

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | March 27 - March 31, 2023

Highlights:

The [Lower Energy Costs Act](#) (H.R. 1) passed the House. The [bill](#) is designed to expedite energy importation, exportation, and development. It would waive or limit certain environmental review requirements, eliminate certain import and export restrictions on oil and gas, and eliminate the greenhouse gas reduction fund and building energy efficiency improvement fund.

The *Agriculture Resilience Act* was reintroduced in the Senate ([S.1016](#)) and in the House ([H.R.1840](#)). The [act](#) would outline farm solutions to help the U.S. agricultural industry reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. EESI's Agriculture and Climate [series](#) covers sustainable and climate-friendly agricultural practices.

The Senate Committee on the Budget held a fifth [hearing](#) in its series of hearings covering the impacts of climate change. The hearing focused on the costs of oil dependence in a world transitioning toward a low-carbon future. EESI's [fact sheet](#) on the climate, environmental, and health impacts of fossil fuels provides a deep dive into the costs of these fuels.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry's Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources held a [hearing](#) on the importance of forestry in the 2023 Farm Bill. EESI's resources for the 2023 Farm Bill, including our farm bill hearing tracking, can be found [here](#).

March 31, 2023

Senate

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the Senate.

House

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the House.

March 30, 2023

Senate

Committee Action:

[S.1078](#)

A bill to require reforms to programs of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rounds, Mike \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1079](#)

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide additional assistance to rural water, wastewater, and waste disposal systems, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1089](#)

A bill to maintain the Natural Coal Council in the Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1111](#)

A bill to enhance United States civil nuclear leadership, support the licensing of advanced nuclear technologies, strengthen the domestic nuclear energy fuel cycle and supply chain, and improve the regulation of nuclear energy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Capito, Shelley Moore \[Sen.-R-WV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

[S.1112](#)

A bill to amend the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 to clarify whistleblower rights and protections, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Duckworth, Tammy \[Sen.-D-IL\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

S.1149

A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

S.J.Res.23

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 Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat".

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

S.J.Res.24

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

Sponsor: [Mullin, Markwayne \[Sen.-R-OK\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL: *Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources*, to hold hearings to examine forestry in the Farm Bill, focusing on the importance of America's forests, after receiving testimony from Tony Cheng, Colorado State University Forest Restoration Institute, Fort Collins; Troy Harris, Jamestown, L.P., Atlanta, Georgia; Jason Hartman, National Association of State Foresters, Manhattan, Kansas; Jim Neiman, Neiman Enterprises, Hulett, Wyoming; and Sally Palmer, The Nature Conservancy, Nashville, Tennessee.

PETROCHEMICALS TO WASTE: *Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight* concluded a hearing to examine petrochemicals to waste, focusing on the lifecycle, environmental, and climate effects of plastic, after receiving testimony from Arvind P. Ravikumar, University of Texas Energy Emissions Modeling and Data Lab, Austin; Chelsea Rochman, University of Toronto Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Hota GangaRao, West Virginia University Wadsworth Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Morgantown.

House

Passed House:

[H.R.1](#)

Lower Energy Costs Act

Sponsor: [Scalise, Steve \[Rep.-R-LA-1\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1.

[H.J.Res.27](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'".

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: H. Rept. 118-6

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Committee Action:

[H.R.2183](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for U.S. Department of Interior, Department-Wide Programs, Central Hazardous Materials for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

[H.R.2193](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Buildings and Facilities for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

[H.R.2194](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Hazards Substance Superfund for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

[H.R.2196](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Inland Oil Spill Programs for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

[H.R.2199](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program Account for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R.2405

To authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.2434

To promote low-carbon, high-octane fuels, to protect public health, and to improve vehicle efficiency and performance, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.2448

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

Sponsor: [Sánchez, Linda T. \[Rep.-D-CA-38\]](#)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 03/30/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.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 - 03/30/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[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 - 03/30/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

March 29, 2023

Senate

Passed Senate:

[H.J.Res.27](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'".

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

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: H. Rept. 118-6

Latest Action: Senate - 03/30/2023 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Committee Action:

[S.306](#)

Tule River Tribe Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.595

Rio San José and Rio Jemez Water Settlements Act of 2023

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

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably

S.950

A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably

S.1022

A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1023

A bill to establish an advisory committee to inform Congress of the impact of Waters of the United States regulations on United States agriculture, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.1035

A bill to prohibit funding for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change until China is no longer defined a developing country.

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

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S.1043

A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify standards for water heaters, furnaces, boilers, and kitchen cooktops, ranges, and ovens, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1050

A bill to secure the bulk-power system in the United States.

Sponsor: [Scott, Rick \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1059

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

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.Res.138

A resolution highlighting the risks that environmental defenders face around the world and commending their role in defending human rights, combating climate chaos, and supporting a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

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

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text: CR S1058-1059)

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: *Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior.

OIL DEPENDENCE: *Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the cost of oil dependence in a low-carbon world, after receiving testimony from Claudio Galimberti, RystadEnergy, Houston, Texas; Gregor Semieniuk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and Daniel Raimi, Resources for the Future, Benjamin Zycher, American Enterprise Institute, and Lucian Pugliaresi, Energy Policy Research Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

EPA GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE: *Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency Good Neighbor Rule, focusing on healthier air for downwind states, after receiving testimony from Serena McIlwain, Maryland Secretary of the Environment, Baltimore; Karen Peters, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director, Phoenix; Chris Wells, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director, Jackson; David G. Hill, American Lung Association, Middlebury, Connecticut; and Paul Noe, American Forest and Paper Association, Washington, D.C.

House

Passed House:

[H.R.1](#)

Lower Energy Costs Act

Sponsor: [Scalise, Steve \[Rep.-R-LA-1\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving [H.R. 1](#) as unfinished business.

Committee Action:

[H.R.676](#)

Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2023

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

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 35 - 0.

[H.R.1713](#)

To provide for Department of Energy and Department of Agriculture joint research and development activities, and for other purposes.

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

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

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 36 - 0.

[H.R.1715](#)

To direct the Department of Energy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct collaborative research in order to advance numerical weather and climate prediction in the United States, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 36 - 0.

[H.R.2127](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Independent Agencies, Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.2173](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Offshore Safety and Environmental Enforcement for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

[H.R.2188](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Science and Technology for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.2189](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Programs and Managements for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and 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.2190](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Programs and Management, Geographic Program for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2193](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Buildings and Facilities for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and 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.2194](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Hazards Substance Superfund for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.2195](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R.2196](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Inland Oil Spill Programs for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2199](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Environmental Protection Agency, Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program Account for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

[H.R.2200](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for US Department of Agriculture, Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture

[H.R.2268](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS--BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: *Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* held a budget hearing on the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service.

Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Tracy Stone-Manning, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Martha Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Charles F. Sams III, Director, National Park Service.

HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION: *Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy, and Supply Chains* held a hearing entitled "Highlighting the Role of Small Businesses in Domestic Energy Production". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

March 28, 2023

Senate

Committee Action:

[S.997](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the issuance of permits under title V of that Act for certain emissions from agricultural production.

Sponsor: [Thune, John \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/28/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text: CR S1001)

S.1005

A bill to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to improve the weatherization assistance program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/28/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1001-1002)

S.1016

A bill to address the impact of climate change on agriculture, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 03/28/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

House

Committee Action:

H.R.1

Lower Energy Costs Act

Sponsor: [Scalise, Steve \[Rep.-R-LA-1\]](#)

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

Latest Action: House - 03/28/2023 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 1 as unfinished business.

H.R.1603

Homeowner Energy Freedom Act

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 03/28/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 19.

[H.R.1840](#)

To address the impact of climate change on agriculture, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture; Education and the Workforce; Energy and Commerce; House Administration; Oversight and Accountability

Latest Action: House - 03/28/2023 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, House Administration, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.Res.260](#)

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to lower energy costs by increasing American energy production, exports, infrastructure, and critical minerals processing, by promoting transparency, accountability, permitting, and production of American resources, and by improving water quality certification and energy projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Reschenthaler, Guy \[Rep.-R-PA-14\]](#)

Committees: House - Rules

Latest Action: House - 03/28/2023 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection

[H.Res.262](#)

Supporting the teaching of climate change in schools.

Sponsor: [Lee, Barbara \[Rep.-D-CA-12\]](#)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 03/28/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Committee Meetings:

APPROPRIATIONS--DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: *Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Deb Haaland, Secretary; Joan M. Mooney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; and Denise Flanagan, Director of Budget.

APPROPRIATIONS--ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY: *Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* held a budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from

Michael Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Faisal Amin, Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

WHY WE NEED TO STORE MORE WATER AND WHAT'S STOPPING US:

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing entitled "Why We Need to Store More Water and What's Stopping Us". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES: *Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands* held a hearing on H.R. 930, the "Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act of 2023"; H.R. 1319, the "Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act"; H.R. 1380, the "Protecting America's Rock Climbing Act"; H.R. 1527, the "Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act"; H.R. 1576, the "Federal Interior Land Media Act"; H.R. 1614, the "Range Access Act"; H.R. 1642, the "Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter Recreation Pass Act"; and H.R. 1667, the "Ouachita National Forest Overnight Camping Act". Testimony was heard from Representative Moore of Utah; Chris French, Deputy Chief for National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Mills, Secretary, Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, Arkansas; Mike Reynolds, Deputy Director, External and Congressional Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING THE WEATHER ACT: DATA AND INNOVATION FOR PREDICTIONS: *Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment* held a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing the Weather Act: Data and Innovation for Predictions". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

March 27, 2023

Senate

Committee Action:

[S.988](#)

A bill to provide for coordination by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the process for reviewing certain natural gas projects under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.989](#)

A bill to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 03/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House

Committee Action:

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the House.

Committee Meetings:

LOWER ENERGY COSTS ACT: *Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on [H.R. 1](#), the "Lower Energy Costs Act". The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 1](#), the "Lower Energy Costs Act" under a structured rule. The rule provides seven hours of general debate with three hours equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees, three hours equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees, and one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the amendment printed in part A of this report shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each amendment made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be

subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, Chairman Graves of Missouri, Chairman Rodgers of Washington, and Representatives Grijalva, Larsen of Washington, Duncan, Pallone, and Correa.