Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | March 31 - April 4, 2025

Highlights:

Reps. Nikki Budzinski (D-III.), Zachary Nunn (R-Iowa), and Joe Courtney (D-Conn.) and Sen. Tina Smith (D-Minn.) introduced the *New Producer Economic Security Act* (H.R.2536/S.1237) to improve new farmers' access to land, financing, and markets. 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. Tim Moore (R-N.C.), Deborah Ross (D-N.C.), and Pat Harrigan (R-N.C.) introduced the *Radar Gap Elimination Act* (H.R.2646). If passed, it would address critical gaps in severe weather detection and response for underserved communities. Specifically, the bill would replace aging weather radar technology and deploy new radar in regions without existing coverage. EESI's <u>briefing</u>, *Innovations in Weather Forecasting for a Changing Climate*, explores the role of weather intelligence in boosting communities' resilience to extreme weather events.

Reps. Greg Landsman (D-Ohio) and Cliff Bentz (R-Ore.) reintroduced the *Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act of 2025* (H.R.2480) to increase investment in domestic manufacturing of semiconductors, which convert energy into electricity in solar panels and wind turbines, among other applications. Sens. Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), and Rick Scott (R-Fla.) lead the bill's Senate companion (S.97).

Reps. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-Wash.), Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), and Chellie Pingree (D-Maine) introduced the *Community Wood Facilities Assistance Act* (H.R.2517). The bill would <u>strengthen</u> and incentivize domestic <u>wood product</u> <u>manufacturing</u> and wood energy under the <u>Farm Bill's</u> Community Wood Energy and Wood Innovation Grant Program, all while creating jobs in rural communities.

April 4, 2025

House:

The House of Representatives did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.1306

A bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to reissue a final rule removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Sponsor: <u>Johnson, Ron [Sen.-R-WI]</u> Cosponsors: (2) Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

S.1309

A bill to modify the definition of disaster in the Small Business Act to include low or no snowfall amounts, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Baldwin, Tammy [Sen.-D-WI]</u> Cosponsors: (<u>4</u>)

Committees: Senate - Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Action: Senate - 04/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small

Business and Entrepreneurship.

S.J.Res.45

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 "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

Sponsor: Capito, Shelley Moore [Sen.-R-WV] Cosponsors: (24)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

S.J.Res.46

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 "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

Sponsor: Fischer, Deb [Sen.-R-NE] Cosponsors: (16)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

S.J.Res.47

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 "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad **Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NOX Regulation; Waiver** of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

Sponsor: Mullin, Markwayne [Sen.-R-OK] Cosponsors: (2) Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/04/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

April 3, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.2620

To amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Bonamici, Suzanne [Rep.-D-OR-1] Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/03/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be

subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.2638

To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish the position of Women Farmers and Ranchers Liaison, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.2645

To amend the Antiquities Act to increase congressional oversight with respect to the designation of national monuments, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [Rep.-R-IA-1] Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

H.R.2646

Radar Gap Elimination Act

Sponsor: Moore, Tim [Rep.-R-NC-14] Cosponsors: (2) Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 04/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science,

Space, and Technology.

H.R.2656

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants for nitrate and arsenic reduction projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Torres, Norma J. [Rep.-D-CA-35]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce

H.J.Res.90

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission relating to "Commission Guidance Regarding the Listing of Voluntary Carbon Credit Derivative Contracts".

Sponsor: <u>Bice, Stephanie I. [Rep.-R-OK-5]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.1271

A bill to amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 with respect to transitioning producers from the noninsured crop assistance program to the whole farm revenue insurance plan.

Sponsor: <u>Blumenthal</u>, <u>Richard [Sen.-D-CT]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 04/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.1274

A bill to prohibit the export of liquified natural gas and petroleum products to certain countries.

Sponsor: Merkley, Jeff [Sen.-D-OR] Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 04/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.1278

A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct a project to improve forecasts of coastal marine fog, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Cruz, Ted [Sen.-R-TX] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 04/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.1288

A bill to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [Sen.-D-NY] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/03/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

Passed Senate:

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: <u>Bice, Stephanie I. [Rep.-R-OK-5]</u> Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: Senate - 04/03/2025 Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay

Vote. 53 - 42. Record Vote Number: 162.

April 2, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.2594

To establish a Water Risk and Resilience Organization to develop risk and resilience requirements for the water sector.

Sponsor: <u>Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [Rep.-R-AR-1]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and

Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.2596

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the increased use of renewable natural gas, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful transportation-related emissions that contribute to poor air quality, and to increase job creation and economic opportunity throughout the United States.

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

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

H.R.2599

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the emergency generator tax credit.

Sponsor: Hunt, Wesley [Rep.-R-TX-38] Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

H.R.2608

To remove certain species from the lists of threatened species and endangered species published pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Sponsor: Roy, Chip [Rep.-R-TX-21] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

H.R.2613

To improve public-private partnerships and increase Federal research, development, and demonstration related to the evolution of next generation pipeline systems, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Weber, Randy K. Sr. [Rep.-R-TX-14] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science,

Space, and Technology.

H.J.Res.87

Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

Sponsor: James, John [Rep.-R-MI-10] Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.J.Res.88

Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

Sponsor: <u>Joyce, John [Rep.-R-PA-13]</u> Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.J.Res.89

Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

Sponsor: Obernolte, Jay [Rep.-R-CA-23] Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.Res.290

Recognizing that the retirement of nonintermittent electric generation facilities, before facilities with equal or greater reliability attributes are available, is a threat to the reliability of the United States electric grid.

Sponsor: Fedorchak, Julie [Rep.-R-ND-At Large] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/02/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

Committee Hearings:

UNLEASHING THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Unleashing the Golden Age of American Energy Dominance". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.1252

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the increased use of renewable natural gas, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful transportation-related emissions that contribute to poor air quality, and to increase job creation and economic opportunity throughout the United States.

Sponsor: <u>Tillis, Thomas [Sen.-R-NC]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 04/02/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1254

A bill to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes.

Sponsor: Risch, James E. [Sen.-R-ID] Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/02/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1255

A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants at aquaculture facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Cotton, Tom [Sen.-R-AR]</u> Cosponsors: (4) Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 04/02/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Environment and Public Works.

S.1257

A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of funds for certain additional Carey Act projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Risch, James E. [Sen.-R-ID] Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/02/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1262

A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release a reversionary interest in certain land in the Black River State Forest in Millston, Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Johnson, Ron [Sen.-R-WI]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 04/02/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Committee Hearings:

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a <u>hearing</u> to examine constructing the Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill, focusing on the United States Secretary of Transportation's perspective, after receiving testimony from Sean P. Duffy, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

April 1, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.2536

New Producer Economic Security Act

Sponsor: <u>Budzinski, Nikki [Rep.-D-IL-13]</u> Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.2537

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

Sponsor: <u>Bynum, Janelle [Rep.-D-OR-5]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

H.R.2545

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Estes</u>, <u>Ron [Rep.-R-KS-4]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

H.R.2556

To enhance national security and energy independence through comprehensive offshore energy resource assessment and mapping, to establish a framework for the regular review and standardization of offshore resource exploration methodologies, and for related purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Hunt, Wesley [Rep.-R-TX-38]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce; Foreign Affairs Latest Action: House - 04/01/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.2566

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the clean vehicle credit.

Sponsor: McClintock, Tom [Rep.-R-CA-5] Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and

Means.

H.R.2568

To require an earthquake resilience risk assessment, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Mullin, Kevin [Rep.-D-CA-15] Cosponsors: (1)

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

Infrastructure; Natural Resources.

Latest Action: House - 04/01/2025 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.2573

To remove the dunes sagebrush lizard from the lists of threatened species and endangered species published pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and to amend that Act to exclude the dunes sagebrush lizard from the authority of that Act.

Sponsor: Pfluger, August [Rep.-R-TX-11] Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

H.R.2580

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Kissimmee River in the State of Florida as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Soto, Darren [Rep.-D-FL-9] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/01/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural

Resources.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.1228

A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to modify the cost-sharing requirement for conservation projects carried out by a qualified youth or conservation corps, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Risch, James E. [Sen.-R-ID] Cosponsors: (3) Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1229

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the clean vehicle credit.

Sponsor: Paul, Rand [Sen.-R-KY] Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 04/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Finance.

S.1237

New Producer Economic Security Act

Sponsor: <u>Smith, Tina [Sen.-D-MN]</u> Cosponsors: (<u>0</u>)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 04/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.1238

A bill to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of projects selected through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

Sponsor: Peters, Gary C. [Sen.-D-MI] Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 04/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.1242

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: <u>Wyden, Ron [Sen.-D-OR]</u> Cosponsors: (0) Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 04/01/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

Passed Senate:

S.Res.153

A resolution designating March 27, 2025, as "National Women in Agriculture Day".

Sponsor: <u>Ernst, Joni [Sen.-R-IA]</u> Cosponsors: (51)

Latest Action: Senate - 04/01/2025 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

March 31, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.2480

Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act of 2025

Sponsor: <u>Landsman, Greg [Rep.-D-OH-1]</u> Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce.

H.R.2486

To amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to increase the availability of heating and cooling assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Ansari, Yassamin [Rep.-D-AZ-3] Cosponsors: (35)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 03/31/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and

Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.2492

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands, respectively, without conducting a timber sale, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Carbajal, Salud O. [Rep.-D-CA-24] Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/31/2025 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.2504

To require the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to strengthen United States-European nuclear energy cooperation and combat Russian malign influence in the nuclear energy sector in Europe.

Sponsor: <u>Keating, William R. [Rep.-D-MA-9]</u> Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 03/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.R.2517

Community Wood Facilities Assistance Act

Sponsor: Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp [Rep.-D-WA-3] Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/31/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.2518

To amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to support the commercial fishing industry.

Sponsor: Pingree, Chellie [Rep.-D-ME-1] Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.Res.273

Expressing support for the diplomatic relations required to encourage the Government of Mexico to fulfill its water deliveries on an annual basis to the United States under the treaty between the United States and Mexico regarding the utilization of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande.

Sponsor: <u>De La Cruz, Monica [Rep.-R-TX-15]</u> Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 03/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.Res.274

Expressing support for the designation of the week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as "National Water Week".

Sponsor: <u>Evans, Gabe [Rep.-R-CO-8]</u> Cosponsors: (1) Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Action: House - 03/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and

Government Reform.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.