

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | June 24 - June 28, 2024

Highlights:

The House Committee on Natural Resources advanced the *Accelerating Appraisals and Conservation Efforts Act* ([H.R.5443](#)) to the House floor for consideration. Reps. Susie Lee (D-Nev.) and David Joyce (R-Ohio) penned the bill, which would reduce the red tape hindering land sales and exchanges between private lands and federal public lands, ultimately paving the way for conservation efforts. The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining took up their own [version](#) of the bill for debate in May.

The House Committee on Natural Resources also passed the *Water Monitoring and Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improvement Act* ([H.R.5770](#)), introduced by Reps. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), Juan Ciscomani (R-Ariz.), and Dina Titus (D-Nev.). The bill would support water scarcity and monitoring programs under the U.S. Geological Survey.

Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.) and bipartisan cosponsors introduced the *Water Resources Development Act of 2024* ([H.R.8812](#)), a legislative package that reauthorizes flood control, ecosystem restoration, and other water resources projects under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers every two years. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works passed its [version](#) of the bill in May.

Reps. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) and Don Beyer (D-Va.) introduced the *Wildlife Movement Through Partnerships Act* ([H.R.8836](#)). The bill would codify the [Wildlife Movement and Migration Corridor Grant Program](#), establish the [State and Tribal Migration Research Program](#), and direct the U.S. Geological Survey to provide [technical assistance](#) to states for mapping wildlife migration, among other initiatives. Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) introduced a companion bill in the Senate. Check out EESI's [article](#), *Making Space for Migratory Mammals on the Move*, for other federal and state actions supporting mammal migration.

June 28, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8889](#)

To provide for the sunset of rules upheld based on Chevron deference.

Sponsor: [Green, Mark E. \[Rep.-R-TN-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Judiciary; Oversight and Accountability; Rules

Latest Action: House - 06/28/2024 Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.8891](#)

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to San Francisco Bay restoration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/28/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8894](#)

To improve the distribution of tsunami alerts to the public, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kilmer, Derek \[Rep.-D-WA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

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

Latest Action: House - 06/28/2024 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.

[H.R.8899](#)

To provide for the issuance of a Ko'ko' Bird Semipostal Stamp, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moylan, James C. \[Del.-R-GU-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Oversight and Accountability; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/28/2024 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Other Committee Actions:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a [markup](#) on the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2025. The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2025 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

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 Appropriations Bill, FY 2025. The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2025 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

Senate:

No environmental or energy related activity in the Senate today.

June 27, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8862](#)

To reauthorize and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.8865](#)

To nullify Executive Order 14072 and prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior from implementing, administering, or enforcing such Executive Order or any substantially similar executive order.

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Foreign Affairs; Ways and Means
Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.J.Res.170](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Agriculture relating to "Final Determination: Adoption of Energy Efficiency Standards for New Construction of HUD- and USDA-Financed Housing".

Sponsor: [Davidson, Warren \[Rep.-R-OH-8\]](#)

Cosponsors: (38)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Bills Reported:

[H.R.897](#)

Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act

Sponsor: [Carl, Jerry L. \[Rep.-R-AL-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 462.

[H.R.5441](#)

Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023

Sponsor: [LaLota, Nick \[Rep.-R-NY-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources.

[H. Rept. 118-567](#), Part I.

[H.R.5443](#)

Accelerating Appraisals and Conservation Efforts Act

Sponsor: [Lee, Susie \[Rep.-D-NV-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 467.

[H.R.5770](#)

Water Monitoring and Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improvement Act

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 468.

[H.R.6368](#)

Indian Buffalo Management Act

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 465.

[H.R.7370](#)

Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 463.

[H.R.7377](#)

Royalty Resiliency Act

Sponsor: [Hunt, Wesley \[Rep.-R-TX-38\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/27/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 464.

Committee Meetings:

SECTOR DOWN: ENSURING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a [hearing](#) entitled "Sector Down: Ensuring Critical Infrastructure Resilience". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 6841](#), to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to allow the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Coastal and Estuarine Resilience Program, and for other purposes; [H.R. 7925](#), the "Modernizing Access to Our Public Oceans Act"; [H.R. 8704](#), to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to foster enhanced coexistence between ocean users and North Atlantic right whales and other large cetacean species; and [H.R. 8705](#), the "Fisheries Data Modernization and Accuracy Act of 2024". Testimony was heard from Representatives Graves of

Louisiana, Levin, Carter of Georgia, and D'Esposito; Evan Howell, Director, Office of Science and Technology, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 390](#), the "Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Enhancement Act"; [H.R. 3971](#), the "Flatside Wilderness Additions Act"; [H.R. 6826](#), to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center; [H.R. 6843](#), to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana; [H.R. 8206](#), to ensure that Big Cypress National Preserve may not be designated as wilderness or as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; and [H.R. 8219](#), the "Lahaina National Heritage Area Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Hill, Franklin, Tokuda and Mfume; Joy Beasley, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Katherine Andrews, Director, Office of Outdoor Recreation, Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, Little Rock, Arkansas; and public witnesses.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

June 26, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8852](#)

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to provide for environmental infrastructure in East Point, Georgia.

Sponsor: [Williams, Nikema \[Rep.-D-GA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/26/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8853](#)

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to increase funding for stormwater management for Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Williams, Nikema \[Rep.-D-GA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/26/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Committee Meetings:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1208](#), to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes; and [H.R. 6180](#), the “Poarch Band of Creek Indians Lands Act”. Testimony was heard from Kathryn Isom-Clause, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; David Rabbitt, District 2 Supervisor, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, California; and public witnesses.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the Department of Energy for Fiscal Year 2025”. Testimony was heard from David M. Turk, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy.

Other Committee Actions:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a [markup](#) on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2025. The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2025 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 8790](#), the “Fix Our Forests Act”. [H.R. 8790](#) ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 8812](#), the “Water Resources Development Act of 2024”; and ten General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. [H.R. 8812](#) was ordered reported, as amended. Ten General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

June 25, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8812](#)

Water Resources Development Act of 2024

Sponsor: [Graves, Sam \[Rep.-R-MO-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/25/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8831](#)

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require drinking water distribution systems to be flushed under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ruiz, Raul \[Rep.-D-CA-25\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/25/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R.8836](#)

To establish the Wildlife Movement and Movement Area Grant Program and the State and Tribal Migration Research Program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/25/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

No environmental or energy activity in the Senate today.

June 24, 2024

The House and Senate did not meet today.