

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | March 24 - March 28, 2025

Highlights:

The House passed the *Innovative Mitigation Partnerships for Asphalt and Concrete Technologies (IMPACT) Act* ([H.R.1534](#)). Reps. Max Miller (R-Ohio) and Valerie Foushee (D-N.C.) reintroduced the bill to boost American manufacturing of, and demand for, low-emissions concrete, asphalt, and cement. EESI's briefing, [Clean Manufacturing in America](#), discusses the benefits of bolstering domestic manufacturing of clean energy, energy efficient, and climate-smart components.

Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass) introduced the *Water Intelligence, Security, and Cyber Threat Preparedness Act* ([H.R.2344/S.1118](#)). If passed, the bill would [bolster](#) drinking water and wastewater utilities' resilience to extreme weather and cybersecurity threats, safeguarding the health and safety of communities' drinking water sources.

Sen. Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.) reintroduced the *Excess Urban Heat Mitigation Act* ([S.1166](#)). The bill would establish a [grant program](#) under the Department of Housing and Urban Development to address the roots and impacts of urban heat islands. To learn more about deployable and affordable strategies to combat extreme heat, check out "[Hot Today. Hotter Tomorrow](#)" on EESI's podcast, *the Climate Conversation*.

March 28, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.

March 27, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.2396](#)

To unfreeze funding for contracts of the Department of Agriculture, to prohibit Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service office closures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Vasquez, Gabe \[Rep.-D-NM-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.2400

To take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pit River Tribe.

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.2401

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain the Urban Waters Federal Partnership Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stanton, Greg \[Rep.-D-AZ-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

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

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.2405

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activities to provide for white oak restoration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barr, Andy \[Rep.-R-KY-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 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

H.R.2408

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include algal blooms in the definition of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Buchanan, Vern \[Rep.-R-FL-16\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2420](#)

To designate certain National Forest System land and certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture in the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas, and biological connecting corridors, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Dean, Madeleine \[Rep.-D-PA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2428](#)

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study regarding a Federal buyout program available to homeowners with properties in high-risk catastrophic wildfire disaster areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Friedman, Laura \[Rep.-D-CA-30\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.2432](#)

To establish the Southwestern Power Administration Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Graves, Sam \[Rep.-R-MO-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Appropriations

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.2435](#)

To amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to assist farmers relying on the noninsured crop disaster assistance program by lowering the cost of purchasing coverage, reducing paperwork burdens, and increasing payouts under that program, and to incentivize farmers to transition gradually to a comprehensive insurance policy under the whole farm risk management

insurance plan by offering progressive premium discounts on a commitment to purchase a whole farm plan of insurance.

Sponsor: [Hayes, Jahana \[Rep.-D-CT-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.2444](#)

To establish a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, and to secure American leadership in deploying emerging technologies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [James, John \[Rep.-R-MI-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2448](#)

To direct the Secretary of Interior to submit to Congress a report on the National Park Service's interpretation and application of the Standards for Rehabilitation for use of the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program.

Sponsor: [Magaziner, Seth \[Rep.-D-RI-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.2451](#)

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McGovern, James P. \[Rep.-D-MA-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2457](#)

To require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Owens, Burgess \[Rep.-R-UT-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2460](#)

To repeal the renewable fuel program of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2462](#)

To authorize livestock producers and their employees to take black vultures in order to prevent death, injury, or destruction to livestock, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rose, John W. \[Rep.-R-TN-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2467](#)

To designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

Sponsor: [Stansbury, Melanie A. \[Rep.-D-NM-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (41)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.Res.260](#)

Designating March 27, 2025, as "National Women in Agriculture Day".

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (17)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Passed House:

[H.J.Res.24](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers".

Sponsor: [Bice, Stephanie I. \[Rep.-R-OK-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[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: (13)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/27/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.1166](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish an excess urban heat mitigation grant program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

[S.1172](#)

A bill to unfreeze funding for contract of the Department of Agriculture, to prohibit Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service office closures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#) Cosponsors: (16)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1181](#)

A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 with respect to the Department of Energy Tribal loan guarantee program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schatz, Brian \[Sen.-D-HI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1183

A bill 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: [Cantwell, Maria \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1187

A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1191

A bill to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to require the Council on Environmental Quality to publish an annual report on environmental reviews and causes of action based on alleged non-compliance with that Act, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1193

A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

Sponsor: [Durbin, Richard J. \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1195

A bill to promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rosen, Jacky \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1198

A bill to designate certain National Forest System land and certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture in the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas, and biological connecting corridors, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.J.Res.44

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

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

March 26, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.2358](#)

To amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to specify requirements concerning the consideration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary factors, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct a study on climate change and other environmental disclosures in the municipal bond market, and to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct a study on the solicitation of municipal securities business.

Sponsor: [Barr, Andy \[Rep.-R-KY-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 03/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

[H.R.2375](#)

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Sponsor: [Magaziner, Seth \[Rep.-D-RI-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2376](#)

To nullify the Henry Mountains and Fremont Gorge Travel Management Plan.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2388](#)

To take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Randall, Emily \[Rep.-D-WA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2389](#)

To take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Quinault Indian Nation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Randall, Emily \[Rep.-D-WA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee Hearings:

TO THE DEPTHS, AND BEYOND: EXAMINING BLUE ECONOMY TECHNOLOGIES
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a [hearing](#) entitled "To the Depths, and Beyond: Examining Blue Economy Technologies". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.1135](#)

A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/26/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1150](#)

A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve delivery of technical assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Crapo, Mike \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/26/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1152](#)

A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Reed, Jack \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 03/26/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S1874-1875](#))

[S.J.Res.39](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Section 45Y Clean Electricity Production Credit and Section 48E Clean Electricity Investment Credit".

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 03/26/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.Res.143](#)

A resolution supporting the designation of May 29, 2025, as "Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day" to raise awareness around mental health in the agricultural industry and workforce and to continue to reduce stigma associated with mental illness.

Sponsor: [Fischer, Deb \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#) Cosponsors: ([13](#))

Committees: Senate - Judiciary

Latest Action: Senate - 03/26/2025 Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

March 25, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.2316](#)

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to provide that interest on obligations held in the Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund shall become available for apportionment at the beginning of fiscal year 2033.

Sponsor: [Hurd, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2317](#)

To provide for transfer of ownership of certain Federal lands in northern Nevada, to authorize the disposal of certain Federal lands in northern Nevada for economic development, to promote conservation in northern Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Amodei, Mark E. \[Rep.-R-NV-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 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.2318](#)

To modernize permitting systems at the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ansari, Yassamin \[Rep.-D-AZ-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2323](#)

To adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gonzales, Tony \[Rep.-R-TX-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2339](#)

To require the Office of Children's Health Protection to be maintained within the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Nadler, Jerrold \[Rep.-D-NY-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (17)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2342](#)

To establish alternate procedures for lump sum payments for certain covered small disasters, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rouzer, David \[Rep.-R-NC-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2344](#)

To establish a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schakowsky, Janice D. \[Rep.-D-IL-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.2345](#)

To establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Scott, Austin \[Rep.-R-GA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Passed House:

[H.R.1534](#)

IMPACT Act

Sponsor: [Miller, Max L. \[Rep.-R-OH-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.Res.242](#)

Providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 24) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (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"; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1048) to

amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Foxx, Virginia \[Rep.-R-NC-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-38](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/25/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON: EXAMINING THE STATE OF REGIONAL GRID RELIABILITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a **hearing** entitled "Keeping the Lights On: Examining the State of Regional Grid Reliability". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

METALS, MINERALS, AND MINING: HOW THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY FUELS CONFLICT AND EXPLOITATION IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa held a **hearing** entitled "Metals, Minerals, and Mining: How the CCP Fuels Conflict and Exploitation in Africa". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a **hearing** on [H.R. 276](#), the "Gulf of America Act"; [H.R. 845](#), the "Pet and Livestock Protection Act"; [H.R. 1897](#), the "ESA Amendments Act"; and [H.R. 1917](#), the "Great Lakes Mass Marking Program Act". Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Greene of Georgia, Boebert, and Dingell; and public witnesses.

REFORMING FEMA: BRINGING COMMON SENSE BACK TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a **hearing** entitled "Reforming FEMA: Bringing Common Sense Back to Federal Emergency Management". Testimony was heard from Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management; Jamie Laughter, County Manager, Transylvania County, North Carolina; and a public witness.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.1107](#)

A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 with respect to preagreement costs of emergency watershed protection measures, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1112](#)

A bill to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1114](#)

A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out emergency watershed protection measures on National Forest System land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1117](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to modify a provision relating to quality loss adjustment coverage.

Sponsor: [Kennedy, John \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1118](#)

A bill to establish a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1130](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1131](#)

A bill to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ossoff, Jon \[Sen.-D-GA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/25/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

March 24, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.2288](#)

To nullify the final rule of the Environmental Protection Agency titled "Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter".

Sponsor: [Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" \[Rep.-R-GA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2289](#)

To provide that an eligible facilities request under section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

Sponsor: [Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" \[Rep.-R-GA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.2292](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish special rules for capital gains invested in brownfield and superfund sites.

Sponsor: [Edwards, Chuck \[Rep.-R-NC-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.2293](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants at aquaculture facilities.

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2294](#)

To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009.

Sponsor: [Ezell, Mike \[Rep.-R-MS-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.2296](#)

To upgrade the communications service used by the National Weather Service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Feenstra, Randy \[Rep.-R-IA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (15)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.2298](#)

To ensure that certain broadband projects are not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fulcher, Russ \[Rep.-R-ID-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.2301](#)

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

Sponsor: [Levin, Mike \[Rep.-D-CA-49\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 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.2302](#)

To take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McClintock, Tom \[Rep.-R-CA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.2307](#)

To establish the Commission on National Agricultural Statistics Service Modernization to modernize the data collection and reporting processes of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moore, Barry \[Rep.-R-AL-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.2310](#)

To ensure that goods made using or containing cobalt refined in the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market under the presumption that the cobalt is extracted or processed with the use of child and forced labor in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Sponsor: [Smith, Christopher H. \[Rep.-R-NJ-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Foreign Affairs; Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.J.Res.79](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act".

Sponsor: [Fedorchak, Julie \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Bills Reported:

[H.Res.242](#)

Providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 24) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (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"; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1048) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Foxy, Virginia \[Rep.-R-NC-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 119-38](#)

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 12.

Passed House:

[H.R.1318](#)

United States Research Protection Act

Sponsor: [Kennedy, Mike \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.1325](#)

Commercial Remote Sensing Amendment Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Lucas, Frank D. \[Rep.-R-OK-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.1326](#)

DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act

Sponsor: [Lucas, Frank D. \[Rep.-R-OK-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.1350](#)

DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

[H.R.1368](#)

DOE and NASA Interagency Research Coordination Act

Sponsor: [Begich, Nicholas \[Rep.-R-AK-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/24/2025 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Hearings:

DETERRENT ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR WALK-IN COOLERS AND WALK-IN FREEZERS; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, AND REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a **hearing** on [H.R. 1048](#), the "DETERRENT Act"; [H.J. Res. 24](#), providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers"; and [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"....Testimony was heard from Chairman Walberg, and Representatives Scott of Virginia, Latta, and Pallone.

Senate

Bills Introduced:

[S.1092](#)

A bill to require certain products to be labeled with 'Do Not Flush' labeling, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 03/24/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.1094](#)

A bill to establish a contracting preference for public buildings that use innovative wood products in the construction of those buildings, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/24/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.