

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | March 10 - March 14, 2025

Highlights:

Reps. Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa) and Angie Craig (D-Minn.) and Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and John Thune (R-S.D.) introduced the *Crop Insurance for Future Farmers Act* ([H.R.2117/S.1073](#)). The bill would help set new farmers and ranchers up for success by [extending](#) crop and livestock insurance discount periods from five years to ten years. For more policy solutions to the barriers faced by beginning farmers, check out EESI's [article](#), "Growing Career Opportunities for Young People in Agriculture."

Reps. Valerie Foushee (D-N.C.) and Max Miller (R-Ohio) reintroduced the *IMPACT Act 2.0* ([H.R.2122](#)). The bill aims to [boost](#) the competitiveness of low-emissions cement, concrete, and asphalt production in the United States. Sens. Chris Coons (D-Del.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) reintroduced a Senate [counterpart](#), the *Concrete and Asphalt Innovation Act* ([S.1067](#)), last week. EESI's briefing, [Clean Manufacturing in America](#), discusses the benefits of bolstering domestic manufacturing of clean energy, energy efficient, and climate-smart components.

Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) reintroduced the *Rural Water System Disaster Preparedness and Assistance Act* ([S.1019](#)) to [strengthen](#) rural water and wastewater utilities' resilience to extreme weather events. If passed, the bill would provide water utility operators with disaster preparedness training and technical assistance to address system vulnerabilities.

Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa), Mikie Sherrill (D-N.J.), and David Joyce (R-Ohio) reintroduced the *Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act* ([H.R.2145](#)), which would establish a pilot program to improve recycling accessibility in rural communities through state and local partnerships.

March 14, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.2093](#)

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Calvert, Ken \[Rep.-R-CA-41\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2109](#)

To include cybersecurity technical assistance in the national rural water and wastewater circuit rider program of Department of Agriculture.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.2115](#)

To prohibit funding for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change until China is no longer defined as a developing country.

Sponsor: [Dunn, Neal P. \[Rep.-R-FL-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.2117](#)

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to promote crop insurance support for beginning farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Feenstra, Randy \[Rep.-R-IA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.2122](#)

To strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of cement, concrete, asphalt binder, and asphalt mixture production in the United States through the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of technologies to reduce emissions from cement, concrete, asphalt binder, and asphalt mixture production, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Foushee, Valerie P. \[Rep.-D-NC-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2123](#)

To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

Sponsor: [Garbarino, Andrew R. \[Rep.-R-NY-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

[H.R.2133](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end the investment tax credit for offshore wind facilities in the inland navigable waters of the United States.

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

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.2134](#)

To provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lee, Susie \[Rep.-D-NV-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2135](#)

To provide for an exchange of certain Federal and non-Federal land in Artesia, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Leger Fernandez, Teresa \[Rep.-D-NM-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

[H.R.2140](#)

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program.

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2144](#)

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: [Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[Rep.-R-IA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2145](#)

To establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[Rep.-R-IA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2160](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to support upgrades at existing hydroelectric dams in order to increase clean energy production, improve the resiliency and reliability of the United States electric grid, enhance the health of the Nation's rivers and associated wildlife habitats, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Smith, Adrian \[Rep.-R-NE-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.2165](#)

To amend the Clean Air Act to ensure that tailpipe regulations do not limit the availability of new motor vehicles.

Sponsor: [Walberg, Tim \[Rep.-R-MI-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2167](#)

To re-establish an advisory committee to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation regarding comprehensive, interdisciplinary issues related to transportation from a variety of stakeholders in transportation planning, design, research, policy, and advocacy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wilson, Frederica S. \[Rep.-D-FL-24\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.1072

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate a waiver under that Act, to eliminate an authorization for States to use new motor vehicle emission and new motor vehicle engine emissions standards identical to standards adopted in California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1073

A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to promote crop insurance support for beginning farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Klobuchar, Amy \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.1078

A bill to establish the Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wicker, Roger F. \[Sen.-R-MS\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1084](#)

A bill 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.

Sponsor: [Hoeven, John \[Sen.-R-ND\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/14/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

March 13, 2025

House:

The House of Representatives did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.1014](#)

A bill to ensure that certain permit approvals by the Environmental Protection Agency have the force and effect of law, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moody, Ashley \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1015](#)

A bill to extend the National Flood Insurance Program through December 31, 2026.

Sponsor: [Cassidy, Bill \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: [CR S1745](#))

[S.1017](#)

A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify a provision relating to criminal penalties for damaging or destroying pipeline facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sheehy, Tim \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.1018](#)

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a cybersecurity circuit rider program to provide cybersecurity-related technical assistance to certain entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1019](#)

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish an emergency preparedness and response technical assistance program to assist entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems in preparing for and responding to natural or manmade disasters.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1020](#)

A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to commence construction of certain hydropower projects.

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1029

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to expand the snow survey and water supply forecasting program to serve the Northeastern United States.

Sponsor: [Shaheen, Jeanne \[Sen.-D-NH\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.1030

A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1034

A bill to establish the Southwestern Power Administration Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moran, Jerry \[Sen.-R-KS\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1035

A bill to prohibit certain exports of natural gas produced or refined in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1042

A bill to require the Agricultural Research Service to conduct research relating to wildfire smoke exposure on wine grapes, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: [CR S1745](#))

[S.1043](#)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the energy credit for qualified fuel cell property.

Sponsor: [Graham, Lindsey \[Sen.-R-SC\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

[S.1050](#)

A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Forest Conservation Easement Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gillibrand, Kirsten E. \[Sen.-D-NY\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1052](#)

A bill to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Murkowski, Lisa \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1061](#)

A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to provide that the President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Chief of the Forest Service.

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1066](#)

A bill to authorize funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure programs to be used for other highway projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1067](#)

A bill to strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of cement, concrete, asphalt binder, and asphalt mixture production in the United States through the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of technologies to reduce emissions from cement, concrete, asphalt binder, and asphalt mixture production, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Coons, Christopher A. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/13/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

March 12, 2025

The House of Representatives did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.980](#)

A bill to establish an intermodal transportation infrastructure pilot program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Warner, Mark R. \[Sen.-D-VA\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 03/12/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.990](#)

A bill to prohibit the enforcement of a rule with respect to emissions, to amend the Clean Air Act to ensure that tailpipe regulations do not limit the availability of new motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (15)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/12/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.995](#)

A bill to repeal a rule of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to multi-pollutant emissions standards, to amend the Clean Air Act to ensure that tailpipe regulations do not limit the availability of new motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Crapo, Mike \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#) Cosponsors: (21)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/12/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.996](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of motor vehicles with internal combustion engines, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mullin, Markwayne \[Sen.-R-OK\]](#) Cosponsors: (19)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/12/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1005](#)

A bill to provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/12/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Hearings:

MINERAL BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine [S. 362](#), to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, [S. 544](#), to provide for the location of multiple

hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, [S. 596](#), to establish a pilot program to support domestic critical material processing, [S. 714](#), to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, [S. 789](#), to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, and [S. 859](#), to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, after receiving testimony from Rich Haddock, Barrick Gold Corporation, Bountiful, Utah; Brian Somers, Utah Mining Association, Salt Lake City; and Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia.

March 11, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.2025](#)

To provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ciscomani, Juan \[Rep.-R-AZ-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2026](#)

To mitigate environmental degradation and wildland fires caused by illegal immigration along the southern border of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Calvert, Ken \[Rep.-R-CA-41\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.2030](#)

To ensure that certain permit approvals by the Environmental Protection Agency have the force and effect of law, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bean, Aaron \[Rep.-R-FL-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2053](#)

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grijalva, Raúl M. \[Rep.-D-AZ-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2063](#)

To prohibit natural asset companies from entering into any agreement with respect to land in the State of Utah or natural assets on or in land in the State of Utah.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2072](#)

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to commence construction of certain hydropower projects.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2073](#)

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to allow or study the breach or alteration of the Lower Snake River dams, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

[H.R.2084](#)

To require the Agricultural Research Service to conduct research relating to the exposure of wine grapes to wildfire smoke, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Thompson, Mike \[Rep.-D-CA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.2088](#)

To direct the Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to establish a thriving communities grant program.

Sponsor: [Torres, Norma J. \[Rep.-D-CA-35\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2091](#)

To provide for the conservation of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/11/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Committee Hearings:

MAXIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDEVELOPING BROWNFIELDS SITES: ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL FOR NEW AMERICAN INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a [hearing](#) entitled "Maximizing Opportunities for Redeveloping Brownfields Sites: Assessing the Potential for New American Innovation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) on [H.R. 1820](#), the "FLASH Act". Testimony was heard from Representative Ciscomani, Thaddeus C. Cleveland, Sheriff, Terrell County, Texas; Larry Lopez, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department, San Bernardino County, California; and public witnesses.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING: WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT AND THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a [hearing](#) entitled "Water Infrastructure Financing: WIFIA and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.929](#)

A bill to prohibit National Laboratories from admitting certain foreign nationals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cotton, Tom \[Sen.-R-AR\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.941](#)

A bill to prohibit natural asset companies from entering into any agreement with respect to land in the State of Utah or natural assets on or in land in the State of Utah.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.945](#)

A bill to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.949](#)

A bill to ensure that the National Park Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.950

A bill to ensure that the Forest Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.953

A bill to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 03/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S.971

A bill to provide for the conservation of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/11/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Committee Hearings:

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine risk management, credit, and rural business views on the agricultural economy, focusing on views from the field, after receiving testimony from Tara Durbin, Farm Credit Mid-America, Louisville, Kentucky; Caleb Hopkins, First Dakota National Bank, Halibur, Iowa, on behalf of American Bankers Association; Sedrick Rowe, Rowe Organic Farms, Albany, Georgia; Dalynn Hoch, Rural Community Insurance Services, Anoka, Minnesota; and Ben Noble, Riceland Foods, Stuttgart, Arkansas.

March 10, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.1985](#)

To enhance the participation of precision agriculture in the United States, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1991](#)

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify limitations on amounts of farm ownership loans and operating loans, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1994](#)

To promote the development of renewable energy on public lands, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gosar, Paul A. \[Rep.-R-AZ-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture

[H.R.1995](#)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish, on an annual basis, an assessment on United States dependency on critical agricultural products or inputs from the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hinson, Ashley \[Rep.-R-IA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1997](#)

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue certain Records of Decision and Resource Management Plans.

Sponsor: [Hurd, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2016](#)

To provide appropriations for the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 during the first lapse in appropriations in a fiscal year.

Sponsor: [Sykes, Emilia Strong \[Rep.-D-OH-13\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Appropriations

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[H.J.Res.75](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers".

Sponsor: [Goldman, Craig \[Rep.-R-TX-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.J.Res.76](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Updates to New Chemicals Regulations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)".

Sponsor: [Higgins, Clay \[Rep.-R-LA-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.206](#)

Recognizing the importance of stepped-up basis under section 1014 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in preserving family-owned farms and small businesses.

Sponsor: [Mann, Tracey \[Rep.-R-KS-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (24)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.909](#)

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.910](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program to implement a pre-qualification or pre-approval process for farmers and ranchers with respect to a direct farm ownership loan under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.912](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish, on an annual basis, an assessment of United States dependency on critical agricultural products or inputs from the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ricketts, Pete \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.