

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | June 12 - June 16, 2023

Highlights:

The *Block Grant Assistance Act of 2023* ([H.R.662](#)) passed the House last week with wide bipartisan support. The bill authorizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to direct funding to agricultural producers who have suffered economic losses due to droughts, wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, and other natural disasters.

Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-Wisc.), Jared Huffman (D-Calif.), and Zachara Nunn (R-Iowa) introduced [H.R.4163](#), a bill that would amend the Farm Bill's *Food Security Act of 1985* ([P.L. 99-198](#)) to promote carbon sequestration through agricultural practices. EESI's [Agriculture and Climate article series](#) covers five sustainable agricultural practices that increase climate resilience and adaptation, from planting cover crops to soil amendments.

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) introduced [H.R.4197](#) to reauthorize the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. The U.S. Forest Service program promotes collaborative, holistic and science-based forest restoration efforts. During EESI's [Farm Bill in Focus](#) briefing, [The Future of Forestry in the Farm Bill](#), panelists pinpointed opportunities across the USDA to bolster forest maintenance and conservation practices.

Finally, the House Committee on Agriculture's Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development held a hearing on June 13, [Stakeholder Perspectives on USDA's Rural Development Programs](#), in which witnesses testified on programs that expand electrification and improve infrastructure across rural communities. Members discussed key programs to be reauthorized by the 2023 Farm Bill, such as the [Rural Energy Savings Program](#) (RESP) and the [Rural Energy for America Program](#) (REAP). EESI's recent briefing, [Unlocking Rural Economies: Farm Bill Investments in Rural America](#), explored how RESP and REAP could further lower access barriers to clean energy and climate-resilient infrastructure.

June 16, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.4197](#)

To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to reauthorize the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/16/2023 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

Senate:

There was no environmental or energy related action in the Senate

June 15, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.4163](#)

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to optimize the sequestration of carbon and the reduction of net emissions through agricultural practices, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/15/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4167](#)

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from changing energy conservation standards for distribution transformers for a certain period, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hudson, Richard \[Rep.-R-NC-9\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/15/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4173](#)

To amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a specialty crop mechanization and automation initiative, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/15/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee concluded a markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill; and the Report on the Interim Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2024. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill and the Report on the Interim Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2024 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a markup on the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 3397](#), to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health. Testimony was heard from Representative Curtis; Kristi Noem, Governor, South Dakota; Mark Gordon, Governor, Wyoming; Nada Wolff Culver, Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Kathy Chandler-Henry, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Eagle County, Colorado; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee concluded a markup on [H.R. 2980](#), the “DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act”; [H.R. 2988](#), the “DOE and NASA Interagency Research Coordination Act”; and [H.R. 3559](#), the “FAA Research and Development Act of 2023”. [H.R. 2980](#), [H.R. 2988](#), and [H.R. 3559](#) were ordered reported, as amended.

Senate:

Committee Action:

[H.R.1615](#)

Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act

Sponsor: [Armstrong, Kelly \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-85](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 102.

[H.R.1640](#)

Save Our Gas Stoves Act

Sponsor: [Lesko, Debbie \[Rep.-R-AZ-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce | Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-86](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2018](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment to identify locations in National Parks in which there is the greatest need for broadband internet access service and areas in National Parks in which there is the greatest need for cellular service, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.2019](#)

A bill to prevent States and local jurisdictions from interfering with the production and distribution of agricultural products in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Marshall, Roger \[Sen.-R-KS\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2020

A bill to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2023

A bill to amend the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act and the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to further plant cultivar and animal breed research, development, and commercialization, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2028

A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to authorize expedited approval of applications to export natural gas to certain allies of the United States, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2029

A bill to appropriate amounts to carry out the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

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

Committees: Senate - Appropriations

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

[S.2035](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to make additional coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program available for crops and grasses used for grazing, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.2036](#)

A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from changing energy conservation standards for distribution transformers for a certain period, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

[S.2042](#)

A bill to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Meetings:

IMPACTS OF PLASTIC PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the impacts of plastic production and disposal on environmental justice communities, after receiving testimony from Sharon Lavigne, Rise St. James, Berkeley, California; Angelle Bradford, Sierra Club Delta Chapter, New Orleans, Louisiana; Chris Tandazo, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, Summit; Donna

Jackson, Project 21, Kensington, Maryland; and Kevin Sunday, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Harrisburg.

June 14, 2023

House:

Passed House:

[H.R.1640](#)

Save Our Gas Stoves Act

Sponsor: [Lesko, Debbie \[Rep.-R-AZ-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-86](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Action:

[H.R.4090](#)

To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kean, Thomas H. \[Rep.-R-NJ-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.4094](#)

To amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4110](#)

To provide the Food and Drug Administration with authority to conduct microbial sampling on concentrated animal feeding operations as necessary to facilitate a foodborne illness outbreak investigation, determine the root cause of an outbreak of foodborne illness, or address other public health needs.

Sponsor: [DeLauro, Rosa L. \[Rep.-D-CT-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4125](#)

To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 with respect to the dairy margin coverage program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4126](#)

To amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to current and future electric power requirements of airports, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4127](#)

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish an exception to certain payment limitations in the case of person or legal entity that derives income from agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture

[H.R.4129](#)

To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from making certain grants to zero-emission or electric ferries, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4130](#)

To amend title 23 and title 49, United States Code, to prohibit funds from certain programs to be used to fund streetcars, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4131](#)

To amend title 23 and title 49, United States Code, to remove transit-oriented development projects as projects eligible for assistance under the transportation infrastructure finance and innovation program and the railroad rehabilitation and improvement financing program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4135](#)

To amend the Research Facilities Act and the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to address deferred maintenance at agricultural research facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schrier, Kim \[Rep.-D-WA-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.Amdt.188](#)

Description: An amendment numbered 2 printed in Part D of House Report 118-108 to prohibit Section 3 of the bill from taking effect unless and until the Secretary of Energy certifies that the provisions of the section would not adversely affect the energy security of the United States.

Amends Bill: [H.R.1640](#)

Sponsor: [McGovern, James P. \[Rep.-D-MA-2\]](#) (Offered 06/13/2023)

Latest Action: 06/14/23 On agreeing to the McGovern amendment (A002) Failed by recorded vote: 207 - 224 ([Roll no. 266](#)).

[H.Amdt.189](#)

Description: An amendment numbered 3 printed in Part D of House Report 118-108 to strike provisions in the bill that would significantly limit future DOE rulemaking authority.

Amends Bill: [H.R. 1640](#)

Sponsor: [Pallone, Frank, Jr. \[Rep.-D-NJ-6\]](#) (Offered 06/13/2023)

Latest Action: 06/14/23 On agreeing to the Pallone amendment (A003) Failed by recorded vote: 209 - 225 ([Roll no. 267](#))

Committee Meetings:

A REVIEW OF TITLE VII: UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVES ON RESEARCH AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology held a [hearing](#) entitled "A Review of Title VII: University Perspectives on Research and Extension Programs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF NRC: ENSURING EFFICIENT AND PREDICTABLE NUCLEAR SAFETY REGULATION FOR A PROSPEROUS AMERICA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a [hearing](#) entitled "Oversight of NRC: Ensuring Efficient and Predictable Nuclear Safety Regulation for a Prosperous America". Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Jeff Baran, Commissioner; Annie Caputo, Commissioner; Bradley R. Crowell, Commissioner; Christopher T. Hanson, Chairman; and David A. Wright, Commissioner.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1607](#), to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes; [H.R. 3027](#), the "Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act of 2023"; and [H.R. 3675](#), to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to extend certain contract prepayment authority. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schweikert, Porter, and Boebert; Michael Brain, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 2685](#), the "Mining Schools Act of 2023"; [H.R. 3883](#), to nullify Public Land Order No. 7921, withdrawing certain land in the Railroad Valley of Nye County, Nevada, from mineral entry; and legislation on the Community Reclamation

Partnerships Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Amodei and Owens; and public witnesses.

Senate:

Committee Action:

[H.R.1615](#)

Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act

Sponsor: [Armstrong, Kelly \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-85](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 06/14/2023 Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.

[S.820](#)

Protecting Consumers from PFAS Act

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 06/14/2023 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.

[S.1858](#)

Disaster Assistance Deadlines Alignment Act

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 06/14/2023 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.1871](#)

Intergovernmental Critical Minerals Task Force Act

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 06/14/2023 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

[S.1987](#)

A bill to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 06/14/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

[S.1998](#)

A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns.

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/14/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.2002](#)

A bill to establish the Interagency Group on Large-Scale Carbon Management in the National Science and Technology Council and a Federal Carbon Removal Initiative, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/14/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[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 Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards".

Sponsor: [Fischer, Deb \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/14/2023 Veto message received in Senate. Ordered held at the desk. (consideration: CR [S2089-2090](#))

Committee Meetings:

IIJA AND IRA IMPLEMENTATION BY FHWA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act by the Federal Highway Administration, after receiving testimony from Shailen Bhatt, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

June 13, 2023

House:

Passed House:

[H.R.1615](#)

Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act

Sponsor: [Armstrong, Kelly \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-85](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.Res.495](#)

Providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to "Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached 'stabilizing braces'"; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 277) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 288) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1615) to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1640) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Massie, Thomas \[Rep.-R-KY-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-108](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.

Committee Action:

[H.R.188](#)

Proven Forest Management Act of 2022

Sponsor: [McClintock, Tom \[Rep.-R-CA-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 17.

[H.R.1240](#)

Winnebago Land Transfer Act of 2023

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.

[H.R.1640](#)

Save Our Gas Stoves Act

Sponsor: [Lesko, Debbie \[Rep.-R-AZ-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-86](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving [H.R. 1640](#) as unfinished business.

[H.R.1450](#)

Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 39 - 0.

[H.R.3389](#)

Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#) (Introduced 05/16/2023) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.

[H.R.4013](#)

To establish a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

[H.R.4032](#)

To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Secretary of Energy to exercise leadership in the creation of Federal and international policies relating to the safe and efficient use of hydrogen to increase aviation decarbonization and reduce air and noise pollution, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. \[Rep.-D-GA-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

[H.R.4043](#)

To amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to make the District of Columbia eligible for certain wastewater infrastructure grants, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Norton, Eleanor Holmes \[Del.-D-DC-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

[H.R.4052](#)

To facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Bank, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Davis, Danny K. \[Rep.-D-IL-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services; Education and the Workforce; Natural Resources; Budget

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, Education and the Workforce, Natural Resources, and the Budget, 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.4059](#)

To include phosphate and potash on the final list of critical minerals of the Department of the Interior.

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4066](#)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional payments under the environmental quality incentives program for implementation of a nutrient management practice, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4068](#)

To prohibit the use of M-44 devices, commonly known as "cyanide bombs", on public land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 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.4069](#)

To increase observations, understanding, and forecasting of coastal flooding and storm surge events, to address weather observation gaps in highly vulnerable areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kean, Thomas H. \[Rep.-R-NJ-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

[H.R.4070](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the exclusion from gross income of amounts received from state-based catastrophe loss mitigation programs.

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.4072](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a measurement-based national methane research pilot study to quantify methane emissions from certain oil and gas infrastructure, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lieu, Ted \[Rep.-D-CA-36\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.4077](#)

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: [Peters, Scott H. \[Rep.-D-CA-50\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/13/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Committee Meetings:

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON USDA'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development held a [hearing](#) entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives on USDA's Rural Development Programs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF FERC: ADHERING TO A MISSION OF AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ENERGY FOR AMERICA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a [hearing](#) entitled "Oversight of FERC: Adhering to a Mission of Affordable and Reliable Energy for America". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Mark C. Christie, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Allison Clements, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; James P. Danly, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Willie L. Phillips, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Senate:

Passed Senate:

[S.Res.248](#)

A resolution designating June 2023 as "Great Outdoors Month".

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

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR [S2071](#); text: CR [S2074-2075](#))

Committee Action:

[H.R.662](#)

Block Grant Assistance Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Franklin, C. Scott \[Rep.-R-FL-18\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture | Senate - Appropriations

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-73](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

[S.1528](#)

Disaster Assistance Simplification Act

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 93.

[S.1936](#)

A bill to promote competition in the area of digital energy management tools, enhance consumer access to electric energy and natural gas information, allow for the development and adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers, organizations, and governments manage their energy usage, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve electric grid reliability, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1940](#)

A bill to prohibit the use of M-44 devices, commonly known as "cyanide bombs", on public land, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1942

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the Hazardous Substance Superfund financing rate.

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

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1947

A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a measurement-based national methane research pilot study to quantify methane emissions from certain oil and gas infrastructure, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1948

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. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1958

A bill to identify the standards required to meet the definition of sustainable aviation fuel at the Federal Aviation Administration.

Sponsor: [Duckworth, Tammy \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.1962

A bill to provide increased funding and opportunities to achieve national, long-term production goals for sustainable aviation fuel, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Warnock, Raphael G. \[Sen.-D-GA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/13/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

June 12, 2023

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[H.R.662](#)

Block Grant Assistance Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Franklin, C. Scott \[Rep.-R-FL-18\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-73](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Action:

[H.R.1615](#)

Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act

Sponsor: [Armstrong, Kelly \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-85](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 495](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of [H.J. Res. 44](#), [H.R. 277](#), [H.R. 288](#), [H.R. 1615](#) and [H.R. 1640](#). The resolution provides for consideration of [H. J. Res. 44](#) under a closed rule with one hour of general debate and [H.R. 277](#), [H.R. 288](#), [H.R. 1615](#), and [H.R. 1640](#) under structured rules with one hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed on each measure. The resolution also provides that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the question of reconsideration of the vote on adoption of [H. Res. 463](#) be considered vacated.

[H.R.1640](#)

Save Our Gas Stoves Act

Sponsor: [Lesko, Debbie \[Rep.-R-AZ-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-86](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 495](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of [H.J. Res. 44](#), [H.R. 277](#), [H.R. 288](#), [H.R. 1615](#) and [H.R. 1640](#). The resolution provides for consideration of [H. J. Res. 44](#) under a closed rule with one hour of general debate.

[H.R.3960](#)

To encourage the use of hydrogen in the aviation sector, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [DelBene, Suzan K. \[Rep.-D-WA-1\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

[H.R.3965](#)

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include extreme heat in the definition of a major disaster.

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

[H.R.4013](#)

To establish a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and 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.4017](#)

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Costa, Jim \[Rep.-D-CA-21\]](#) (Introduced 06/12/2023)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4018](#)

To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on 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.4024](#)

To amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the establishment of standards to limit the carbon intensity of the fuel used by certain vessels, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Garcia, Robert \[Rep.-D-CA-42\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4030](#)

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf.

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4031](#)

To prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4032](#)

To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Secretary of Energy to exercise leadership in the creation of Federal and international policies relating to the safe and efficient use of hydrogen to increase aviation decarbonization and reduce air and noise pollution, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Johnson, Henry C. "Hank." Jr. \[Rep.-D-GA-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.4038](#)

To prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule related to new source performance standards and emissions guidelines for greenhouse gas emissions from certain stationary sources, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Miller, Carol D. \[Rep.-R-WV-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4040](#)

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4043](#)

To amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to make the District of Columbia eligible for certain wastewater infrastructure grants, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Norton, Eleanor Holmes \[Del.-D-DC-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

[H.R.4045](#)

To modernize the hydropower licensing process and to promote next-generation hydropower projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McMorris Rodgers, Cathy \[Rep.-R-WA-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Oversight and Accountability

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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.4051](#)

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.J.Res.69](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Federal 'Good Neighbor Plan' for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards".

Sponsor: [Burgess, Michael C. \[Rep.-R-TX-26\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.495](#)

Providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to "Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached 'stabilizing braces'"; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 277) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 288) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1615) to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1640) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Massie, Thomas \[Rep.-R-KY-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Rules

Latest Action: House - 06/12/2023 Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 24.

Committee Meetings:

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES RELATING TO "FACTORING CRITERIA FOR FIREARMS WITH ATTACHED `STABILIZING BRACES"; REINS ACT OF 2023; SEPARATION OF POWERS RESTORATION ACT OF 2023; GAS STOVE PROTECTION AND FREEDOM ACT; SAVE OUR GAS STOVES ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on [H.J. Res. 44](#), providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of...[H.R. 1615](#), the "Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act" [Rule Markup Only]; and [H.R. 1640](#), the "Save Our Gas Stoves Act" [Rule Markup Only]....Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of...[H.R. 1615](#), the "Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act", and [H.R. 1640](#), the "Save Our Stoves Act"...The rule further provides for consideration of [H.R. 1615](#), the "Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act", under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of [H.R. 1640](#), the "Save Our Stoves Act", under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part D of the report are

waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the question of reconsideration of the vote on adoption of [H. Res. 463](#) is vacated to the end that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cline and Nadler.

Senate:

Committee Action:

[S.1923](#)

A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to new source performance standards from certain stationary sources, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Capito, Shelley Moore \[Sen.-R-WV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/12/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1929](#)

A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to provide progress reports on the development and implementation of the national transition plan related to a fluorine-free firefighting foam, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/12/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.1930](#)

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to support the buildout of clean school bus charging infrastructure through community facilities direct loans and grants.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/12/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.