

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | June 5 - June 9, 2023

Highlights:

Reps. Nikki Budzinski (D-Ill.) and James Clyburn (D-S.C.) and Sens. Peter Welch (D-Vt.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced the *Rural Energy Saving Act of 2023* ([H.R.3849/S.1821](#)), which would update the Rural Energy Savings Program, a U.S. Department of Agriculture program that provides loans to rural utilities to run financing programs that help their members make energy efficiency, renewable energy, and beneficial electrification upgrades to their homes. The bill would make the program more accessible to rural electric co-ops across the country.

Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.) and Sens. Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introduced [H.R.3960](#) and [S.1899](#), designed to spur the use of hydrogen in the aviation sector. The senators also introduced [S.1902](#), which would require the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Energy to develop federal and international policies to facilitate safe and efficient hydrogen use in the aviation sector. EESI's recent [briefing](#) with the Environmental Defense Fund, *Maximizing the Climate Benefits of Hydrogen*, offers ideas on how policymakers and industry alike can best leverage billions of dollars in hydrogen investment.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry's Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research held a [hearing](#) to examine how the 2018 Farm Bill ([P.L. 115-334](#)) assists specialty crop producers, with a focus on the horticulture title. EESI tracks the climate, environment, and energy highlights of all the 2023 Farm Bill hearings [here](#).

June 9, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.1607](#)

To clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schweikert, David \[Rep.-R-AZ-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

[H.R.3027](#)

Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act of 2023

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

[H.R.3415](#)

Pilot Butte Power Plant Conveyance Act

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

[H.R.3514](#)

Domestic USA Act

Sponsor: [Lesko, Debbie \[Rep.-R-AZ-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

[H.R.3614](#)

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on offshore wind development vessels, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" \[Rep.-D-VA-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources; Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

[H.R.3656](#)

To amend the Act commonly known as the Wild Free-roaming Horses and Burros Act to prohibit certain uses of aircraft with respect to the management of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.3675](#)

To amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to extend certain contract prepayment authority.

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

[H.R.3681](#)

To modify the boundaries of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in the State of California to include additional National Forest System land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Chu, Judy \[Rep.-D-CA-28\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.3683](#)

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Benton MacKaye National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.3700](#)

To provide for restoration, economic development, recreation, and conservation on Federal lands in Northern California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Huffman, Jared \[Rep.-D-CA-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.3756](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to complete an interagency report on the effects of special recreation permits on environmental justice communities, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.3853](#)

To provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Rep.-D-AZ-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.3883](#)

To nullify Public Land Order No. 7921, withdrawing certain land in the Railroad Valley of Nye County, Nevada, from mineral entry.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

[H.R.3885](#)

To amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include copper as a critical mineral, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

[H.R.3918](#)

To reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish and threatened fish recovery implementation programs.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

[H.R.3925](#)

To direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a grant program to fund youth fishing projects.

Sponsor: [Salazar, Maria Elvira \[Rep.-R-FL-27\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.

[H.R.3951](#)

To establish in the Department of Agriculture an Office of Aquaculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Bonamici, Suzanne \[Rep.-D-OR-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3954](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.

Sponsor: [Buck, Ken \[Rep.-R-CO-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.3955](#)

To establish the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program within the Farm Service Agency Office of Outreach and Education.

Sponsor: [Budzinski, Nikki \[Rep.-D-IL-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3958](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to publish guidance and implementation procedures for unmanned aircraft systems with respect to environmental reviews, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [D'Esposito, Anthony \[Rep.-R-NY-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.3959](#)

To allow for one-time distributions from certain transportation fringe benefit accounts.

Sponsor: [D'Esposito, Anthony \[Rep.-R-NY-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.3960](#)

To encourage the use of hydrogen in the aviation sector, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [DelBene, Suzan K. \[Rep.-D-WA-1\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

[H.R.3961](#)

To authorize appropriations for climate financing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Espaillat, Adriano \[Rep.-D-NY-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

[H.R.3964](#)

To increase access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas, to increase minimum broadband speeds in rural areas, and to provide grants, loans, and loan guarantees to finance the costs of the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband service in rural areas, and other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 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, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

[H.R.3965](#)

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include extreme heat in the definition of a major disaster.

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Rep.-D-AZ-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R.3966

To accelerate subseasonal to seasonal prediction skills related to precipitation forecasts for water management in the western United States, improve atmospheric river forecasts across the country, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Garcia, Mike \[Rep.-R-CA-27\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R.3971

To designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hill, J. French \[Rep.-R-AR-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.3972

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to add flood prevention and mitigation measures to purposes of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.3976

To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kilmer, Derek \[Rep.-D-WA-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.3977

To amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.3978](#)

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in the Southern California planning area.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.3980](#)

To formally establish within statute an independent scientific research and development agency known as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

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

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

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

[H.R.3982](#)

To amend section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the mine methane capture incentive credit.

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

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.3984](#)

To amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize the feral swine eradication and control pilot program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Moore, Barry \[Rep.-R-AL-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture

[H.R.3990](#)

To amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 to modify the forest inventory and analysis program.

Sponsor: [Schrier, Kim \[Rep.-D-WA-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3997](#)

To ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events.

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

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.Res.478

Expressing disapproval of the withdrawal by the Secretary of the Interior of approximately 22,684 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands in the Railroad Valley of Nye County, Nevada, from all forms of mineral entry under United States law, subject to valid existing rights.

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

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

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.Res.486

Recognizing World Oceans Day and the necessity to protect, conserve, maintain, and rebuild our ocean and its resources.

Sponsor: [Bonamici, Suzanne \[Rep.-D-OR-1\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 06/09/2023 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, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Senate:

There was no environmental or energy related action in the Senate

June 8, 2023

House:

There was no environmental or energy related action in the House.

Senate:

Committee Action:

[S.1895](#)

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: [Johnson, Ron \[Sen.-R-WI\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1898](#)

A bill to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lujan, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 06/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

[S.1899](#)

A bill to encourage the use of hydrogen in the aviation sector, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.1902](#)

A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Secretary of Energy to exercise leadership in the creation of Federal and international policies relating to the safe and efficient use of hydrogen to increase aviation decarbonization and reduce air and noise pollution, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.1917](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the establishment of standards to limit the carbon intensity of the fuel used by certain vessels, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1918](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to facilitate the training and employment of veterans for certain conservation activities, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.J.Res.31](#)

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 "Federal 'Good Neighbor Plan' for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards".

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Committee Meetings:

ESCALATING WILDFIRES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal response to escalating wildfires and to evaluate reforms to land management and wildland firefighter recruitment and retention, after receiving testimony from Jeffery Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, Department of the Interior; Jaelith Hall-Rivera.

June 7, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.1242](#)

Military Support for Fighting Wildfires Act of 2023

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

Committees: House - Armed Services; Agriculture; Intelligence (Permanent Select); Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/07/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture.

[H.R.2903](#)

National Security Climate Intelligence Act

Sponsor: [Peters, Scott H. \[Rep.-D-CA-50\]](#)

Committees: House - Intelligence (Permanent Select)

Latest Action: House - 06/07/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on the National Intelligence Enterprise.

[H.R.3873](#)

To establish Ocean Innovation Clusters to strengthen the coastal communities and ocean economy of the United States through technological research and development, job training, and cross-sector partnerships, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Pingree, Chellie \[Rep.-D-ME-1\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 06/07/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

[H.R.3885](#)

To amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include copper as a critical mineral, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.3902](#)

To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to provide for a set-aside for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers for grants to support urban agriculture and innovative production, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Espaillat, Adriano \[Rep.-D-NY-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3904](#)

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

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3918](#)

To reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish and threatened fish recovery implementation programs.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/07/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.Res.478](#)

Expressing disapproval of the withdrawal by the Secretary of the Interior of approximately 22,684 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands in the Railroad Valley of Nye County, Nevada, from all forms of mineral entry under United States law, subject to valid existing rights.

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

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

Latest Action: House - 06/07/2023 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

Senate:

Committee Action:

[S.1837](#)

A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include spotted lanternfly control research and development as a high-priority research and extension initiative, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fetterman, John \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1853](#)

A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1859](#)

A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products", and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

[S.1861](#)

A bill to establish a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.1863](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study and submit a report on the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of certain products produced in the United States and in certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 06/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

Presented to the President:

[S.J.Res.11](#)

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 "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards".

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: 06/07/2023 Presented to President.

Committee Meetings:

THE FARM BILL AND SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research concluded a hearing to examine how the Farm Bill works for specialty crop producers, focusing on the horticulture title, after receiving testimony from Chris Alonzo, Pietro Industries, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, on behalf of American Mushroom; Nick Carter, Mud Creek Farm, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the Indiana Farm Bureau; Charles Wingard, Walter P. Rawl and Co, Pelion, South Carolina, on behalf of the International Fresh Produce Association; Margaret Leigh Worthington, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, Fayetteville, on behalf of the American Seed Trade Association; and Diana L. Kobus, PCO Certified Organic, Spring Mills, Pennsylvania.

THE CHANGING AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

changing agricultural landscape, focusing on cultivating stewardship, after receiving testimony from Brandon Willis, Utah State University, Logan; Martin Larsen, Larsen Family Farm and Byron Area Farmers Group, Byron, Minnesota; Brent Johnson, Iowa Farm Bureau, West Des Moines; and Bryan Sievers, Sievers Family Farms and Roeslein Alternative Energy, Stockton, Iowa.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on ecosystem restoration projects of the US Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from Lorianne Riggan, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Columbia; Tricia Balluff, City of Phoenix Environmental Programs Coordinator, Phoenix, Arizona; and Eric Eikenberg, The Everglades Foundation, Palmetto Bay, Florida.

Senate confirmed the following nominations:
By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 148), David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

June 6, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.3849](#)

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify provisions relating to the rural energy savings program.

Sponsor: [Rep. Clyburn, James E. \[D-SC-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 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, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

[H.R.1640](#)

Save Our Gas Stoves Act

Sponsor: [Lesko, Debbie \[Rep.-R-AZ-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-86](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 Rule [H. Res. 463](#) failed passage of House.

[H.R.3844](#)

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to provide for an additional goal of the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AGARDA) to enhance the role of agriculture in innovative sustainability solutions.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3853](#)

To provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Rep.-D-AZ-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 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.3862](#)

To amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to prioritize the acceptance of high-level radioactive waste or spent nuclear fuel from certain civilian nuclear power reactors, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.3871](#)

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include as a high-priority research and extension area research on microplastics in land-applied biosolids on farmland.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3877](#)

To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish an Office of Small Farms, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Strickland, Marilyn \[Rep.-D-WA-10\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3878](#)

To require a report on Puerto Rico's progress toward rebuilding the electric grid and detailing the efforts the Federal Government is undertaking to expedite such rebuilding, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.463](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 277) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 288) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1615) to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1640) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Massie, Thomas \[Rep.-R-KY-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Rules

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-102](#)

Latest Action: House - 06/06/2023 POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - The Chair put the question on the motion to reconsider and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.

Committee Meetings:

CLEAN POWER PLAN 2.0: EPA'S LATEST ATTACK ON AMERICA'S ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled "Clean Power Plan 2.0: EPA's Latest Attack on America's Electric Reliability". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE IMPACTS OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE VESSEL STRIKE REDUCTION RULE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing entitled "Examining the Impacts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Proposed Changes to the North Atlantic Right Whale Vessel Strike Reduction Rule". Testimony was heard from Janet Coit, Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

Senate:

Committee Action:

S.1806

A bill to establish Ocean Innovation Clusters to strengthen the coastal communities and ocean economy of the United States through technological research and development, job training, and cross-sector partnerships, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.1808

A bill to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009 to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to collaborate with State and local governments and Indian Tribes on vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, research planning, and similar activities, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.1809

A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish an Office of Small Farms, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.1821

A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify provisions relating to the rural energy savings program.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 06/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.1831

A bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 06/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1833](#)

A bill to prohibit the issuance of an interim or final rule that amends, updates, modifies, or replaces the North Atlantic Right Whale vessel strike reduction rule until mitigation protocols are fully developed and deployed.

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

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 06/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Crane Nomination--Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

June 5, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.3802](#)

To accelerate subseasonal to seasonal prediction skills related to precipitation forecasts for agriculture in the central United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Baird, James R. \[Rep.-R-IN-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 06/05/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.3809](#)

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

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/05/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3814](#)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out projects that further agricultural resiliency and modernization, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Harder, Josh \[Rep.-D-CA-9\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 06/05/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.J.Res.29](#)

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; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment".

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/05/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 71.

.J.Res.46

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 Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat".

Sponsor: [Bentz, Cliff \[Rep.-R-OR-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/05/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 72.

H.J.Res.49

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; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat".

Sponsor: [Stauber, Pete \[Rep.-R-MN-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 06/05/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 73.

Senate:

Committee Action:

There was no environmental or energy related action in the Senate.