

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | September 16 - September 20, 2024

### Highlights:

The Senate passed the *Intergovernmental Critical Minerals Task Force Act* ([S.1871](#)) by unanimous consent. The bill would establish an intergovernmental task force to identify and coordinate new avenues for domestic critical minerals production and recycling. Sens. Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Mitt Romney (R-Utah), and James Lankford (R-Okla.) introduced the original bill, which will move to the House for consideration.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation passed the *Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2023* ([S.3348](#)). Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) penned the bill, which [reauthorizes and strengthens](#) federal programs that improve forecasting, monitoring, and mitigation of harmful algal blooms. The House companion bill ([H.R.6235](#)), introduced by Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.) and David Joyce (R-Ohio), passed the House Natural Resources Committee in March.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation also passed the *Fire Ready Nation Act of 2024* ([S.4343](#)), led by Chair Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and Ranking Member Ted Cruz (R-Texas). The bill would both [codify](#) the Incident Meteorologist Service under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and establish new programming to improve wildfire forecasting and risk communication.

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### September 20, 2024

#### House:

#### Bills Introduced:

##### [H.R.9717](#)

**To prohibit the importation of certain minerals from the Russian Federation.**

Sponsor: [Zinke, Ryan K. \[Rep.-R-MT-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

##### [H.R.9723](#)

**To amend the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004 to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.**

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

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

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2024 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

**[H.R.9726](#)**

**To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop a flood insurance information tool, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cartwright, Matt \[Rep.-D-PA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

**Bills Reported:**

**[H.R.7073](#)**

**Next Generation Pipelines Research and Development Act**

Sponsor: [Weber, Randy K., Sr. \[Rep.-R-TX-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-699](#)

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 593.

**Passed House:**

**[H.J.Res.136](#)**

**Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles".**

Sponsor: [James, John \[Rep.-R-MI-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (129)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/20/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**Senate:**

The Senate did not meet today.

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**September 19, 2024**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[H.R.9676](#)**

**To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish National Plastics Recycling Standards, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Bucshon, Larry \[Rep.-R-IN-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**[H.R.9678](#)**

**To address the public safety issues and environmental destruction currently impacting Federal lands along the southern border, enhance border security through the construction of navigable roads on Federal lands along the southern border, provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection access to Federal lands to improve the safety and effectiveness of enforcement activities, allow States to place temporary barriers on Federal land to secure the southern border, reduce the massive trash accumulations and environmental degradation along the southern border, reduce the cultivation of illegal cannabis on Federal lands, mitigate wildland fires caused by illegal immigration, and prohibit migrant housing on Federal lands.**

Sponsor: [Ciscomani, Juan \[Rep.-R-AZ-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (29)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture; Budget; Homeland Security

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, the Budget, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

**[H.R.9680](#)**

**To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to expand eligibility for individual and public assistance to certain areas and to**

**include cumulative damage from multiple natural catastrophes in the definition of major disaster, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Babin, Brian \[Rep.-R-TX-36\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **[H.R.9682](#)**

**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 - 09/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

### **[H.R.9695](#)**

**To support Tribal co-stewardship, restore and protect bison, grizzly bear, and wolf populations, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

### **[H.R.9696](#)**

**To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and the Mineral Leasing Act to require reports on rejected bids, to clarify timelines for the issuance of leases, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

### **[H.R.9702](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Wildfire Science and Technology Advisory Board.**

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.9703](#)

**To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on existing programs, rules, and authorities that enable or inhibit wildfire mitigation across land ownership boundaries on Federal and non-Federal land.**

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

### [H.R.9704](#)

**To direct the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out a quadrennial fire review, and for other purposes.**

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

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

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

### [H.R.9705](#)

**To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Oyster Reef Restoration and Conservation Program.**

Sponsor: [Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria \[Rep.-D-NY-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### [H.R.9710](#)

**To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to support a program to advance the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of small modular reactors and micro-reactors in order to accelerate the availability of United States-based technologies, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Strong, Dale W. \[Rep.-R-AL-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### **[H.R.9713](#)**

**To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to expand and reauthorize the United States-Israel Energy Cooperation program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz, Debbie \[Rep.-D-FL-25\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology; Foreign Affairs; Homeland Security

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

### **[H.Res.1478](#)**

**Recognizing access to water, sanitation, electricity, heating, cooling, broadband communications, and public transportation as basic human rights and public services that must be accessible, safe, justly sourced and sustainable, acceptable, sufficient, affordable, climate resilient, and reliable for every person.**

Sponsor: [Tlaib, Rashida \[Rep.-D-MI-12\]](#) Cosponsors: (12)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/19/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

### **Committee Meetings:**

#### **THE COST OF THE BIDEN-HARRIS ENERGY CRISIS**

*Committee on the Budget: Full Committee* held a [hearing](#) entitled "The Cost of the Biden-Harris Energy Crisis". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **HOLDING THE BIDEN-HARRIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ACCOUNTABLE FOR RADICAL RUSH-TO-GREEN SPENDING**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials* held a [hearing](#) entitled "Holding the Biden-Harris EPA Accountable for Radical Rush-to-Green Spending". Testimony was heard from Sean W. O'Donnell, Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

## **NAVIGATING THE BLUE FRONTIER: EVALUATING THE POTENTIAL OF MARINE CARBON DIOXIDE REMOVAL APPROACHES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy* held a [joint hearing](#) entitled "Navigating the Blue Frontier: Evaluating the Potential of Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal Approaches". Testimony was heard from Noah Deich, Senior Advisor, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Department of Energy; Sarah Kapnick, Chief Scientist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### **Other Committee Actions:**

## **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee* held a [markup](#) on [H.R. 3283](#), the "Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act"; [H.R. 4235](#), the "Wildfire Technology DEMO Act"; [H.R. 5103](#), the "FISHES Act"; [H.R. 6012](#), the "Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act of 2023"; [H.R. 6085](#), to prohibit the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Rock Springs RMP Revision, Wyoming; [H.R. 6107](#), the "Urban Canal Modernization Act"; [H.R. 6547](#), the "Colorado Energy Prosperity Act"; [H.R. 6826](#), to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center; [H.R. 6843](#), to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana; [H.R. 7332](#), the "Utah State Parks Adjustment Act"; [H.R. 8219](#), the "Lahaina National Heritage Area Act"; [H.R. 8413](#), the "Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act"; [H.R. 8704](#), to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to foster enhanced coexistence between ocean users and North Atlantic right whales and other large cetacean species; [H.R. 8811](#), the "America's Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024"; [H.R. 9533](#), the "ESA Amendments Act of 2024"; and [S. 612](#), the "Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act". [H.R. 9533](#), [H.R. 8704](#), [H.R. 6085](#), [H.R. 6547](#), [H.R. 3283](#), [H.R. 4235](#), [H.R. 5103](#), [H.R. 6012](#), [H.R. 6107](#), [H.R. 7332](#), [H.R. 8219](#), and [H.R. 8811](#) were ordered reported, as amended. [H.R. 6826](#), [H.R. 6843](#), [H.R. 8413](#), and [S. 612](#) were ordered reported, without amendment.

### **Senate:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

[S.5104](#)

**A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to reduce Federal spending on crop insurance, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Shaheen, Jeanne \[Sen.-D-NH\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 09/19/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### **[S.5107](#)**

**A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a carbon fee to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 09/19/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **[S.5115](#)**

**A bill to support Tribal co-stewardship, restore and protect bison, grizzly bear, and wolf populations, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 09/19/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **[S.J.Res.110](#)**

**A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to "Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves".**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/19/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Passed Senate:**

### **[S.Res.803](#)**

**A resolution recognizing the importance of purple martins to United States ecosystems, tourism, and history by designating August 10, 2024, as "Purple Martin Conservation Day".**

Sponsor: [Braun, Mike \[Sen.-R-IN\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Judiciary



Latest Action: Senate - 09/19/2024 Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

### **Committee Meetings:**

#### **FUSION ENERGY TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine fusion energy technology development and commercialization efforts, after receiving testimony from Jean Paul Allain, Associate Director for Fusion Energy Sciences, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Jackie Siebens, Helion Energy, Everett, Washington; and Patrick White, Nuclear Innovation Alliance, Brewster, Massachusetts.

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**September 18, 2024**

#### **House:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

##### **[H.R.9650](#)**

**To provide incentives for the purchase of water-efficient products, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Cartwright, Matt \[Rep.-D-PA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (17)

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce; Oversight and Accountability

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

##### **[H.R.9651](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of Labor to establish a renewable energy transition grant program and to establish a National Employment Corps, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [DeSaulnier, Mark \[Rep.-D-CA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

##### **[H.R.9652](#)**

**To incentivize innovative transportation corridors to reduce carbon and GHG emissions, to provide a tax structure that allows for certain investments in public transportation systems, and to enable the fossil fuel workforce to transition to sustainable work sectors.**

Sponsor: [DeSaulnier, Mark \[Rep.-D-CA-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Ways and Means; Education and the Workforce; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

### **[H.R.9670](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to, upon request, provide temporary assistance to States to help stabilize the electric grid, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Torres, Ritchie \[Rep.-D-NY-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### **[H.Res.1464](#)**

**Recognizing the importance of engagement with the Latino community to get into outdoor recreation and participate in activities to protect United States natural resources, and expressing support for the designation of the third week of September as "Latino Conservation Week".**

Sponsor: [Barragán, Nanette Diaz \[Rep.-D-CA-44\]](#) Cosponsors: (19)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **Bills Reported:**

#### **[H.R.6474](#)**

**To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas.**

Sponsor: [Steel, Michelle \[Rep.-R-CA-45\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 583.

## [H.R.8674](#)

### **Milestones for Advanced Nuclear Fuel Act**

Sponsor: [Williams, Brandon \[Rep.-R-NY-22\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 09/18/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 580.

### **Committee Meetings:**

## **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands* held a [hearing](#) on H.R. 1479, the "Chiricahua National Park Act"; H.R. 1504, the "Apex Area Technical Corrections Act"; H.R. 8931, to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park; H.R. 8946, the "Reversionary Interest Conveyance Act"; H.R. 9159, the "Appalachian Trail Centennial Act"; H.R. 9492, to amend Public Law 99-338 with respect to Kaweah Project permits; HR. 9516, the "Military Families National Parks Access Enhancement Act"; and S. 612, the "Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Ciscomani, Horsford, Valadao, and Chavez-DeRemer; Jacqueline Emanuel, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Caldwell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Pamela Goynes-Brown, Mayor, North Las Vegas, Nevada; and public witnesses.

### **Senate:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

## [S.5081](#)

### **A bill to amend the Arctic Research Policy Act of 1984 to improve the Act.**

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 09/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## [S.5083](#)

### **A bill to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to extend the Every Kid Outdoors program.**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### [S.5101](#)

**A bill to amend the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 with respect to assessments of conservation programs, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Casey, Robert P., Jr. \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 09/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### **Bills Reported:**

### [S.3036](#)

**Mountain View Corridor Completion Act**

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 09/18/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 515.

### **Passed Senate:**

### [S.1871](#)

**Intergovernmental Critical Minerals Task Force Act**

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 118-93](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/18/2024 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

### [S.Res.829](#)

**A resolution designating October 8, 2024, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day".**

Sponsor: [Blumenthal, Richard \[Sen.-D-CT\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/18/2024 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

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**September 17, 2024**

**House:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[H.R.9640](#)**

**To provide for the water quality restoration of the Tijuana River and the New River.**

Sponsor: [Vargas, Juan \[Rep.-D-CA-52\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources; Foreign Affairs; Budget

Latest Action: House - 09/17/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

**[H.J.Res.204](#)**

**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: [Guthrie, Brett \[Rep.-R-KY-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/17/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Bills Reported:**

**[H.R.5509](#)**

**Electronic Permitting Modernization Act**

Sponsor: [Porter, Katie \[Rep.-D-CA-47\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 09/17/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 577.

**Senate:**

**Bills Introduced:**

### [S.5075](#)

**A bill to provide for the water quality restoration of the Tijuana River and the New River, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 09/17/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **Bills Reported:**

### [S.3348](#)

**Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2023**

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 09/17/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512.

### [S.4343](#)

**Fire Ready Nation Act of 2024**

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 09/17/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 514.

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## **September 16, 2024**

### **House:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

### [H.R.9602](#)

**To amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to authorize States to approve certain organizations to acquire, hold, and manage conservation easements under the Forest Legacy Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Garamendi, John \[Rep.-D-CA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 09/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

### [H.R.9603](#)

**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: [Graves, Sam \[Rep.-R-MO-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 09/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### [H.R.9606](#)

**To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to expand the eligibility of certain recipients for SAFER grants, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Landsman, Greg \[Rep.-D-OH-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 09/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

### [H.R.9608](#)

**To make immune from liability any manufacturer of critical infrastructure for claims resulting from wildfire incidents, and for other purposes.**

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

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 09/16/2024 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Senate:**

### **Passed Senate:**

### [S.Res.820](#)

**A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 21 through September 28, 2024, as "National Estuaries Week".**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (30)

Latest Action: Senate - 09/16/2024 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR [S6068](#); text: CR [S6055-6056](#))