

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | May 13 - May 17, 2024

Highlights:

The House passed the *Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act of 2023* ([H.R.6571](#)). Reps. Larry Bucshon (R-Ind.) and Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.) introduced the bill, which would [strengthen](#) domestic supply chains through improved mapping and monitoring—including for the critical minerals required for clean energy technologies. Critical materials for clean energy were discussed during EESI's [briefing](#) on the 2024 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook.

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources passed the *Continental Divide Trail Completion Act* ([S.594/H.R.1317](#)). The bill, introduced by Sens. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) and Steve Daines (R-Mont.) and Reps. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) and Teresa Leger Fernández (D-N.M.), would [expedite](#) completion of the scenic Continental Divide Trail, simultaneously increasing outdoor recreational opportunities, improving public trail [access](#), and creating economic opportunities for local communities.

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and seven bipartisan cosponsors reintroduced the *Fire Ready Nation Act* ([S.4343](#)). The bill would establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve forecasting, detection, modeling, and monitoring of wildfires, fire-inducing weather, and associated risks. EESI's podcast, *the Climate Conversation*, [explores](#) how increased wildfire modeling and risk assessment can improve wildfire mitigation.

May 17, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8446](#)

To amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ciscomani, Juan \[Rep.-R-AZ-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8447](#)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish centers of excellence for agricultural security research, extension, and education, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bacon, Don \[Rep.-R-NE-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.8448](#)

To establish a pilot program to establish a pre-approval process for direct farm ownership loans made under subtitle A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act in order to streamline the application process and provide greater certainty to borrowers.

Sponsor: [Bacon, Don \[Rep.-R-NE-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.8450](#)

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate certain minerals for designation as critical minerals.

Sponsor: [Cammack, Kat \[Rep.-R-FL-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8453](#)

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a report on the fertilizer industry, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.J.Res.150](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Review of the Residual Risk and Technology Review".

Sponsor: [Armstrong, Kelly \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.1238](#)

Supporting the designation of May 17, 2024, as "Endangered Species Day".

Sponsor: [Dingell, Debbie \[Rep.-D-MI-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

May 16, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8428](#)

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

Sponsor: [Chavez-DeRemer, Lori \[Rep.-R-OR-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8431](#)

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide regular updates to Livestock Indemnity Program payment rates to reflect market prices, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.8436](#)

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

Sponsor: [Letlow, Julia \[Rep.-R-LA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.J.Res.148](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to "Clean Vehicle Credits Under Sections 25E and 30D; Transfer of Credits; Critical Minerals and Battery Components; Foreign Entities of Concern".

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

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 05/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.J.Res.149](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Grizzly Bear in the North Cascades Ecosystem, Washington State".

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee Meetings:

EXAMINING THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST AND RELATED POLICY MATTERS

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the Council on Environmental Quality Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request and Related Policy Matters". Testimony was heard from Brenda Mallory, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President.

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2025 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, AND THE POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the President's FY 2025 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Power Marketing Administrations". Testimony was heard from Camille Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Martha Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Richard Spinrad, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; John Hairston, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, Portland, Oregon; Tracey LeBeau, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy, Lakewood, Colorado; Mike Wech, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Virgil Hobbs, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Elberton, Georgia.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4353](#)

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 - 05/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4359](#)

A bill to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.86](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife

Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Interagency Cooperation".

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.87](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to "Clean Vehicle Credits Under Sections 25E and 30D; Transfer of Credits; Critical Minerals and Battery Components; Foreign Entities of Concern".

Sponsor: [Manchin, Joe, III \[Sen.-D-WV\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.J.Res.88](#)

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 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Review of the Residual Risk and Technology Review".

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.Res.694](#)

A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2024 as "Renewable Fuels Month" to recognize the important role that renewable fuels play in reducing carbon impacts, lowering fuel prices for consumers, supporting rural communities, and lessening reliance on foreign adversaries.

Sponsor: [Ricketts, Pete \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Bills Reported:

[S.594](#)

Continental Divide Trail Completion Act

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 391.

[S.636](#)

A bill to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 392.

[S.2615](#)

Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Murkowski, Lisa \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 393.

[S.3045](#)

A bill to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 394.

Committee Meetings:

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Randy Moore, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

May 15, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8403](#)

To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail.

Sponsor: [Cohen, Steve \[Rep.-D-TN-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.8413](#)

To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Passed House:

[H.R.6571](#)

Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Bucshon, Larry \[Rep.-R-IN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (9)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-473](#)

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Committee Meetings:

THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a [hearing](#) entitled "The Fiscal Year 2025 Environmental

Protection Agency Budget". Testimony was heard from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a [hearing](#) entitled "Examining the President's FY 2025 Budget Request for the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service". Testimony was heard from Tracy Stone-Manning, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Charles F. Sams III, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4340](#)

A bill to provide for accurate energy appraisals in connection with residential mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

[S.4342](#)

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reauthorize and expand the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy grant program.

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4343](#)

A bill to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and to address growing needs in the wildland-urban interface, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cantwell, Maria \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.4345](#)

A bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to reauthorize and expand State-wide assessments and strategies for forest resources.

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4346](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance in support of nurseries and seed orchards, to establish a grant program in support of nurseries and seed orchards, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.4347](#)

A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fischer, Deb \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4348](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing permits for the construction or modification of electric transmission facilities in a State over the objection of the State, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hawley, Josh \[Sen.-R-MO\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.4352](#)

A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail.

Sponsor: [Warnock, Raphael G. \[Sen.-D-GA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.J.Res.80](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations Pertaining to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants".

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.81](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Interagency Cooperation".

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.J.Res.84](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat".

Sponsor: [Ricketts, Pete \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.85](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat".

Sponsor: [Ricketts, Pete \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#) Cosponsors: (14)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS: USACE AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a [hearing](#) to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine climate change and the costs to national security, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Dennis McGinn, USN (Ret.), former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, Lexington Park, Maryland; Rear Admiral Tim Gallaudet, USN (Ret.), Ocean STL Consulting, former Acting Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, North Beach, Maryland; Erin Sikorsky, Center for Climate and Security, and International Military Council on Climate and Security, and Mackenzie Eaglen, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rick Dwyer, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, Chesapeake, Virginia.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUDGET AND LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the National Park Service, including [S. 2620](#), to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, [S. 2742](#), to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, [S. 2743](#), 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, [S. 2784](#), to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, [S. 3195](#), to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, [S. 3241](#), to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, [S. 3251](#), to modify the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in the State of Illinois, [S. 3474](#), to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the "George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center", [S. 3534](#), to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, [S. 3542](#), to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, [S. 3543](#), to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, [S. 3568](#)/H.R. 3448, bills to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields, [S. 4129](#), to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, [S. 4209](#), to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, [S. 4216](#), to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, [S. 4218](#), to designate the visitor center for the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff's House in New Castle, Delaware, as the "Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center", [S. 4222](#), to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument, [S. 4227](#), to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, [S. 4228](#), to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", [S. 4259](#), to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, [H.R. 359](#), to establish Fort San Geronimo del Boquern in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and [H.R. 2717](#), to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients, and [H.R. 4984](#), to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development, after receiving testimony from Senators Van Hollen, Lankford, and Ossoff; and Michael A. Caldwell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

May 14, 2024

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.8391](#)

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 with respect to cost sharing provisions for the territories and Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moylan, James C. \[Del.-R-GU-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/14/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.8395](#)

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide for an objective and independent audit of the programs and activities of the Agency under the Clean Air Act and other applicable authorities relating to air pollution, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [McMorris Rodgers, Cathy \[Rep.-R-WA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/14/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Passed House:

[H.R.5390](#)

Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act

Sponsor: [Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[Rep.-R-IA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/14/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.4324](#)

A bill to terminate the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding and require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress a study on the economic viability and job-creating benefits of alternative uses of the Yucca Mountain site, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rosen, Jacky \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/14/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.J.Res.78](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process".

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/14/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

May 13, 2024

House:

The House of Representatives did not meet today.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.