security of the food and agriculture systems of the United States as a factor to be considered when determining to take action with respect to foreign investment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grassley, Chuck \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.2316

A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to establish research and extension grant priorities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rubio, Marco \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2317

A bill to amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 and the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to direct the Agricultural Research Service to expand organic research, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2319

A bill to improve the environmental review process for highway projects through the use of interactive, digital, cloud-based platforms, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.Con.Res.13](#)

A concurrent resolution recognizing that the climate crisis disproportionately affects the health, economic opportunity, and fundamental rights of children, expressing the sense of Congress that leadership by the United States is still urgently needed to address the climate crisis, and acknowledging the need of the United States to develop a national, comprehensive, science-based, and just climate recovery plan to phase out fossil fuel emissions, protect and enhance natural carbon sequestration, and put the United States on a path toward stabilizing the climate system.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/13/2023 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.Res.296](#)

A resolution designating July 2023 as "Plastic Pollution Action Month".

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Judiciary

Latest Action: Senate - 07/13/2023 Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

July 12, 2023

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4576](#)

To amend the Clean Air Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make available for sale renewable fuel credits, and for other purposes.

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

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

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Natural Resources, 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.4577](#)

To protect U.S. food security, give the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States greater jurisdiction over land purchases, to impose special guards against foreign adversary purchases of land in the United States near sensitive sites, to expand the definition of sensitive sites, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gallagher, Mike \[Rep.-R-WI-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Financial Services; Foreign Affairs; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and 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.

[H.R.4580](#)

To designate the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4584](#)

To improve the Federal effort to reduce wildland fire risks, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lofgren, Zoe \[Rep.-D-CA-18\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.4586](#)

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to modify and extend grants for assistive technology programs for farmers with disabilities.

Sponsor: [Molinaro, Marcus J. \[Rep.-R-NY-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4587](#)

To provide that the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall not issue an interim or final rule that includes an area closure in the South Atlantic for species managed under the Snapper-Grouper Fishery Management Plan 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. \[Rep.-R-FL-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4592](#)

To establish a Federal program of cumulative impact assessments under the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Tlaib, Rashida \[Rep.-D-MI-12\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.4593](#)

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to increase agricultural representation for United States territories, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Velazquez, Nydia M. \[Rep.-D-NY-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.3430](#)

Spectrum Relocation Enhancement Act

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.

[H.R.4468](#)

To prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to emissions from vehicles, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 12 - 7.

[H.R.4469](#)

To clarify that eRINs are not authorized for purposes of satisfying the volume of renewable fuel that needs to be contained in transportation fuel for purposes of the Renewable Fuel Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pence, Greg \[Rep.-R-IN-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 12 - 7 .

Committee Actions:

The Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials met in [open markup session](#) to consider the following: [H.R. 1435](#), Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act; [H.R. 4468](#), Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023; [H.R. 4469](#), No Fuel Credits for Batteries Act of 2023.

[H.R.1435](#)

Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials. Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2262](#)

A bill to designate the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sinema, Kyrsten \[Sen.-I-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2267](#)

A bill to amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize the dairy business innovation initiatives.

Sponsor: [Baldwin, Tammy \[Sen.-D-WI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.2269](#)

A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System land without conducting a timber sale, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Feinstein, Dianne \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.Con.Res.12](#)

A concurrent resolution recognizing the need for a sustainable, economically viable, and fair debt restructuring plan for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority.

Sponsor: [Menendez, Robert \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Actions:

Public Lands, Forests, and Mining Subcommittee Hearing to Receive Testimony on Pending Legislation. The purpose of this [hearing](#) is to receive testimony on the following bills: [S. 636](#), to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, and for other purposes; [S. 912](#), to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes; [S. 1015](#), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; [S. 1088](#), to authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North

Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes; [S. 1254](#), to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; [S. 1405](#), to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land in the State of Utah; [S. 1622](#), to discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced multiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, and for other purposes; [S. 1634](#), to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; [S. 1657](#), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes; [S. 1760](#), to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, and for other purposes; [S. 1776](#), to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes; [S. 1890](#), to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, and for other purposes; [S. 2020](#), to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, for other purposes; [S. 2042](#), to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; [S. 2136](#), to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, and for other purposes; [S. 2149](#), to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes. [S. 2216](#), to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, and for other purposes.

[S.636](#)

Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1015](#)

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

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1088](#)

North Dakota Trust Lands Completion Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1254](#)

Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

Sponsor: [Murray, Patty \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1405](#)

Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration Exchange Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1622](#)

End Speculative Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1634](#)

Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1657](#)

La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act

Sponsor: [Sinema, Kyrsten \[Sen.-I-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1760](#)

Apex Area Technical Corrections Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1776](#)

PUBLIC Lands Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.1890](#)

Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.2020](#)

Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.2042](#)

Sloan Canyon Conservation and Horizon Lateral Water Pipeline Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.2136](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.2216](#)

A bill to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

[S.2149](#)

A bill to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Tester, Jon \[Sen.-D-MT\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a legislative [hearing](#) to receive testimony on [S.616](#), the Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Technical Corrections Act of 2023; [S.1898](#), the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Amendments Act of 2023 & [S.1987](#), a bill to provide for the settlement of water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and for other purposes.

[S.616](#)

Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Technical Corrections Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

[S.1898](#)

Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Amendments Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Lujan, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

[S.1987](#)

Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Tester, Jon \[Sen.-D-MT\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 07/12/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

July 11, 2023

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4374](#)

To nullify Public Land Order No. 7923, withdrawing certain land in San Juan County, New Mexico, from mineral entry.

Sponsor: [Crane, Elijah \[Rep.-R-AZ-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

[H.R.4377](#)

To amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 with respect to extensions, additions, and revisions to the Barry M. Goldwater Range in Arizona.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.4528](#)

To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to address the insufficient compensation and recruitment of employees and other personnel of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4530](#)

To establish an Office of Public Engagement and Participation within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Levin, Mike \[Rep.-D-CA-49\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4536](#)

To oppose the permitting of deep seabed mining and exploration for deep seabed mining, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Case, Ed \[Rep.-D-HI-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs

[H.R.4537](#)

To prohibit certain mining activities on the deep seabed and Outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Case, Ed \[Rep.-D-HI-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4540](#)

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a program to provide grants to suppliers of water for the purpose of making infrastructure improvements to public water systems, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cuellar, Henry \[Rep.-D-TX-28\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4542](#)

To support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies, and for other purposes.

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

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

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.

[H.R.4548](#)

To require a national strategy to secure United States supply chains involving critical minerals sourced from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs; Judiciary; Financial Services; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, and 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.

[H.R.4549](#)

To amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 to clarify the scope of a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to certain projects relating to the production of semiconductors, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kiggans, Jennifer A \[Rep.-R-VA-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Energy and Commerce; Armed Services; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, and Natural Resources, 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.4558](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw a proposed rule relating to the endangered species status of the dunes sagebrush lizard.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4561](#)

To encourage reduction of disposable plastic products in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Quigley, Mike \[Rep.-D-IL-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.Res.581](#)

Condemning the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and refraining the United States from rejoining.

Sponsor: [Steube, W. Gregory \[Rep.-R-FL-17\]](#)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 07/11/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2228](#)

A bill to amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 to clarify the scope of a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to certain projects relating to the production of semiconductors, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.2235](#)

A bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to provide compensation for poultry growers and layers in control areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Coons, Christopher A. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.2241](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research relating to measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.2242](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make available for sale renewable fuel credits, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Casey, Robert P., Jr. \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.2244](#)

A bill to amend the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to require specific congressional authorization for use of the Commodity Credit Corporation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grassley, Chuck \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.2247](#)

A bill to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2250](#)

A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish a groundwater conservation easement program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Bills Reported:

[S.162](#)

Smith River National Recreation Area Expansion Act

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 121.

[S.199](#)

Root and Stem Project Authorization Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 122.

[S.440](#)

Oregon Recreation Enhancement Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 123.

[S.452](#)

Nuclear Fuel Security Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Manchin, Joe, III \[Sen.-D-WV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 124.

[S.535](#)

Bureau of Land Management Mineral Spacing Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 125.

[S.593](#)

Cerro de la Olla Wilderness Establishment Act

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 126.

[S.612](#)

Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 127

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House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.3779](#)

GRAIN for America Act

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.3783](#)

Mink VIRUS Act

Sponsor: [Espaillet, Adriano \[Rep.-D-NY-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Budget

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

[H.R.3809](#)

Cybersecurity for Rural Water Systems Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Davis, Donald G. \[Rep.-D-NC-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.

[H.R.3814](#)

Future of Agricultural Resiliency And Modernization Act

Sponsor: [Harder, Josh \[Rep.-D-CA-9\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.3815](#)

Protecting Mushroom Farmers Act

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.

[H.R.3829](#)

Higher Education Marijuana Research Act of 2023

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; Agriculture; Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.

[H.R.3849](#)

Rural Energy Savings Act

Sponsor: [Clyburn, James E. \[Rep.-D-SC-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.

[H.R.3853](#)

Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Rep.-D-AZ-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.3399](#)

Soo Locks Security and Economic Reporting Act of 2023

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 104.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.2216](#)

A bill to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Other Committee Actions:

Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Xochitl Torres Small, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.