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<td>S. 2786: Arctic Shipping Federal Advisory Committee Act</td>
<td>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</td>
<td>11/5/2019</td>
<td>This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish an Arctic Shipping Federal Advisory Committee to advise DOT on matters related to Arctic maritime transportation, including Arctic seaway development.</td>
<td>Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Report by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-295.</td>
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<td>S. 3080: Strategic Arctic Naval Focus Act of 2019</td>
<td>Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)</td>
<td>12/18/2019</td>
<td>This bill articulates the policy of the United States with respect to the Arctic. Specifically, it shall be the policy of the United States to prioritize Navy and Coast Guard missions, infrastructure and capability development, training, and stationing of assets in the Arctic.</td>
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<td>H.R. 3020: Shipping and Environmental Arctic Leadership Act or the SEAL Act</td>
<td>Rep. Don Young (R-AK)</td>
<td>5/23/2019</td>
<td>This bill creates the Arctic Seaway Development Corporation to provide services related to safety and environmental protection and response in the Arctic region, including to (1) construct deep water port facilities in the Arctic necessary to manage and facilitate increased marine traffic; (2) maintain a relationship with east and west coast ports serving Arctic trade; (3) collect voluntary maritime shipping fees from vessels operating in the Arctic; and (4) establish strong ties among U.S. residents of the Arctic region, Arctic shippers, and the maritime insurance industry.</td>
<td>Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.</td>
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<td>S. 1177: Shipping and Environmental Arctic Leadership Act or the SEAL Act</td>
<td>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</td>
<td>4/11/2019</td>
<td>This bill creates the Arctic Seaway Development Corporation to provide services related to safety and environmental protection and response in the Arctic region, including to (1) construct deep water port facilities in the Arctic necessary to manage and facilitate increased marine traffic; (2) maintain a relationship with east and west coast ports serving Arctic trade; (3) collect voluntary maritime shipping fees from vessels operating in the Arctic; and (4) establish strong ties among U.S. residents of the Arctic region, Arctic shippers, and the maritime insurance industry.</td>
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<td>S. 1179: Arctic Policy Act of 2019</td>
<td>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</td>
<td>4/11/2019</td>
<td>This bill addresses U.S. policy in the Arctic region. Specifically, the bill (1) modifies the membership requirements of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission to include additional indigenous representation; (2) provides statutory authority for the Arctic Executive Steering Committee; (3) establishes regional tribal advisory groups to provide input and recommendations to the steering committee on specific issues or regional issues of the Arctic, including the establishment of the Bering Sea Regional Tribal Advisory Group to advise on issues in the Northern Bering Sea and the Bering Strait region; and (4) establishes the Arctic Advisory Committee to advise the steering committee on federal Arctic policies, including existing policies and policies that are under consideration.</td>
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<td>H.R. 1822: Polar Security Cutter Acquisition Act of 2019</td>
<td>Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH-7)</td>
<td>3/18/2019</td>
<td>This bill sets forth acquisition requirements for the U.S. Coast Guard to acquire any polar icebreaker, subject to an exception. The Coast Guard must (1) limit military specifications for such vessel, (2) ensure specifications and key drawings are complete before awarding the contract for construction, (3) ensure detail design of the vessel is complete before the start of construction, (4) use block buy contracting (permits the use of a single contract for more than one year’s worth of procurement without having to exercise a contract option for each year after the first year), and (5) ensure all icebreaker hulls are science ready and that one is science capable.</td>
<td>Introduced in House</td>
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<td>H.Res. 99: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a need to rebuild the Navy and ensure that it is prepared to engage with adversaries around the world through an increased investment in the United States naval power.</td>
<td>Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN-3)</td>
<td>2/5/2019</td>
<td>This resolution recognizes the need for the U.S. Navy to increase its long-term capabilities. The resolution recommends a Navy force structure by 2050 to include specified numbers of various types of submarines and ships. The resolution also recognizes the need for constant innovation and analysis.</td>
<td>Referred to the Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces.</td>
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<td>S. 745: Climate Security Act of 2019</td>
<td>Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ)</td>
<td>3/12/2019</td>
<td>This bill establishes various positions and duties related to climate change in the foreign policy context.</td>
<td>Introduced in Senate</td>
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<td>H.R. 1806: Empowering Rural Economies Through Alaska Native Sustainable Arts and Handicrafts Act</td>
<td>Rep. Don Young (R-AK)</td>
<td>3/14/2019</td>
<td>This bill prohibits states from imposing bans on marine mammal and fossilized ivory products produced by Alaska Natives. Specifically, states may not prohibit (1) the importation, sale, transfer, trade, barter, or possession of mammal, mastodon, or walrus ivory, marine mammal bones, teeth, or baleen legally produced by an Alaska Native as an authentic native article of handicrafts and clothing; or (2) the importation, sale, transfer, trade, or possession of fossilized ivory.</td>
<td>Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.</td>
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This resolution expresses support for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as a priority for the United States and urges the U.S. Senate to consent to its ratification.

Introduced in Senate

Arctic, Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 2173: Coast Guard Drug Detection and Interdiction Act

This bill authorizes the United States Coast Guard to provide funding through FY2021 for the enhancement of its land-based unmanned aircraft system program. The Coast Guard must assess the feasibility and advisability of using unmanned aircraft systems for surveillance of marine protected areas, the transit zone, and the Arctic.

Introduced in Senate

Arctic, Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 3697: Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act

To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

Arctic, Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 1069: Digital Coast Act

This bill provides statutory authority for and revises the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA’s) Digital Coast program. (The program currently exists under NOAA to provide data, tools, and training that communities use to manage their coastal resources.)

Became Public Law No: 116-223.

Arctic, Ocean Exploration and Observation

H.R. 2189: Digital Coast Act

This bill provides statutory authority for and revises the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA’s) Digital Coast program. (The program currently exists under NOAA to provide data, tools, and training that communities use to manage their coastal resources.)

Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-315.

Arctic, Ocean Exploration and Observation

H.R. 8795: Marine Mammal Climate Change Protection Act

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a climate impact management plan for the conservation of certain marine mammal species, and for other purposes.

Introduced in House

Climate Change

H.R. 7304: Climate Action Planning for Ports Act of 2020

To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants to eligible entities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at ports, and for other purposes.

Introduced in House

Climate Change

H.R. 5709: Climate Resilient Communities Act

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a climate resiliency service corps to help communities withstand and respond to changes in the Earth’s climate with respect to natural disasters, and for other purposes.

Introduced in House

Climate Change

H.R. 5176: Climate Resiliency Service Corps Act of 2019

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a climate resiliency service corps to help communities withstand and respond to changes in the Earth’s climate with respect to natural disasters, and for other purposes.

Introduced in House

Climate Change

H.R. 4823: FEMA Climate Change Preparedness Act

This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to (1) revise its 2018-2022 Strategic Plan to ensure that the plan explicitly mentions climate change and addresses the implications of climate change on homeland security and near- and long-term national disaster risk; and (2) ensure that future strategic plans do likewise.

Introduced in House

Climate Change


This resolution accepts the findings in the “Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate” published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and affirms that immediate action is needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect the ocean and cryosphere.

Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

Climate Change

H.R. 4269: Climate Stewardship Act of 2019

To provide incentives for agricultural producers to carry out climate stewardship practices, to provide for increased reforestation across the United States, to establish the Coastal and Estuary Resilience Grant Program, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

Climate Change

S. 2452: Climate Stewardship Act of 2019

To provide incentives for agricultural producers to carry out climate stewardship practices, to provide for increased reforestation across the United States, to establish the Coastal and Estuary Resilience Grant Program, and for other purposes.

Introduced in Senate

Climate Change

H.Res. 421: Recognizing the International Year of the Salmon in 2019 as a framework of collaboration across the Northern Hemisphere to sustain and recover salmon stocks through research, partnerships, and public action.

This resolution recognizes the International Year of the Salmon, a unique, hemispheric-level collaboration bringing people together in order to ensure that healthy wild salmon populations persist into the future.

Introduced in House

Climate Change

H.R. 1322: To require a report on the effects of climate change on the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

This bill requires the U.S. Coast Guard to submit a report on the vulnerabilities of Coast Guard installations as a result of climate change over the next 20 years, including an overview of mitigations that may be necessary to ensure the continued operational viability of the vulnerable installations.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 116-85.

Climate Change
H.R. 2349: Climate Change Education Act
Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12)
4/22/2019
This bill declares that the evidence for human-induced climate change is overwhelming and undeniable. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must establish a Climate Change Education Program to increase the climate literacy of the United States by broadening the understanding of human-induced climate change, including possible consequences and potential solutions; apply the latest scientific and technological discoveries to provide learning opportunities to people of all ages; and help people understand and promote implementation of new technologies, programs, and incentives related to climate change, climate adaptation and mitigation, and climate resilience. NOAA must also establish a grant program for climate change education.

S. 477: Climate Change Education Act
Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)
2/13/2019
The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must establish a Climate Change Education Program to increase the climate literacy of the United States by broadening the understanding of human-induced climate change, including possible consequences and potential solutions; apply the latest scientific and technological discoveries to provide learning opportunities to people of all ages; and help people understand and promote implementation of new technologies, programs, and incentives related to climate change, climate adaptation and mitigation, and climate resilience. NOAA must also establish a grant program for climate change education.

S. 3068: Offshore Wind Jobs and Opportunity Act
Sen. Bill Keating (D-MA-9)
6/3/2019
This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to award offshore wind career training grants to institutions of higher education or labor organizations to develop, offer, or improve educational or career training programs that provide skills necessary for employment in the offshore wind industry.

S. 4947: Conservation Funding Protection Act
Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)
12/2/2020
To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require annual lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico region of the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8253: Strengthening Coastal Communities Act of 2020
Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA-8)
9/15/2020
This bill directs revenues generated from leases for wind energy development on offshore federal lands to the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund. Under current law, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation may use the fund to provide grants to coastal communities to help them understand and utilize ocean and coastal resources and infrastructure, such as resources to help them prepare for extreme weather events.

H.R. 7516: Clean Energy Innovation and Deployment Act of 2020
Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO-1)
7/9/2020
To advance innovation in and deployment of zero-emission electricity technology, such as offshore marine technologies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1411: Hydropower Clean Energy Future Act
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-5)
6/29/2020
To modernize the hydropower licensing process and to promote next generation hydropower projects, and for other purposes.

S. 4041: Save American Vital Energy Jobs Act or the SAVE Jobs Act
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)
6/23/2020
This bill extends energy-related tax provisions and expands incentives for job creation in the energy sector during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency period.

Rep. Mike Waltz (R-FL-6)
5/28/2020
To promote the domestic exploration, research, development, and processing of critical minerals to ensure the economic and national security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3485: OFFSHORE Act of 2020
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
3/12/2020
To expand the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to expand revenue sharing for offshore wind, to reauthorize the National Oceans and Coastal Security Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6084: Water Power Research and Development Act
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1)
3/4/2020
To provide for a program of hydropower, pumped storage, and marine energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application, and for other purposes.

S. 2660: Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2019
Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
10/22/2019
This bill requires the Department of Energy to establish a grant program to research, develop, evaluate, and commercialize wind energy technologies and systems.

H.R. 5375: E. Cooper Brown Ocean Clean Energy Act of 2019
Outgoing Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI-2)
12/10/2019
This bill allows an energy tax credit for the cost of ocean thermal energy equipment. The bill defines "ocean thermal energy equipment" as equipment that converts ocean thermal energy to usable energy or that uses ocean water as a thermal energy sink to cool a structure.

H.R. 4887: Incentivizing Offshore Wind Power Act
Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ-9)
10/28/2019
This bill extends the 30 % energy tax credit for offshore wind facilities that begin construction by January 1, 2027, or the year that the United States has increased its offshore wind capacity by not less than 3,000 megawatts as compared to such capacity on January 1, 2020, whichever is later.

S. 1988: Incentivizing Offshore Wind Power Act
Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE)
6/26/2019
This bill extends the 30 % energy tax credit for offshore wind facilities that begin construction by January 1, 2027, or the year that the United States has increased its offshore wind capacity by not less than 3,000 megawatts as compared to such capacity on January 1, 2020, whichever is later.
H.R. 3473: Offshore Wind Incentives for New Development Act or the Offshore WIND Act
Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI-2) 6/25/2019 This bill allows an energy tax credit for investment in qualified offshore wind property, the construction of which begins before January 1, 2026. The bill defines "qualified offshore wind property" as an offshore facility using wind to produce electricity.
Introduced in House  Energy and Mineral Resources

S. 1957: Offshore Wind Incentives for New Development Act or the Offshore WIND Act
Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) 6/25/2019 This bill allows an energy tax credit for investment in qualified offshore wind property, the construction of which begins before January 1, 2026. The bill defines "qualified offshore wind property" as an offshore facility using wind to produce electricity.
Introduced in Senate  Energy and Mineral Resources

S. 1769: Offshore Wind Jobs and Opportunity Act
Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) 6/10/2019 To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an offshore wind career training grant program, and for other purposes.
Introduced in Senate  Energy and Mineral Resources

H.R. 2597: Clean Energy Standard Act of 2019
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.  Energy and Mineral Resources

S. 1359: Clean Energy Standard Act of 2019
Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN) 5/8/2019 To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a market-oriented standard for clean electric energy generation, and for other purposes.
Introduced in Senate  Energy and Mineral Resources

S. 2580: Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) 9/26/2019 This bill provides FY2020 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and related agencies.
Committee on Appropriations. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Murkowski. With written report No. 116-123.  Energy and Mineral Resources, Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 1014: Offshore Wind for Territories Act
Commish. Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR-1) 2/6/2019 This bill addresses offshore wind development and coral reef conservation. The Department of the Interior may conduct wind and mineral development lease sales on the Outer Continental Shelf in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to U.S. territories. The bill establishes the Coral Reef Conservation Fund for the Department of Commerce to carry out the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, including to preserve, sustain, and restore the condition of coral reef ecosystems.
Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-230.  Energy and Mineral Resources, Ocean and Coastal Management, Marine Conservation

Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6) 11/15/2019 This bill addresses the use of descending devices to release reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico. (A descending device is an instrument that will release fish at a depth sufficient for the fish to be able to recover from the effects of barotrauma.) Specifically, the bill requires commercial and recreational fishermen to possess a venting tool or descending device that is rigged and ready for use when fishing for reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone, the Department of Commerce to carry out the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and to coordinate, and strengthen federal government actions to preserve, conserve, and restore coral reef ecosystems; requires the Department of the Interior to provide grants upon the declaration of a coral reef emergency to implement emergency plans; and authorizes Interior to provide scientific expertise, technical assistance, and financial assistance for the conservation and restoration of coral reefs.
Presented to President.  Marine Conservation

S. 2429: Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2020
Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) 8/1/2019 This bill addresses the conservation and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems. Among other things, the bill reauthorizes through FY2024 and revises the Coral Reef Conservation Program; directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide block grants to states to support state coral reef management and restoration; requires NOAA to establish standards for the formation of partnerships among government and community members for the stewardship of coral reefs; provides statutory authority for the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force to lead, coordinate, and strengthen federal government actions to preserve, conserve, and restore coral reef ecosystems; requires the Department of the Interior to provide grants upon the declaration of a coral reef emergency to implement emergency plans; and authorizes Interior to provide scientific expertise, technical assistance, and financial assistance for the conservation and restoration of coral reefs.
Held at the desk.  Marine Conservation

H.R. 1742: Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2019
Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12) 7/12/2019 This bill provides funding for (1) the conservation or restoration of wildlife and plant species of greatest conservation need; (2) the wildlife conservation strategies of states, Indian tribes, or territories; or (3) wildlife conservation education and recreation projects.
Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-685, Part I.  Marine Conservation

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) 12/2/2020
Introduced in House  Marine Conservation

H.R. 8684: Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act
Outgoing Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-AL-1) 10/27/2020 To provide for the establishment of the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes.
Introduced in House  Marine Conservation

Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA-8) 5/16/2019 This bill provides for the conservation and restoration of habitats that facilitate the movement of certain native species (e.g., fish, wildlife, or plant species) that may be at risk due to habitat loss or fragmentation.
Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-558, Part I.  Marine Conservation
This bill reauthorizes the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through FY2024. DEBATE - The House proceeded with 2 hours of debate on motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments with an amendment.

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to increase transparency, to support regulatory certainty, and to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes. Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held.


This bill provides support for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales (Eubalaena glacialis). Specifically, it requires the Department of Commerce to provide financial assistance for projects designed to reduce the lethal or sub-lethal effects of human activities on such whales.

Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-469.

This bill nullifies the 2019 rules relating to the listing of endangered or threatened species and the designation of critical habitats. Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-469.

This bill extends through FY2025 authority for debt-for-nature swaps and debt buyback programs that reduce or convert debt obligations from eligible countries to the United States into funding for nature conservation and protection efforts in that country.

Introduced in Senate

This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to increase transparency, to support regulatory certainty, and to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes.

Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-258.

Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-277.

This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to restrict the Secretary's ability to alter permits, and for other purposes.

Reported to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

To authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a regional program to assess, monitor, and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats, and for other purposes.

Introduced in Senate

This bill amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the Eubalaena glacialis. Specifically, it requires the Department of Commerce to provide financial assistance for projects designed to reduce the lethal or sub-lethal effects of human activities on such whales.

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Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-469.

This bill provides statutory authority for the rule published on August 27, 2019, by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service relating to threatened species. The rule requires regulation for the listing of a species.

This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to restrict the Secretary's ability to alter permits, and for other purposes.

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Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-258.

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Reported to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

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Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-469.

This bill establishes the National Fish Habitat Board to (1) encourage partnerships to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of all Americans; (2) identify national fish habitat priorities; (3) provide financial assistance for projects designed to reduce the lethal or sub-lethal effects of human activities on such whales.

Reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski with amendments. Without written report.

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<td>H.R. 4828</td>
<td>Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2019</td>
<td>Outgoing Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC-1)</td>
<td>10/23/2019</td>
<td>This bill reauthorizes through FY2024 the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund which provides funding for several things, including fisheries conservation and management, water and boating infrastructure, and recreational boating safety.</td>
<td>Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.</td>
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<td>S. 372</td>
<td>A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should establish a national goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the land and ocean of the United States by 2030.</td>
<td>Outgoing Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)</td>
<td>10/22/2019</td>
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<td>H.R. 1335</td>
<td>Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act</td>
<td>Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA-47)</td>
<td>2/15/2019</td>
<td>This bill authorizes the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to promulgate regulations to implement and enforce the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, done at Cape Town, South Africa, on February 2, 2001.</td>
<td>Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-249, Part I.</td>
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<td>H.R. 1568</td>
<td>Scientific Assistance for Very Endangered North Atlantic Right Whales Act of 2019 or the SAVE Right Whales Act</td>
<td>Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA-6)</td>
<td>3/6/2019</td>
<td>This bill provides support for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales (Eubalaena glacialis).</td>
<td>Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-244, Part I.</td>
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<td>H.R. 4723</td>
<td>Salmon-Focused Investments in Sustainable Habitats Act of 2019 or the Fish Act of 2019</td>
<td>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)</td>
<td>10/17/2019</td>
<td>This bill addresses identifying, restoring, and protecting salmon conservation areas in the United States. Specifically, the bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to jointly issue guidance on the process and biological criteria required to identify salmon conservation areas; and directs the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to provide grants to certain entities to protect or maintain salmon conservation area features and projects that are focused on conservation and restoration within conservation areas, including to restore or maintain ecological functions and processes related to salmon productivity and diversity at watershed or subwatershed scales.</td>
<td>Subcommittee Hearings Held.</td>
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<td>H.Res. 628</td>
<td>Expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on October 13, 2019, as National Wildlife Refuge Week.</td>
<td>Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5)</td>
<td>10/15/2019</td>
<td>This resolution expresses support for the designation of National Wildlife Refuge Week.</td>
<td>Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.</td>
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<td>H.R. 4601</td>
<td>Hearing Small Businesses Act of 2019</td>
<td>Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL-17)</td>
<td>10/4/2019</td>
<td>This bill requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Internal Revenue Service to seek and consider the advice of small entities about a proposed or interim final rule before publishing the rule if the rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.</td>
<td>Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</td>
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<td>H.R. 4843</td>
<td>Localizing Authority of Management Plans Act of 2019 or the LAMP Act of 2019</td>
<td>Rep. Don Young (R-AK-1)</td>
<td>9/24/2019</td>
<td>This bill revises requirements governing the management of endangered or threatened species, establishes exemptions from environmental review requirements, and permits the delegation of authority for species management to states under certain circumstances.</td>
<td>Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.</td>
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<td>S. 2491</td>
<td>Protect America’s Wildlife and Fish in Need of Conservation Act of 2019</td>
<td>Outgoing Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)</td>
<td>9/17/2019</td>
<td>To terminate certain rules issued by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce relating to endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.</td>
<td>Introduced in Senate</td>
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<td>S. 2465</td>
<td>Cormorant Relief Act</td>
<td>Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)</td>
<td>9/11/2019</td>
<td>This bill provides statutory authority for certain regulations that allow for the taking of double-crested cormorants (birds) to protect fish at aquaculture facilities and to protect public resources (e.g., fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats).</td>
<td>Introduced in Senate</td>
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H.R. 4160: Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2019  
Rep. Darren Soto  
(D-FL-9)  
8/2/2019  
This bill addresses the conservation and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems. Among other things, the bill reauthorizes through FY2024 and revises the Coral Reef Conservation Program; directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide block grants to states to support state coral reef management and restoration; requires NOAA to establish standards for the formation of partnerships among government and community members for the stewardship of coral reefs; provides statutory authority for the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force to lead, coordinate, and strengthen federal government actions to preserve, conserve, and restore coral reef ecosystems; requires the Department of the Interior to provide grants upon the declaration of a coral reef emergency to implement emergency plans; and authorizes Interior to provide scientific expertise, technical assistance, and financial assistance for the conservation and restoration of coral reefs.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  
Marine Conservation

S. 2374: Saving America’s Vulnerable and Endangered Species Act or the SAVES Act  
Sen. Ted Cruz  
(R-TX)  
7/31/2019  
This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit a living nonnative species from being listed as a threatened or endangered species.  
Introduced in Senate  
Marine Conservation

H.R. 253: A resolution designating September 25, 2019, as “National Lobster Day”.  
Senator Angus King  
(I-ME)  
7/30/2019  
This resolution designates September 25, 2019, as National Lobster Day and encourages the observance of the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.  
Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3203; text: CR S3202)  
Marine Conservation

H.R. 2194: PREDATORS Act  
Sen. John Barrasso  
(R-WY)  
7/22/2019  
To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for reducing human-predator conflict, and for other purposes.  
Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held.  
Marine Conservation

S. 2092: Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow's Needs Act  
Sen. James "Jim" Risch  
(R-ID)  
7/11/2019  
This bill revises provisions of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act relating to the funding of wildlife conservation.  
Introduced in Senate  
Marine Conservation

H.R. 1809: To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes.  
Del. Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan  
(D-AP-1)  
3/18/2019  
This bill requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to apportion certain wildlife-restoration funds to the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia in the same manner as such funds are apportioned under current law to the states.  
Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-144.  
Marine Conservation

H.R. 3424: SEA Act of 2019  
Rep. Mike Johnson  
(R-LA-4)  
6/21/2019  
To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce unnecessary permitting delays by clarifying associated procedures to increase economic development and support coastal restoration programs, and for other purposes.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  
Marine Conservation

H.R. 3370: Refuge System Protection Act  
Rep. Mike Thompson  
(D-CA-5)  
6/19/2019  
This bill authorizes the Department of Justice (DOJ), at the request of the Department of the Interior, to bring in a district court a civil action against any individual or entity that destroys, causes the loss of, causes Interior to make risk mitigation efforts with respect to, or injures any resource that is within the boundaries any land or water that is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  
Marine Conservation

S. 1899: Refuge System Protection Act  
Sen. Ben Cardin  
(D-MD)  
6/19/2019  
This bill authorizes the Department of Justice (DOJ), at the request of the Department of the Interior, to bring in a district court a civil action against any individual or entity that destroys, causes the loss of, causes Interior to make risk mitigation efforts with respect to, or injures any resource that is within the boundaries any land or water that is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.  
Introduced in Senate  
Marine Conservation

S.Res. 251: A resolution recognizing 2019 as the International Year of the Salmon, a framework of collaboration across the Northern Hemisphere to sustain and recover salmon stocks through research, partnerships, and public action.  
Sen. Lisa Murkowski  
(R-AK)  
6/13/2019  
This resolution recognizes 2019 as the International Year of the Salmon, a unique, hemispheric-level collaboration bringing people together in order to ensure that healthy wild salmon populations persist into the future.  
Introduced in Senate  
Marine Conservation

H.Res. 427: Recognizing World Oceans Day and the necessity to protect, conserve, maintain, and rebuild our oceans and its resources.  
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici  
(D-OR-1)  
6/5/2019  
This resolution recognizes World Oceans Day and affirms the individual and collective duty, both nationally and internationally, to protect, conserve, maintain, and rebuild our oceans and its resources; and (2)expresses commitment to increasing the investment of federal funds into scientific research and monitoring to better understand the changing oceans.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  
Marine Conservation

Outgoing Rep. Denny Heck  
(D-WA-10)  
6/3/2019  
This resolution expresses support for recognizing National Orca Protection Month. Orcas are commonly known as killer whales.  
Introduced in House  
Marine Conservation

S. 1499: Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019  
Outgoing Sen. Tom Udall  
(D-NM)  
5/16/2019  
This bill provides for the conservation and restoration of habitats that facilitate the movement of certain native or noninvasive species (e.g., fish, wildlife, or plant species) that may be at risk due to habitat loss or fragmentation.  
Introduced in Senate  
Marine Conservation
This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to study the impact of oxybenzone and octinoxate (chemicals commonly found in sunscreens) on public health and the environment, including marine life. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

S. 1371: Oxybenzone and Octinoxate Impact Study Act of 2019
Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) 5/8/2019
This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to study the impact of oxybenzone and octinoxate (chemicals commonly found in sunscreens) on public health and the environment, including marine life. Introduced in Senate Marine Conservation

H.R. 2236: Forage Fish Conservation Act
Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12) 4/10/2019
This bill addresses the management and conservation of forage fish. (A forage fish is any fish at a low trophic level that contributes significantly to the diets of other fish, marine mammals, or birds and serves as a conduit for energy transfer to species at a higher trophic level.) Subcommittee Hearings Held. Marine Conservation

S. 1139: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2019
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) 4/10/2019
This bill revises requirements for appointment to the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and reauthorizes the foundation through FY2024. Introduced in Senate Marine Conservation

S. 1008: Sustainable Shark Fisheries and Trade Act of 2019
Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) 4/5/2019
The bill prohibits the importation into the United States of shark products from a nation that does not have measures to provide for the conservation and management of sharks and measures to prohibit shark finning (the removal of a shark's fins, including the tail, and discarding the remainder of the shark at sea) that are comparable to those of the United States. The bill includes exceptions to this prohibition for law enforcement, subsistence purposes, education, conservation, or scientific research. Introduced in Senate Marine Conservation

Outgoing Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL-19) 3/18/2019
This bill prohibits the use of sunscreen containing oxybenzone or octinoxate in a National Marine Sanctuary that contains coral. Subcommittee Hearings Held. Marine Conservation

S. 754: National Fish Habitat Conservation Act of 2019
Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) 3/12/2019
This bill establishes the National Fish Habitat Board to (1) encourage partnerships among public agencies and other interested parties to promote fish conservation, (2) establish national goals and priorities for fish habitat conservation, (3) recommend to Congress entities for designation as a Fish Habitat Partnership, and (4) review and make recommendations regarding fish habitat conservation projects. Introduced in Senate Marine Conservation

H.R. 1664: National Monument CAP Act
Outgoing Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT-1) 3/11/2019
This bill allows the President to declare by public proclamation an object or objects of antiquity (currently, historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest) that are situated on lands owned or controlled by the federal government to be national monuments. "Objects of antiquity" means relics, artifacts, human or animal skeletal remains, fossils, and certain buildings constructed before enactment of this bill. Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Marine Conservation

H.R. 1105: Prevention of Escalation of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act
Rep. Don Young (R-AK-1) 2/27/2019
This bill prohibits a person from shipping, transporting, offering for sale, selling, or purchasing a genetically altered fish (e.g., salmon), or a food product containing those fish, in commerce; having custody, control, or possession of those fish or food products with the intent to ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, or purchase them in commerce; engaging in net-pen aquaculture (pens of fish contained by nets) of those fish; releasing those fish into a natural environment; or having custody, control, or possession of those fish with the intent to release them into a natural environment. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. Marine Conservation

H.R. 92: Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4) 2/6/2019
This bill withdraws specified federal land in Curry and Josephine Counties in Oregon from (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws; (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and (3) operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws. Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Marine Conservation

H.R. 975: Maritime Washington National Heritage Area Act
Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6) 2/5/2019
This bill establishes the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the state of Washington. Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Marine Conservation

S. 282: Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) 1/30/2019
This bill requires the market name of genetically engineered (commonly called genetically modified or GMO) salmon to include Genetically Engineered or GE in front of the existing market name. Introduced in Senate Marine Conservation
This bill reauthorizes the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through FY2024.

Introduced in Senate
Marine Conservation

This bill designates approximately 99,653 acres of Forest Service land in Oregon as the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area.

Introduced in Senate
Marine Conservation

This bill provides FY2019 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), except for the Forest Service, which is included in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill. The bill also provides appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Farm Credit Administration. The bill includes both discretionary and mandatory funding. The mandatory funding levels are generally set by authorizing legislation such as the farm bill and are frequently limited in the agriculture appropriations bill.

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
Marine Conservation

This bill provides $10 billion in FY2020 supplemental appropriations to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Disaster Relief Fund. The bill includes both discretionary and mandatory funding. The mandatory funding levels are generally set by authorizing legislation such as the farm bill and are frequently limited in the agriculture appropriations bill.

Introduced in Senate
Marine Conservation

This bill extends through FY2023 the authority of the Department of the Interior to safeguard taxpayer resources and strengthen the Nation's resilience against severe storms and flooding.

Passed by the Senate
Natural Hazards

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Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
Marine Conservation

This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to update at least once every seven years its environmental sensitivity index products for each coastal area of the Great Lakes. An environmental sensitivity index product is a map or similar tool that is utilized to identify sensitive shoreline resources prior to an oil spill event.

Signed by President.
Natural Hazards

To enhance the Federal Government's planning and preparation for extreme weather and climate change. Specifically, the bill requires the President to establish an interagency National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy, to develop guidance for states and tribes to adopt the 2013 National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy, and to require the Fish and Wildlife Service to develop guidelines to assist fish and wildlife agencies.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 116-662, Part I.
Natural Hazards

To study the effects of new construction of obstructions on accurate weather forecasting, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
Natural Hazards

To establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

Held at the desk.
Natural Hazards

To provide for a National Disaster Safety Board.

Introduced in Senate
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This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to identify and support research that enables a consistent, federal set of forward-looking long-term meteorological information that (1) models future extreme weather events, other environmental trends, projections, and up-to-date observations; and (2) is suitable for specified uses, including federal and nonfederal efforts to develop and adopt standards, building codes, and voluntary certifications.

Introduced in House
Natural Hazards

This bill establishes a centralized location to publish information on disaster mitigation efforts, other environmental trends, projections, and up-to-date observations; and (2) is suitable for specified uses, including federal and nonfederal efforts to develop and adopt standards, building codes, and voluntary certifications.

Introduced in House
Introduction
Natural Hazards

This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to revise the National Flood Insurance Program and has been repeatedly flooded, as specified by the bill, to (1) assess the continuing risks to community areas repeatedly damaged by floods; and (2) develop and implement a publicly available, community-specific plan for mitigating continuing flood risks to such areas.

Introduced in House
Natural Hazards

This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to publish and maintain flood hazard information for all U.S. communities. The bill requires the information to be consistent with existing laws and regulations, and to be made available to the public in an easily accessible format.

Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to (1) revise its 2018-2022 Strategic Plan to ensure that the plan explicitly mentions climate change and addresses the implications of climate change on homeland security and near- and long-term national disaster risk; and (2) ensure that future strategic plans do likewise.

Introduced in House
Natural Hazards

This bill makes the District of Columbia eligible to receive federal coastal zone management funding, including flood mitigation and prevention funds.

Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-321.
Natural Hazards

This bill generally revises the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and reauthorizes the program through FY2024. Among other things, the bill expands the NFIP mapping program, establishes capitalization grants for states to provide low-interest loans, establishes pilot programs for means-tested flood insurance rates and community-based NFIP coverage, and revises continuous coverage requirements.

Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

This bill authorizes grant programs to increase the resiliency of water infrastructure systems for increasing their resilience to natural hazards. Specifically, it requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grant program for increasing the resilience of publicly owned treatment works to natural hazards. The bill revises the EPA’s Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act to require the EPA to administer the grant program.

Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Financial Services. H. Rept. 116-261. Part II.
Natural Hazards

This bill authorizes the U.S. Coast Guard to take into account the impacts of Hurricane Michael for the purpose of modifying the contract to construct offshore patrol cutters if it facilitates national security.

Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

This bill establishes a centralized location to publish information on disaster assistance provided by federal agencies.

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
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Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget to submit an annual report to Congress on all disaster-related assistance provided by the federal government. The report must include all federal obligations related to disaster response, recovery, mitigation efforts, and administrative costs associated with these activities for specified agencies and programs.

Receive in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Natural Hazards

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Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards
This bill requires a community that participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and has been repeatedly flooded, as specified by the bill, to (1) assess the continuing risks to community areas repeatedly damaged by floods; and (2) develop and implement a publicly available, community-specific plan for mitigating continuing flood risks to such areas.

Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

H.R. 3258: Flood Insurance Integrity Act of 2019
Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12) 6/13/2019
This bill directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review every four years the rate tables established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for implementing the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The GAO must determine whether (1) the chargeable premium rates for flood insurance coverage are actuarially sound, based on standard actuarial practices used in the private sector; and (2) such chargeable premium rates are sufficient to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of NFIP.

Introduced in House
Natural Hazards

H.R. 3148: Fair Flood Insurance Act of 2019
This bill exempts from rulemaking the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) implementation of monthly premium payment schedules for flood insurance. FEMA may implement this schedule as a pilot program. The Government Accountability Office must report on the costs associated with monthly payment of premiums. FEMA must annually report on these costs.

Introduced in House
Natural Hazards

S. 1734: Flood Prevention Act of 2019
Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE) 6/5/2019
This bill makes the District of Columbia eligible to receive federal coastal zone management funding, including flood mitigation and prevention funds.

Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

H.R. 1091: National Flood Research and Education Center Act
This bill establishes within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) a National Flood Research and Education Center (NFREC). NFREC must include (1) an office within NOAA, (2) a public university or college selected by NOAA to serve as the lead partner institution, and (3) a consortium of other public universities or colleges selected by NOAA and the lead partner institution based on their ability to fulfill specific purposes of NFREC.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
Natural Hazards

This bill reauthorizes the National Flood Insurance Program through June 14, 2019. The bill shall take effect as if it had been enacted on May 31, 2019.

Became Public Law No: 116-19.
Natural Hazards

S. 1533: National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act
Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) 5/16/2019
This bill reauthorizes the National Flood Insurance Program through December 1, 2020. The bill shall take effect as if it had been enacted on May 31, 2019.

Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) 5/16/2019
This bill reauthorizes the National Flood Insurance Program through September 30, 2019. The bill shall take effect as if it had been enacted on May 31, 2019.

Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

This bill reauthorizes the National Flood Insurance Program through September 30, 2019. The bill shall take effect as if it had been enacted on May 31, 2019.

Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 93.
Natural Hazards

H.R. 2551: Great Lakes Environmental Sensitivity Index Act of 2019
Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI-5) 5/7/2019
This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to update at least every seven years its environmental sensitivity index products for each coastal area of the Great Lakes. An environmental sensitivity index product is a map or similar tool that is utilized to identify sensitive shoreline resources prior to an oil spill event.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
Natural Hazards

S. 1276: Flood Mapping Modernization and Homeowner Empowerment Pilot Program Act of 2019
Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL) 5/1/2019
This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to carry out a pilot program to make grants to local governments to (1) enhance the mapping of urban flooding and associated property damage; and (2) increase the availability of such maps to homeowners, businesses, and localities to enable them to minimize urban flooding risk.

Introduced in Senate
Natural Hazards

H.R. 2462: Flood Mapping Modernization and Homeowner Empowerment Pilot Program Act of 2019
Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL-5) 5/1/2019
This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to carry out a pilot program to make grants to local governments to enhance the mapping of urban flooding and associated property damage and the availability of such mapping data to homeowners, businesses, and localities to enable them to minimize flooding risk. The grants may only be made to local governments in urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000 or to stormwater management authorities in those localities.

Natural Hazards

H.R. 2318: Flood Insurance Rate Map Interagency Technology Act of 2019 or the FRM IT Act of 2019
Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8) 4/12/2019
This bill modifies technical requirements for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) rate maps. Specifically, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must consult with the Department of Defense, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to obtain information relevant to NFIP rate maps, FEMA may include this data, as well as specified property survey information, in NFIP rate maps. The format of NFIP rate maps must conform to specified data and protocols.

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<td>S. 1144</td>
<td>Flood Insurance Rate Map Interagency Technology Act of 2019</td>
<td>Sen. Marco Rubio</td>
<td>4/11/2019</td>
<td>This bill modifies technical requirements for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) rate maps. Specifically, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must consult with the Department of Defense, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to obtain information relevant to NFIP rate maps. FEMA may include this data, as well as specified property survey information, in NFIP rate maps. The format of NFIP rate maps must conform to specified data and protocols.</td>
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<td>S. 1000</td>
<td>Disaster Opportunity Zones Act</td>
<td>Sen. Marco Rubio</td>
<td>4/3/2019</td>
<td>This bill allows a certain number of population census tracts comprising a low-income community within a qualified disaster zone to be designated as additional opportunity zones.</td>
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<td>S. 810</td>
<td>COASTAL Implementation Act of 2019</td>
<td>Sen. Roger Wicker</td>
<td>3/14/2019</td>
<td>This bill revises the authority of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to conduct scientific assessments related to storms, including to (1) direct NOAA to seek public input before the Named Storm Event Model (the official meteorological and oceanographic computerized model that replicates the winds, rainfall, and storm surges associated with named storms/stakes effect, (2) authorize the deployment of sensors to enhance data collection in coastal states that are at highest risk of experiencing indeterminate losses from an identified named storm, and (3) authorize separate post-storm assessments for each coastal state that is impacted by a single storm.</td>
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<td>S. 811</td>
<td>Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Border Security and Disaster Relief, 2019</td>
<td>Sen. Marco Rubio</td>
<td>3/14/2019</td>
<td>This bill provides FY2019 supplemental appropriations to several federal departments and agencies for expenses related to natural disasters and border security. The funding provided by this bill is designated as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits.</td>
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<td>H.R. 1666</td>
<td>To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to allow for the consideration of private flood insurance for the purposes of applying continuous coverage requirements, and for other purposes.</td>
<td>Rep. Kathy Castor</td>
<td>3/11/2019</td>
<td>This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to consider any period during which a property was continuously covered by either private flood insurance or flood insurance offered through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to be a period of continuous insurance coverage, including for the purposes of NFIP subsidies.</td>
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<td>H.R. 1610</td>
<td>State Flood Mitigation Revolving Fund Act of 2019</td>
<td>Rep. Charlie Crist</td>
<td>3/7/2019</td>
<td>This bill permits the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide capitalization grants to states. These grants must establish revolving funds to address flood risks. Revolving funds may be used to provide financial assistance to participants in the National Flood Insurance Program, including homeowners, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local governments; or (2) support for federal waterways.</td>
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<td>S. 572</td>
<td>Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief, 2019</td>
<td>Sen. David Perdue</td>
<td>2/26/2019</td>
<td>This bill provides FY2019 supplemental appropriations to several federal departments and agencies for expenses related to the consequences of recent wildfires, hurricanes, volcanoes, earthquakes, typhoons, and other natural disasters. The funding provided by this bill is designated as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.</td>
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<td>H.R. 1148</td>
<td>2018 Natural Disasters Tax Relief Act</td>
<td>Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC)</td>
<td>2/11/2019</td>
<td>This bill permits penalty-free distributions from tax-exempt retirement plans for disaster-related purposes. It also allows an employer whose business was closed during a natural disaster an employee retention credit for 40% of the first $6,000 in wages paid to an eligible employee.</td>
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<td>H.Res. 112</td>
<td>Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that sea level rise and flooding are of urgent concern impacting Florida that require proactive measures for community planning and the States tourism-based economy to adapt.</td>
<td>Outgoing Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL)</td>
<td>2/7/2019</td>
<td>This resolution: (1) acknowledges the significance of sea-level rise and flooding throughout communities across the country and in Florida, and (2) affirms the need for greater adaptation funding and the incorporation of historical flooding and sea-level rise projections into planning.</td>
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<td>H.R. 876</td>
<td>Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2019</td>
<td>Rep. Peter DeFazio</td>
<td>1/30/2019</td>
<td>This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a plan for the purchase and installation of an earthquake early warning system for the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The term “Cascadia Subduction Zone” means the landward-dipping fault that is approximately 684 miles long, separates the Juan De Fuca and North America plates, and stretches along a portion of the western coast of the United States beginning off Cape Mendocino, California, along the states of Oregon and Washington, to Northern Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.</td>
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This bill modifies coverage requirements under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The bill allows certain local variances from compliance with elevation and flood-proofing requirements for agricultural structures located in special flood hazard zones. The chargeable premium rate for coverage of a structure given a variance shall be the same as would otherwise apply if the structure had been dry floodproofed.

Introduced in House

Natural Hazards

H.R. 536: Hurricane Florence Tax Relief Act

Outgoing Rep. George Holding (R-NC-2)

1/14/2019

This bill allows various tax credits, tax deductions, and modifications to existing rules for individuals and businesses affected by Hurricane Florence.

Introduced in House

Natural Hazards

H.R. 472: Community Mapping Act

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-3)

1/10/2019

The bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish standards for the development of alternative flood insurance rate maps by local and state governments. FEMA must consider recommendations made by the Technical Mapping Advisory Council when establishing these standards. FEMA must approve the use of these alternative maps under the National Flood Insurance Program.

Introduced in House

Natural Hazards

H.R. 469: To require the use of replacement cost value in determining the premium rates for flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Act, and for other purposes.

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-3)

1/10/2019

This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to incorporate the replacement cost value of a structure insured under the National Flood Insurance Program of 1968 in its consideration of chargeable premium rates.

Introduced in House

Natural Hazards

H.R. 342: Flood Insurance Rate Map Interagency Technology Act of 2019 or the FIRM IT Act of 2019

Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8)

1/8/2019

This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency to consult with the Department of Defense, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to obtain information relevant to National Flood Insurance Program rate maps.

Introduced in House

Natural Hazards


Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

1/3/2019

This bill establishes a National Commission on the Federal Response to Natural Disasters in Puerto Rico to examine the federal preparedness, response, and recovery to the 2017 natural disasters in Puerto Rico.

Introduced in Senate

Natural Hazards


Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY-7)

1/3/2019

This bill establishes a National Commission on the Federal Response to Natural Disasters in Puerto Rico to examine the federal preparedness, response, and recovery with respect to the 2017 natural disasters in Puerto Rico.


Natural Hazards

H.R. 1317: Coastal Communities Adaptation Act of 2019

Outgoing Rep. Harley Rouda (D-CA-48)

2/22/2019

This bill provides assistance to coastal states and communities to help them adapt to climate change and extreme weather. Specifically, it revises the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program. For example, the bill requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology to award research and development grants under the program for the purpose of improving the resilience and responsiveness of buildings, structures, and lifelines to windstorms.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

Natural Hazards, Climate Change

H.R. 855: Strengthening The Resilience of Our Nation on the Ground Act or the STRONG Act

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52)

1/29/2019

This bill requires the Office of Science and Technology Policy of the Executive Office of the President to establish an interagency working group to (1) provide a strategic vision of extreme weather resilience; (2) conduct an analysis of current and planned federal activities related to achieving short- and long-term resilience to extreme weather and its impacts on the United States, such as flooding, drought, and wildfires; and (3) develop a National Extreme Weather Resilience Action Plan.


Natural Hazards, Energy and Mineral Resources, Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 2352: Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-23)

4/22/2019

This bill addresses issues related to preventing and responding to oil spills.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

Natural Hazards, Ocean and Coastal Management, Ocean Exploration and Observation

S. 2474: Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2020

Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

9/12/2019

This bill provides FY2020 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities. The bill excludes military construction, military family housing, civil works projects of the Army Corps of Engineers, and nuclear warheads, which are all considered in other appropriations bills.

Committee on Appropriations. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Shelby. With written report No. 116-103.

Natural Hazards, Science Funding

S. 2346: Fishery Failures: Urgently Needed Disaster Declarations Act

Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)

7/30/2019

This bill revises the review process for making fishery resource disaster determinations. Among other things, the bill maintains the authority of the Department of Commerce to determine the existence of a fishery disaster; sets forth requirements for initiating a request for a fishery resource disaster review; provides a 120-day time frame for Commerce to evaluate a request, beginning either upon receipt or at the close of the fishery season, if the fishery season closes; establishes criteria for Commerce to use when making a determination about whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred; lists eligible uses of fishery disaster relief funds, including for habitat conservation and restoration that reduce adverse impacts to a fishery; and adds additional reporting requirements related to U.S. fishery management.

Held at the desk.

Ocean and Coastal Management
S. 906: Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act
Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) 3/27/2019 This bill addresses certain driftnet fishing. (Driftnet fishing is a method of fishing in which a gillnet composed of a panel or panels of webbing, or a series of such gillnets, is placed in the water and allowed to drift with the currents and winds for the purpose of entangling fish in the webbing.) Veto message received in Senate. Ordered held at the desk. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 3723: Desalination Development Act
Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49) 7/11/2019 To promote desalination project development and drought resilience, and for other purposes. Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-668, Part I. Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 1730: Living Shorelines Act of 2020
Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) 6/5/2019 This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to award grants to states or local governments, Indian tribes, or nonprofit organizations to (1) implement climate-resilient living shoreline projects; and (2) encourage innovation in the use of natural materials to protect coastal communities, habitats, and natural system functions. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-327. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 4679: Climate-Ready Fisheries Act of 2019
Outgoing Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC-1) 10/15/2019 This bill directs the Government Accountability Office to examine efforts by the Regional Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the National Marine Fisheries Service to prepare and adapt fisheries for the impacts of climate change. Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-642. Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 4985: Trillion Trees and Natural Carbon Storage Act
Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) 12/9/2020 To establish forestry policies that facilitate reforestation, conservation, international cooperation, and other ecologically sound management practices that reduce atmospheric carbon, to support United States efforts in partnership with the One Trillion Trees Initiative, to encourage the sustainable management, restoration, and conservation of global forests, grasslands, wetlands, and coastal habitats, and for other purposes. Introduced in Senate Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 8816: Retirement Investments for a Sustainable Economy Act of 2020 or the RISE Act of 2020
Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI-13) 11/20/2020 This bill establishes a new fund “the Climate Choice Stock Index Fund” as an investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan. Introduced in House Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 7954: Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2020
Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH-1) 8/7/2020 This bill extends through FY2025 authority for debt-for-nature swaps and debt buyback programs that reduce or convert debt obligations from eligible countries to investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 8775: Salton Sea Public Health and Environmental Protection Act of 2020
Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36) 11/18/2020 To require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain measures with respect to protecting the Salton Sea, and for other purposes. Introduced in House Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 3591: America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020

S. 3051: America's Conservation Enhancement Act
Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) 12/12/2019 To improve protections for wildlife, and for other purposes. Became Public Law No: 116-188. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 8672: Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act
Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI-2) 10/23/2020 This bill adds Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and increases council membership from 21 to 23 members. The council is not given authority over the fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean seaward of Rhode Island. Introduced in House Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 8632: Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act of 2020
Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3) 10/20/2020 To direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to provide for ocean-based climate solutions to reduce carbon emissions and global warming; to make coastal communities more resilient; and to provide for the conservation and restoration of ocean and coastal habitats, biodiversity, and marine mammal and fish populations; and for other purposes. Committee Hearings Held. Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 4804: Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act of 2020
Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) 10/19/2020 This bill adds Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and increases council membership from 21 to 23 members. The council is not given authority over the fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean seaward of Rhode Island. Introduced in Senate Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 4403: A bill to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes.
Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) 8/5/2020 This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and revises the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003, which provided grants to Maryland and Louisiana for a program to eradicate or control nutria (a type of rodent). The program also provided grants to restore marshland damaged by nutria. The bill revises the grant program, including by expanding the program to include grants for eradicating nutria in any state that has demonstrated a need for the program as well as grants for restoring wetlands or agricultural lands damaged by nutria. Held at the desk. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 4479: To rename the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.
Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-9) 9/24/2019 This bill renames the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation as the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ocean and Coastal Management
Sets forth the rule for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 925) to extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024.

Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 225 - 188 (Roll no. 213).
H.R. 7515: Maritime Transportation System Emergency Relief Act of 2020  
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4)  
7/9/2020  
This bill authorizes the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) to provide financial assistance to states and maritime industry entities during an emergency such as COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 7450: Prevent Harmful Algal Blooms Act  
Rep. Charlie Crist (D-FL-13)  
7/1/2020  
This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to designate organizations as National Centers of Excellence in Harmful Algal Bloom Research, Prevention, Response, and Mitigation. An algal bloom is a rapid growth of algae that may create toxic or hypoxic (severely low-oxygen) conditions that are harmful to humans, animals, aquatic ecosystems, and the economy.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 4144: Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2020  
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)  
7/1/2020  
To amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.  
Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

Outgoing Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D-FL-26)  
6/26/2020  
To require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to benefit coastal habitats, resiliency, and the economy, and for other purposes.  
Committee Hearings Held.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 7220: Hudson River Climate Change Protection Act  
Rep. Sean Maloney (D-NY-18)  
6/15/2020  
To require the Corps of Engineers to include study of the impacts of sea-level rise and low-frequency precipitation events in addition to the impacts of coastal hurricanes in certain studies, and for other purposes.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 7167: Pandemic Fishery Disaster Response Act  
Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME-2)  
6/11/2020  
To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add a pandemic as a potential cause of a fishery resource disaster.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 3939: Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act  
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
6/11/2020  
To establish the Interagency Working Group on Coastal Blue Carbon, and for other purposes.  
Introduced in Senate  
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 7092: Great American Outdoors Act  
Outgoing Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC-1)  
6/4/2020  
This bill establishes the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to support deferred maintenance projects on federal lands. For FY2021-FY2025, there shall be deposited into the fund an amount equal to 50% of all federal revenues from the development of oil, gas, coal, or alternative or renewable energy on federal lands and waters. Deposited amounts must not exceed $1.9 billion for any fiscal year.  
Introduced in House  
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 1218: American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act  
Rep. Don Young (R-AK-3)  
2/13/2019  
This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to advise on an existing grant program to address the needs of fishing communities, optimize economic benefits by building and maintaining sustainable fisheries, and increase opportunities to keep working waterfords viable.  
Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-428.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 6898: Innovative Materials for America's Growth and Infrastructure Newly Expanded Act of 2020 or the IMAGINE Act  
Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-1)  
5/15/2020  
This bill encourages the use of innovative construction materials and techniques to accelerate the deployment, extend the service life, improve the performance, and reduce the cost of domestic transportation and water infrastructure projects.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 6710: Clarifying Easement Requirements for Existing Projects Act  
Rep. Charlie Crist (D-FL-13)  
5/5/2020  
To modify certain requirements of the Corps of Engineers relating to periodic nourishment of private beaches, and for other purposes.  
Introduced in House  
Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 3603: SLITHER Act  
Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
5/5/2020  
To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to require the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force to develop a priority list for reducing, mitigating, and controlling invasive species within the South Florida ecosystem, and for other purposes.  
Introduced in Senate  
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 6191: Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act or the AQUAA Act  
Outgoing Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN-7)  
3/11/2020  
This bill establishes national standards for sustainable offshore aquaculture. The bill directs the Department of Commerce to create an Office of Offshore Aquaculture within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to coordinate regulatory, scientific, outreach, and international issues related to aquaculture. The bill also establishes a unified permitting and review process for aquaculture operations.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  
Ocean and Coastal Management

S.Res. 537: A resolution encouraging the Trump Administration to maintain protections under the National Environmental Policy Act and reverse ongoing administrative actions to weaken this landmark law and its protections for American communities.  
Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE)  
3/10/2020  
This resolution supports the continued enforcement of environmental review requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act.  
Introduced in Senate  
Ocean and Coastal Management
This bill addresses the distribution of revenues collected from oil and gas leasing on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and the Alaska OCS. Specifically, the bill increases the revenue to states (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) that receive from certain federal oil and leases in the Gulf of Mexico and eliminates the revenue sharing cap; exempts from sequestration payments of such revenue to Gulf states; allocates revenue from energy development in the Alaska OCS to Alaska for specified purposes, including mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; and eliminates the 2% fee that the federal government currently deducts from a state's share to cover administrative or other costs.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski with amendments. Without written report.

H.R. 5896: Great Lakes Winter Commerce Act of 2020

Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8) 2/13/2020

This bill directs the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes in accordance with specific performance standards. Specifically, the Coast Guard must keep channels and harbors in the Great Lakes open to navigation not less than 90% of the hours that commercial vessels transit ice-covered waterways; in a year in which the Great Lakes are not open to navigation because of ice of a thickness that occurs on average only once every 10 years, keep channels and harbors open to navigation at least 70% of the hours that commercial vessels transit ice-covered waterways; and coordinate Great Lakes icebreaking operations with operators of commercial vessels.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

H.R. 5853: Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area Act

Rep. A. Donald "Donald" McEachin (D-VA-4) 2/11/2020

This bill directs the Department of the Interior to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating a study area comprised of cities and counties in Virginia and counties in North Carolina as a National Heritage Area to be known as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area.

Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R. 839: Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service.

Rep. Mike Sherrill (D-NJ-11) 2/7/2020

This resolution recognizes that the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies have been indispensable to the quality of life in the United States from the local to the federal level for 150 years.

Introduced in House

H.R. 1620: Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization Act

Rep. Elaine Luria (D-VA-2) 3/7/2019

This bill reauthorizes the Chesapeake Bay Program through FY2025.

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1132: San Francisco Bay Restoration Act

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14) 2/6/2019

This bill provides support for the protection and restoration of the San Francisco Bay estuary and the recovery of certain species in the estuary.

Received in the Senate.

H.R. 2247: Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act or the PUGET SOS Act

Outgoing Rep. Denny Heck (D-WA-10) 4/10/2019

This bill provides support for the protection and restoration of the Puget Sound, an estuary in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Washington. Specifically, the bill establishes (1) a Puget Sound Recovery National Program Office within the Environmental Protection Agency; and (2) the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, which replaces the existing Puget Sound Federal Task Force. Finally, the bill establishes a State Advisory Committee.

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5684: To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD-3) 1/27/2020

To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

H.R. 5589: Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1) 1/13/2020

To establish an Interagency Working Group on Coastal Blue Carbon, and for other purposes.

Committee Hearings Held.

S. 3171: Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-Rh) 1/9/2020

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

Introduced in Senate

H.R. 5548: Fishery Failures: Urgently Needed Disaster Declarations Act

Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2) 1/7/2020

To improve the Fishery Resource Disaster Relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes.

Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R. 4719: Funding Instruction for Safety, Health, and Security Avoids Fishing Emergencies Act


This bill reauthorizes through FY2021 and expands the Department of Health and Human Services fishing safety training and research grant programs. The bill increases the maximum federal share of the costs of any activity that may be carried out using grants under the programs to 75%. Currently, the federal share must not exceed 50%. This change is retroactive to December 5, 2018.

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 877: Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2019

Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) 3/26/2019

This bill makes it illegal to possess, buy, sell, or transport shark fins or any product containing shark fins, except for certain dogfish fins. A person may possess a shark fin that was lawfully taken consistent with a license or permit under certain circumstances.


H.R. 729: Coastal and Great Lakes Communities Resiliency Act

Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6) 1/23/2019

To improve the Fishery Resource Disaster relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes.

Submitted to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.Res. 748: Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 729) 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.


This resolution sets forth the rule for consideration of H.R. 729 (Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act).

Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 226 - 189 (Roll no. 658). (text: CR H9956-9957)

Ocean and Coastal Management
This bill addresses the use of descending devices to release reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico. This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force that will be designed to identify and address critical working waterfront needs with respect to cultural and economic importance, environmental threats, and market conditions for water-dependent businesses.

This bill directs the Department of Commerce to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force that will be designed to identify and address critical working waterfront needs with respect to cultural and economic importance, environmental threats, and market conditions for water-dependent businesses.

This bill directs the Department of Commerce to establish a modified fishery management plan for the commercial and recreational management of summer flounder, or an amendment to the plan, that is based on the best scientific information available; establishes commercial quotas in direct proportion to the distribution, abundance, and location of summer flounder as reflected by fishery independent surveys conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service and state agencies; considers regional, coastwide, or other management measures that comply with national standards under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and prohibits the establishment of commercial catch quotas on a state-by-state basis using historical landings data that does not reflect the status of the summer flounder stock, based on the most recent scientific information.

This bill requires the consideration of factors related to climate change when selecting remedial actions for the cleanup of Superfund sites (sites contaminated with hazardous substances). Specifically, the potential threat to human health and the environment associated with local natural disasters and extreme weather hazards, including those exacerbated by climate change, must be taken into account when selecting remedial actions.

This bill directs the Bureau of Reclamation to provide financial assistance to states for the purchase, establishment, operation, or maintenance of watercraft inspection and decontamination stations. Specifically, the potential threat to human health and the environment associated with local natural disasters and extreme weather hazards, including those exacerbated by climate change, must be taken into account when selecting remedial actions.

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This bill directs the Department of Commerce to establish a modified fishery management plan for the commercial and recreational management of summer flounder, or an amendment to the plan, that is based on the best scientific information available; establishes commercial quotas in direct proportion to the distribution, abundance, and location of summer flounder as reflected by fishery independent surveys conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service and state agencies; considers regional, coastwide, or other management measures that comply with national standards under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and prohibits the establishment of commercial catch quotas on a state-by-state basis using historical landings data that does not reflect the status of the summer flounder stock, based on the most recent scientific information.

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To reauthorize the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009, and for other purposes. Introduced in Senate

To amend title 46, United States Code, to exclude certain aquaculture workers from treatment as seamen for the purpose of liability in the event of injury or death, and for other purposes. Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

This bill directs the Department of the Interior to establish an outdoor recreation legacy partnership grant program under which Interior may award grants to states, certain political subdivisions of a state, special purpose districts, or certain Native American tribes for projects to (1) acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes, and (2) develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to implement a competitive grant program focused on interdisciplinary coastal resilience and strengthen the resilience of coastal ecosystems. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/01/2019 without amendment. With written report No. 116-77.

This bill requires the Fish and Wildlife Service to establish the Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense program. Among other duties, the program must establish and carry out a grant and technical assistance program to restore and protect habitat for fish and wildlife in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Introduced in Senate

This bill allows the Department of the Army to acquire fill material for beach erosion and nourishment purposes from non-domestic sources even if such materials are available from domestic sources. Introduced in Senate

This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to advise on an existing grant program to address the needs of fishing communities, optimize economic benefits by building and maintaining sustainable fisheries, and increase opportunities to keep working waterfronts viable. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/01/2019 without amendment. With written report No. 116-77.

This resolution designates the week of September 14–September 21, 2019, as "National Estuaries Week". Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5518; text: CR S55317)

To provide a definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes. Introduced in Senate

A resolution celebrating 50 years of environmental progress in the Cuyahoga River Valley and Lake Erie. Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S5514; text: CR S5514)

This resolution celebrates 50 years of environmental progress in the Cuyahoga River Valley and Lake Erie. In addition, the resolution expresses the Senate's commitment to improve the Great Lakes Basin's ecosystem health, drinking water quality, and wastewater infrastructure. Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S5514; text: CR S5514)


This bill directs the Department of Commerce to provide compensation to American tribes for projects to (1) acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes, and (2) develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities. Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Stabenow under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/25/2019 without amendment. With written report No. 116-53.

This bill reauthorizes the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide fishery failures that are due to certain duties, and for other purposes. Introduced in Senate

S. 2591: Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense Act of 2019
Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
9/26/2019
Introduced in Senate

S. 2460: Sand Acquisition, Nourishment, and Development Act or the SAND Act
Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)
9/11/2019
Introduced in Senate

S. 494: American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act
Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
2/14/2019
Introduced in Senate

S. 4766: Shellfish Aquaculture Improvement Act of 2019
Rep. Don Young (R-AK)
10/18/2019
Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

S. 4512: Outdoors for All Act
Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44)
9/26/2019
Subcommittee Hearings Held.

S. 435: South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019
Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18)
1/8/2019
Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 295: Define WOTUS Act of 2019
Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)
10/24/2019
To reauthorize the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2459: Outdoors for All Act
Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)
1/8/2019
Introduced in Senate

S. 2356: Define WOTUS Act of 2019
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
8/1/2019
Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S55318; text: CR S55317)

S. 2295: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019 or the GLRI Act of 2019
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
7/25/2019
Introduced in Senate

H.R. 4512: Outdoors for All Act
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H.R. 335: South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019
Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18)
1/8/2019
Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3529: Creating Opportunity And Sustainability Through Science Act
Rep. John Katko (R-NY-24)
7/25/2019
Introduced in Senate

H.R. 4032: Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Act of 2019
Rep. John Katko (R-NY-24)
7/25/2019
Introduced in Senate

H.R. 3918: Creating Opportunity And Sustainability Through Science Act
Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA-6)
7/23/2019
Introduced in Senate

S. 2209: Commercial Fishing and Aquaculture Protection Act of 2019
Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)
7/25/2019
Introduced in Senate

S. 2699: Ocean, Coastal, and Estuarine Acidification Necessitates Research Act of 2019
Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)
10/24/2019
To reauthorize the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2209: Commercial Fishing and Aquaculture Protection Act of 2019
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
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S. 2356: Define WOTUS Act of 2019
Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)
7/31/2019
To provide a definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 2876: Sustainability Through Science Act
Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18)
1/8/2019
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H.R. 3514: To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide disaster relief for commercial fishery failures that are due to certain duties, and for other purposes.

Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA-6) 6/26/2019 This bill authorizes the Department of Commerce to provide disaster relief for commercial fishery failures that occur because of an increase in duties on U.S. seafood or fish products imposed as retaliation for increases in duties imposed by the United States. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 3384: Coral Reef Sustainability Through Innovation Act of 2019

Rep. Ed Case (D-HI-1) 6/20/2019 This bill authorizes the federal agencies on the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, which includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to carry out prize competitions that promote coral reef research and conservation. The prize competitions must be designed to help the United States achieve its goal of developing new and effective ways to advance the understanding, monitoring, and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 1922: Coral Sustainability Through Innovation Act of 2019

Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) 6/20/2019 This bill authorizes the federal agencies on the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, which includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to carry out prize competitions that promote coral reef research and conservation. The prize competitions must be designed to help the United States achieve its goal of developing new and effective ways to advance the understanding, monitoring, and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems. Introduced in Senate Ocean and Coastal Management

H.Res. 454: Calling upon the United States Senate to give its advice and consent to the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT-2) 6/20/2019 This resolution expresses support for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as a priority for the United States and urges the U.S. Senate to consent to its ratification. Introduced in House Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 3324: Prioritizing Revised Operations To Eliminate Cyanobacteria Toxins in Florida Act or the PROTECT Florida Act

Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18) 6/18/2019 This bill modifies requirements regarding water infrastructure projects in central and southern Florida. Specifically, the Army Corps of Engineers must include in such projects specified public health considerations, including those related to cyanobacteria and other toxins. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 3297: Harmful Algal Bloom Essential Forecasting Act

Outgoing Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL-19) 6/14/2019 To amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to clarify that during a lapse in appropriations certain services relating to the Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecasting System are excepted services under the Anti-Deficiency Act, and for other purposes. Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 3140: Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Clarification Act

Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1) 6/5/2019 To amend title 46, United States Code, to set standards for the operation of uninspected commercial fishing vessels, and for other purposes. Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. Ocean and Coastal Management

S.Res. 174: A resolution expressing support for the National Fishing and Boating Week; and (2) recognizes that the recreational boating community and uninsured commercial fishing vessels, and for other purposes.

4/30/2019 This resolution (1) designates the week of June 1-June 9, 2019, as National Fishing and Boating Week. Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a roll call by Unanimous Consent (text: CR 04/30/2019 S2523). Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 988: National Estuaries and Acidification Research Act of 2019 or the NEAR Act of 2019

Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8) 2/6/2019 This bill directs the Department of Commerce to arrange for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a study that: examines the existing science of ocean acidification in estuarine environments, examines the challenges to studying ocean acidification and acidification's interactions with other environment stressors in estuarine environments, provides recommendations for improving future research with respect to ocean acidification in estuarine environments, and identifies pathways for applying science in management and mitigation decisions related to ocean acidification in those environments. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 1711: Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2019

Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) 3/13/2019 This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to conduct and update at least once every seven years an ocean acidification coastal community vulnerability assessment with a corresponding public report. The assessment must identify (1) U.S. coastal communities that are most dependent on coastal and ocean resources that may be impacted by ocean acidification; (2) the nature of those communities’ vulnerabilities, including the economic impact on local or regional commercial fisheries and recreational opportunities; and (3) key knowledge gaps where research could be devoted to better understand the possible ocean acidification impacts and possible adaptation strategies for the communities. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ocean and Coastal Management


Rep. Sean Maloney (D-NY-18) 5/22/2019 This bill revises certain standards for shipping safety with respect to vessel operations. Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 1410: Funding Instruction for Safety, Health, and Security Avoids Fishing Emergencies Act or the FISH SAFE Act

Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) 5/9/2019 This bill authorizes through FY2021 and expands the Department of Health and Human Services fishing safety training and research grant programs. Introduced in Senate Ocean and Coastal Management
H.R. 2658: Commercial Fishing and Seafood Business Act of 2019
Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA-1) 5/9/2019

This bill exempts certain H-2B visas from the annual cap of 66,000 on such visas. The exemption applies to H-2B visas issued to nonimmigrant aliens for employment (1) on a commercial fishing vessel or shrimp trawler; or (2) in the processing of fish, baitfish, or fishery products. (An H-2B visa is for an alien entering the United States to perform nonagricultural temporary labor, where the alien has no intention of abandoning the alien’s residence in a foreign country.)

Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.  Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 1291: Fishing Equipment Tax Relief Act of 2019
Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) 5/2/2019

This bill reduces from 10% to 3% the excise tax rate that applies to the sale of portable, electronically-activated bait containers by the manufacturer, producer, or importer.

Introduced in Senate  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 2467: Keep Finfish Free Act of 2019
Rep. Don Young (R-AK-1) 5/1/2019

This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce from authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, except in accordance with a law enacted after enactment of this bill.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 1269: Maritime SAFE Act
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) 5/1/2019

To address the threat to national security from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and associated illegal activity, to prevent the illegal trade of seafood and seafood products, and for other purposes.

Introduced in Senate  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 2406: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2019
Rep. Ed Case (D-HI-1) 4/30/2019

This bill addresses the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps. The bill sets forth new requirements for the corps, including requirements concerning commissioned grades and operational strength numbers, obligated service, training and physical fitness, education loan assistance, recruitment, hiring and promotions, retirement and separation, and other workforce issues.

Ordered to be reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 14.  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 2396: Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4) 4/30/2019

This bill provides a discretionary spending limit adjustment for full utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to ensure that funds are used to support navigation and maintain federally authorized harbors.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 2425: Shellfish Aquaculture Improvement Act of 2019
Rep. Don Young (R-AK-1) 4/30/2019

This bill limits recovery for certain injuries sustained by an aquaculture worker if state workers’ compensation is available to such individual. (An aquaculture worker is an individual employed by commercial enterprises involved in the controlled cultivation and harvest of aquatic plants and animals, including the clearing, processing or canning of fish and fish products, the cultivation and harvesting of shellfish, and the controlled growing and harvesting of other aquatic species.)

Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 2141: Great Lakes Agricultural Stewardship Act
Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI-7) 4/8/2019

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a Great Lakes basin initiative for agricultural nonpoint source pollution prevention. (Nonpoint source pollution comes from diffuse sources and is caused by precipitation moving over or through the ground and carrying pollutants.)

Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 1979: Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to conduct a transition program to facilitate the phase out of large-scale drift net fishing in the U.S. exclusive economic zone and to promote the adoption of alternative fishing practices that minimize the incidental catch of living marine resources. (Large-scale drift net fishing is a method of fishing in which a gillnet composed of a panel or panels of webbing, or a series of such gillnets, with a total length of 2.5 kilometers or more is placed in the water and allowed to drift with the currents and winds for the purpose of entangling fish in the webbing.)

Subcommittee Hearings Held.  Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 701: Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization Act
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) 3/7/2019

This bill reauthorizes the Chesapeake Bay Program through FY2024.

Introduced in Senate  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.Res. 175: Expressing support for the designation of the week of June 1, 2019, through June 9, 2019, as National Fishing and Boating Week.
Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH-14) 3/5/2019

This resolution supports the designation of National Fishing and Boating Week and recognizes that the recreational boating community and the boating industry should be commended for their numerous contributions to the economy, the well-being of citizens, and responsible environmental stewardship of water resources.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 1326: ACCESS Act
Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5) 2/22/2019

This bill reauthorizes, authorizes, and establishes entities and activities for the conservation of fish and wildlife and opportunities for hunting and recreational shooting.

Subcommittee Hearings Held.  Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 1242: Cormorant Relief Act
Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI-1) 2/14/2019

This bill provides statutory authority for certain regulations that allow for the taking of double-crested cormorants (birds) to protect fish at aquaculture facilities and to protect public resources (e.g., fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats).

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.  Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 446: Great Lakes Fishery Research Authorization Act
Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) 2/12/2019

This bill authorizes the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct monitoring, scientific assessments, and research in support of fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin between the United States and Canada.

Introduced in Senate  Ocean and Coastal Management
S.Res. 66: A resolution rejecting the use of Government shutdowns.
Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
2/11/2019
This resolution rejects the use of government shutdowns as a negotiating tactic. It also affirms that government shutdowns (1) cause unnecessary pain to federal workers and the people of the United States, and (2) should never be resorted to again.
Introduced in Senate
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 1137: To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to repeal the authority relating to reprogramming during national emergencies.
Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3)
2/11/2019
This bill repeals the authority of the President to divert certain resources of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during national emergencies. Specifically, the bill repeals the President’s authority to (1) terminate or defer civil works projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that are not essential to the national defense; and (2) apply the resources of the Corps’ civil works program to civil works, military construction, and civil defense projects that are essential to the national defense.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 667: Regulatory Certainty for Navigable Waters Act
Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA-3)
1/17/2019
This bill describes which bodies of water fall under federal jurisdiction and the scope of the Clean Water Act. Specifically, the bill (1) repeals the Environmental Protection Agency’s 2015 Clean Water Rule, commonly known as the Waters of the United States or WOTUS rule; (2) redelines navigable waters; and (3) establishes a process for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine, upon request, whether a wetland is a navigable water.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 629: Maritime Lien Reform Act
Rep. Don Young (R-AK-3)
1/16/2019
This bill revises federal shipping laws governing maritime liability to prohibit (1) maritime liens (liens on vessels) from being imposed on state or federal fishing permits, or (2) civil actions to enforce maritime liens on the permits. A fishing permit is not considered to be part of a vessel, so it does not pass with a vessel upon the vessel’s sale or transfer.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 548: FISH Act
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)
1/15/2019
This bill gives the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) the sole authority to protect endangered or threatened species that are anadromous species (species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and that migrate to ocean waters) or catadromous species (species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh waters). Currently, the FWS shares this authority with the National Marine Fisheries Service.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 78: Hearing Small Businesses Act of 2019
Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)
1/10/2019
This bill requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Internal Revenue Service to seek and consider the advice of small entities about a proposed or interim final rule before publishing the rule if the rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management. Hearings held.
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 462: Everglades for the Next Generation Act
Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL-20)
1/10/2019
This bill authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, after completing implementation reports prepared for certain projects under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, to carry out those projects, which include projects that provide regional, watershed ecosystem, or water supply benefits.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 417: To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish measures to combat invasive lionfish, and for other purposes.
Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL-9)
1/9/2019
This bill establishes a list of injurious wildlife prohibited from being imported into the United States or transported between states.
Subcommittee Hearings Held.
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 380: To amend the Federal Power Act to require the consideration of invasive species when prescribing fishways, and for other purposes.
Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI-6)
1/9/2019
This bill requires the Department of Commerce or the Department of the Interior to consider the threat of invasive species before mandating that a new fishway be built. (Fishways are structures placed on or around constructed barriers to give fish the opportunity to migrate.)
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 414: Protecting Local Communities from Harmful Algal Blooms Act
Outgoing Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL-19)
1/9/2019
This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include algal blooms in the definition of a "major disaster."
Ocean and Coastal Management

H.R. 737: Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2019
Del. Gregorio “Kilii” Sablan (D-DM-1)
1/23/2019
This bill addresses the sale of shark fins and the inclusion of rays and skates in the Seafood Traceability Program. (The Seafood Traceability Program has data reporting and recordkeeping requirements at the time of entry for imported fish or fish products entered into U.S. commerce.)
Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Ocean and Coastal Management, Marine Conservation

S. 1482: SAFE Act
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
5/15/2019
The bill requires the development of strategies to help fish, wildlife, and plants adapt to extreme weather changes and climate change.
Introduced in Senate
Ocean and Coastal Management, Marine Conservation

S. 268: Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Act
Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)
1/29/2019
This bill reauthorizes and revises several wildlife conservation programs, establishes requirements for invasive species management, and requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to establish certain prize competitions.
Ocean and Coastal Management, Marine Conservation

Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3)
1/30/2019
This bill reclassifies certain wildlife trafficking offenses and illegal fishing violations as violations of federal racketeering or other laws concerning transnational criminal organizations. The bill also expands federal law enforcement powers to combat wildlife trafficking. The bill sets forth requirements to provide awards to whistle-blowers for reporting violations of wildlife trafficking laws.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
Ocean and Coastal Management, Marine Conservation
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<td>Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1)</td>
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<td>2/14/2019</td>
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<td>S.Res. 700: A resolution designating the week of September 19 through September 26, 2020, as &quot;National Estuaries Week&quot;.</td>
<td>Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)</td>
<td>Committee on Natural Resources</td>
<td>9/16/2020</td>
<td>Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5559; text: CR S5565)</td>
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<td>H.R. 6109: Inspiring New STEM Professionals by Investing in Renovation of Education Spaces Act or the INSPIRES Act</td>
<td>Outgoing Rep. TJ Cox (D-CA-21)</td>
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This bill creates a grant program to support middle schools' efforts to identify and implement best practices for improving student outcomes and increasing high school graduation rates.

Introduced in House
Ocean Education

H.R. 1038: Securing American Science and Technology Act of 2019
Rep. Mike Sherrill (D-NJ-11)
5/30/2019
To establish an interagency working group to coordinate activities and develop policy guidance to protect federally funded research and development from foreign interference, and for other purposes.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities.
Ocean Education

S. 1059: FINISH Act
Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
4/6/2019
This bill establishes and revises programs to increase access to higher education for high-need students, increase their graduation rates, improve the efficiency of postsecondary education, and evaluate higher education programs.
Introduced in Senate
Ocean Education

H.R. 2405: National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2019
Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)
4/30/2019
This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and revises the National Sea Grant College Program, through which the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) supports university-based programs that focus on studying, conserving, and effectively using U.S. coastal resources.
Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-323.
Ocean Education, Ocean and Coastal Management

Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA-8)
7/30/2019
To improve the National Oceans and Coastal Security Act, and for other purposes.
Committee Hearings Held.
Ocean Education, Ocean and Coastal Management

S. 914: Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)
3/27/2019
This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and revises the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (IOOS), which is a network of federal and regional entities that provide information about the nation’s coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, as well as new tools and forecasts to improve safety, enhance the economy, and protect the environment.
Signed by President.
Ocean Exploration and Observation

S. 5024: A bill to establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council, and for other purposes.
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)
12/16/2020
To establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council, and for other purposes.
Introduced in Senate
Ocean Exploration and Observation

S. 2597: Learning Excellence and Good Examples from New Developers Act of 2020
Whip John Thune (R-SD)
10/15/2019
This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to make certain operational models available to the public and periodically review innovations and improvements made to such models in order to improve the accuracy and timeliness of NOAA forecasts.
Held at the desk.
Ocean Exploration and Observation

H.R. 8750: To direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a National Coastal Data Information System, and for other purposes.
Rep. Nydia Velázquez (D-NY-7)
11/12/2020
NOAA must use the system to (1) combine existing observations, modeling, predictions, products and services into an integrated framework for producing and maintaining authoritative and timely data, maps, and information services which quantify and communicate coastal flood risk to the public; (2) develop and strengthen partnerships with organizations that represent end users within coastal communities to better assess information gaps and needs relating to the risk posed by the rising sea level; and (3) produce new information products and services, targeted to end user needs, that allow coastal communities across the United States to plan for present and future coastal flood risk.
Introduced in House
Ocean Exploration and Observation

H.R. 5136: Learning Excellence and Good Examples from New Developers Act of 2019 or the LEGEND Act of 2019
Rep. Lizie Fletcher (D-TX-7)
12/3/2019
This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to make certain operational models available to the public and periodically review innovations and improvements made to such models in order to improve the accuracy and timeliness of NOAA forecasts.
Introduced in House
Ocean Exploration and Observation

H.R. 1314: Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act Amendments of 2019
Rep. Don Young (R-AK-1)
2/19/2019
This bill reauthorizes through FY2024 and revises the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009.
Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-231, Part I.
Ocean Exploration and Observation
To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, and for other purposes.

Introduced in Senate

This resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should support, and not limit access to, all domestic energy sources in an effort to achieve full energy security.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

This resolution affirms that (1) states maintain primacy for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing on State and private lands, and that the President should not attempt to declare a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing in Federal lands (including the Outer Continental Shelf) or lands held in trust for an Indian Tribe, unless the moratorium is authorized by an Act of Congress.

Outgoing Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT-1)

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Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from offering any tract for oil and gas leasing, preleasing, and production of crude oil, natural gas, or geothermal energy on State and private lands, and that the President should not declare a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas production on state and private lands, (2) the President should not declare a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing on federal lands, state lands, private lands, or lands held in trust for an Indian tribe unless such moratorium is authorized by Congress.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Energy, and Water Resources.

This bill permanently extends the moratorium on oil and gas leasing, preleasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from offering any tract for oil and gas leasing or preleasing in the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf planning area (North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and the Straits of Florida) or the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf planning area (Washington/Oregon, Northern California, Central California, and Southern California).

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Natural Resources.

This resolution affirms that (1) the production of oil and natural gas is critical to the continued prosperity of the U.S. economy, its national security, and its people; (2) the federal government and public leaders should promote policies that encourage greater energy production and independence; and (3) addressing energy needs requires cooperation instead of coercion.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

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Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)

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This bill increases the revenue Gulf states (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama) receive from certain federal oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico and eliminates the revenue sharing cap.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Offshore Drilling and Oil Production Resources.

This bill prohibits oil and gas exploration and leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida. Specifically, the bill establishes a moratorium through June 30, 2029, on oil and gas exploration and leasing in the (I) Straits of Florida Planning Area, and (2) South Atlantic Planning Area that is south of the northernmost lateral seaward administrative boundary of Florida. The bill also extends to June 30, 2029, the moratorium on oil and gas exploration and leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Florida.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Offshore Drilling and Oil Production Resources.

This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to study and report on petroleum coke usage, including public-health and environmental impacts, best practices for storage and transport, and an analysis of current and projected production and utilization locations.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. Offshore Drilling and Oil Production Resources.

This bill prohibits conducting geological or geophysical activities in support of oil, gas, or methane hydrate exploration and development on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. Geological and geophysical activities for oil and gas exploration generally include deep penetration seismic airgun surveys, electromagnetic surveys, deep stratigraphic and shallow test drilling, and various remote-sensing methods.

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Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. Offshore Drilling and Oil Production Resources.
S. 694: Open America's Waters Act of 2019
Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)
3/7/2019
This bill repeals certain limitations on the types of vessels that may engage in coastwise trade, which is the domestic transportation of merchandise or passengers by vessels. The bill directs the U.S. Coast Guard to issue regulations that require all vessels permitted to engage in coastwise trade to meet all appropriate safety and security requirements.
Introduced in Senate

H.R. 1391: Methane Rule Relief Act of 2019
2/27/2019
This bill exempts certain marginally-producing oil and natural gas wells, including emission sources associated with such wells, from the Environmental Protection Agency's rule titled "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources" and the document titled "Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry."
Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.

H.R. 1149: Atlantic Coastal Economies Protection Act
Rep. Jefferson "Jeff" Van Drew (D-NJ-2)
2/11/2019
This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from issuing any tract for oil and gas leasing, development, production, and transportation program in and from the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf.
Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R. 880: Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2019
Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26)
1/30/2019
This bill limits or repeals certain tax benefits for major integrated oil companies, including (1) the foreign tax credit for companies that are dual capacity taxpayers, (2) the tax deduction for intangible drilling and development costs, (3) the percentage depletion allowance for oil and gas wells, and (4) the tax deduction for qualified tertiary injectant expenses.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

H.R. 795: Preserve Our Lakes and Keep Our Environment Safe Act
Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12)
1/25/2019
This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct a study to determine the economic and environmental risks to the Great Lakes of oil or hazardous liquids spills or leaks from onshore, underwater pipeline facilities in the Straits of Mackinac.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

S. 180: A bill to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, and for other purposes.
Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND)
1/17/2019
This bill states that a Bureau of Land Management drilling permit shall not be required under the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 for an action occurring within an oil and gas drilling or spacing unit, if (1) less than 50% of the minerals within the unit are federally owned, and (2) the federal government neither owns nor leases the surface estate within the unit's boundaries. Drilling and spacing units are one component of a state regulatory framework for oil and gas exploration and production.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

H.R. 291: Coastal Economies Protection Act
Outgoing Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC-1)
1/8/2019
This bill prohibits the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management from offering any tract for oil and gas leasing or preleasing until June 30, 2029, in the following areas: the North Atlantic planning area, the Mid-Atlantic planning area, the Straits of Florida planning area, or the Eastern Gulf of Mexico planning area that is within 125 miles of the coastline of Florida.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R. 337: Defend our Coast Act
Rep. A. Donald "Don" McEachin (D-VA-4)
1/8/2019
This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from issuing a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil or gas in the Mid-Atlantic planning area of the Outer Continental Shelf.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R. 341: COAST Anti-Drilling Act
Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6)
1/8/2019
This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from issuing a lease or other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, Straits of Florida, or Eastern Gulf of Mexico planning areas.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R. 310: West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2019
Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)
1/8/2019
This bill prohibits the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management from issuing a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any area of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, or Washington.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R. 279: California Clean Coast Act of 2019
Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)
1/8/2019
This bill prohibits oil and gas exploration and leasing in areas of the outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of California.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R. 287: New England Coastal Protection Act
Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-1)
1/8/2019
This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from issuing a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas off the coast of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R. 286: Florida Coastal Protection Act
Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL-14)
1/8/2019
This bill prohibits the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management from offering any tract for oil and gas leasing or preleasing in the following areas: the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area that is within 125 miles of the coastline of Florida, the South Atlantic Planning Area that is south of 30 degrees 43 minutes North Latitude, or the Straits of Florida Planning Area.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R. 1146: Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act
Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)
2/11/2019
This bill prohibits the Bureau of Land Management from administering an oil and gas leasing, development, production, and transportation program in and from the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The bill establishes permanent fees that the Department of the Interior must collect from the operators of offshore oil and gas facilities subject to inspection under current law, including inspection fees for offshore platform facilities and drilling rigs.
Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 225 - 193 (Roll No. 530).
Offshore Drilling and Oil Production, Arctic
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<td>H.Res. 548: Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146) to amend Public Law 115-97 (commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, and for other purposes.</td>
<td>Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 231 - 196 (Roll no. 518) (text: CR H7566-7567)</td>
<td>Offshore Drilling and Oil Production, Arctic</td>
<td>Rep. Aicee Hastings (D-FL-20)</td>
<td>9/9/2019</td>
<td>Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146) to amend Public Law 115-97 (commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, and for other purposes.</td>
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<td>S. 1523: Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2019</td>
<td>Introduced in Senate</td>
<td>Offshore Drilling and Oil Production, Arctic</td>
<td>Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)</td>
<td>5/16/2019</td>
<td>This bill addresses oil and gas leasing in Arctic areas of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The bill declares that it is the policy of the United States that the Arctic Ocean should be managed for the best interests of the people of the United States, including by keeping fossil fuels in the ground to avoid the dangerous impacts of climate change.</td>
<td>Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Merkley with amendments. With written report No. 116-141.</td>
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<td>H.R. 309: Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2019</td>
<td>Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources</td>
<td>Offshore Drilling and Oil Production, Arctic</td>
<td>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)</td>
<td>1/8/2019</td>
<td>This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from issuing or renewing a lease or any other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in the Arctic Ocean, including the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas.</td>
<td>Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</td>
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<td>S. 13: Florida Shores Protection and Fairness Act</td>
<td>Introduced in Senate</td>
<td>Offshore Drilling and Oil Production, Energy and Mineral Resources</td>
<td>Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)</td>
<td>1/3/2019</td>
<td>This bill expands the Gulf of Mexico outer Continental Shelf revenue sharing program to include Florida (Currently, only Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are included in the program that shares the revenues from oil and gas leasing on the Gulf of Mexico outer Continental Shelf.) Additionally, the bill extends to June 30, 2027, the moratorium on oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico.</td>
<td>Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</td>
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<td>S. 499: Offshore Wind for Territories Act</td>
<td>Offshore Drilling and Oil Production, Marine Conservation</td>
<td>Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)</td>
<td>2/14/2019</td>
<td>This bill addresses offshore wind development and coral reef conservation. The Department of the Interior may conduct wind and mineral development lease sales on the Outer Continental Shelf in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to U.S. territories. The bill establishes the Coral Reef Conservation Fund for the Department of Commerce to carry out the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, including to preserve, sustain, and restore the condition of coral reef ecosystems. The bill also specifies requirements for distributing revenues from the leases authorized by this bill to the Treasury, the Coral Reef Conservation Fund, and U.S. territories.</td>
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<td>S. 1518: Rebuild America Now Act</td>
<td>Offshore Drilling and Oil Production, Pollution/Marine Debris</td>
<td>Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)</td>
<td>5/16/2019</td>
<td>To improve the processes by which environmental documents are prepared and permits and applications are processed and regulated by Federal departments and agencies, and for other purposes.</td>
<td>Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</td>
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<td>H.R. 5190: Regional Ocean Partnership Act</td>
<td>Partnerships</td>
<td>Rep. Charlie Crist (D-FL-13)</td>
<td>12/11/2019</td>
<td>This bill provides a mechanism for coastal states to participate in a Regional Ocean Partnership with one or more other coastal states that share a common ocean or coastal area.</td>
<td>Committee Hearings Held.</td>
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<td>H.R. 3161: National Oceanographic Partnership Program Reauthorization Act</td>
<td>Partnerships</td>
<td>Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20)</td>
<td>6/6/2019</td>
<td>This bill revises naval administration of the National Oceanographic Partnership Program. Specifically, the bill expands the program’s purposes; modifies the Department of the Interior’s representation on the National Ocean Research Leadership Council and provides additional authorities to the council concerning supervision of the performance of duties by the program office (including concerning new collaborative programs); adds reporting requirements; and adds criteria for selection of an operator of the Partnership Program Office, as well as a process for choosing projects funded by private contracts, grants, and donations.</td>
<td>Committee Hearings Held.</td>
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This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide grants for collaborative research projects on ocean acidification developed and conducted through partnerships between the seafood industry and the academic community. NOAA must prioritize projects that (1) address ecosystems and communities vulnerable to the impacts of ocean acidification, (2) demonstrate support from local stakeholders, and (3) utilize seafood industry assets as research and monitoring platforms.


S. 2166: Regional Ocean Partnership Act
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)
7/18/2019
This bill provides a mechanism for coastal states to participate in a Regional Ocean Partnership with one or more other coastal states that share a common ocean or coastal area.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.

S. 1439: Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act of 2019
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)
5/14/2019
To reauthorize the National Oceanographic Partnership Program, and for other purposes.

Partnerships, Ocean Exploration and Observation

S. 1417: Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act of 2019
Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)
5/9/2019
This bill addresses (1) several aspects of the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD); (2) illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUU fishing); and (3) maritime security.

Introduce in Senate

H.R. 4031: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019
Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH-14)
7/25/2019
This bill reauthorizes through FY2026 the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Presented to President.

S. 1982: Save Our Seas 2.0 Act
Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
6/26/2019
To improve efforts to combat marine debris, and for other purposes.

Became Public Law No: 116-224.

H.R. 4636: Partnering and Leveraging Assistance to Stop Trash for International Cleaner Seas Act or the PLASTICS Act
Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX-10)
10/11/2019
This bill authorizes the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to prioritize and advance global efforts to prevent and reduce marine debris and plastic waste. The State Department and the USAID are authorized to work with private-sector and nongovernmental entities to complement such efforts.

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4611: Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II
Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52)
10/4/2019
This bill revises requirements under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in San Diego, California.

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 7991: Border Water Quality Restoration and Protection Act of 2020
Rep. Juan "Paco" Vargas (D-CA-51)
8/7/2020
To provide for the water quality restoration of the Tijuana River and the New River, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

S. 4402: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify certain activities that would have been authorized under Nationwide Permit 12 and other Nationwide Permits, and for other purposes.
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)
8/5/2020

Introduced in Senate

H.R. 7218: Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Act
Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI-11)
6/15/2020
To provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate plastics waste reduction and support recycling research and development for the economic and national security of the United States, and for other purposes.

Introduced in House

S. 3944: Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020
Outgoing Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)
6/11/2020
To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of their consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes.

Introduced in Senate

H.R. 6745: Clean Water for All Act
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4)
5/8/2020
This bill nullifies the 2020 rule titled The Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Definition of "Waters of the United States," which describes the bodies of water that fall under federal jurisdiction and the scope of the Clean Water Act. The 2020 rule replaces the 2015 Clean Water Rule, which includes a broader definition of waters of the United States.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R. 5902: Making Investments in Curbing the Ruinous Output of Plastics Act of 2020 or the MICRO Plastics Act of 2020
Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18)
2/13/2020
This bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot program that tests the efficacy and cost effectiveness of tools, technologies, and techniques to (1) remove microplastics from the environment, and (2) prevent the release of microplastics into the environment.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

S. 3306: Making Investments in Curbing the Ruinous Output of Plastics Act of 2020 or the MICRO Plastics Act of 2020
Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
2/13/2020
This bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot program that tests the efficacy and cost effectiveness of tools, technologies, and techniques to (1) remove microplastics from the environment, and (2) prevent the release of microplastics into the environment.

Introduced in Senate

S. 3263: Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020
Outgoing Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)
2/11/2020
This bill sets forth requirements related to waste and recycling collection systems for a variety of products and materials, including plastics.

Introduced in Senate

H.R. 5845: Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020
Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA-47)
2/11/2020
This bill sets forth requirements related to waste and recycling collection systems for a variety of products and materials, including plastics.

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
H.R. 4275: To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes.

Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6) 9/10/2019 This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and revises the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 3227: Prevent Future American Sickness Act of 2020

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) 1/28/2020 This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS, as hazardous substances within one year of enactment of this bill. PFAS are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain the compounds, such as nonstick cookware or weatherproof clothing. The bill authorizes states to provide grants to owners of household water wells that have been contaminated by PFAS to purchase and install a household filtration system. Introduced in Senate Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 5539: Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act of 2020

Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1) 1/5/2020 To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to review and develop effluent standards, pretreatment standards, and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to provide Federal grants to publicly owned treatment works to implement standards, and for other purposes. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 5341: Discouraging Frivolous Lawsuits Act

Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC-7) 12/6/2019 This bill revises requirements concerning (1) citizen suits under the Clean Water Act, (2) permits for wetlands, and (3) wetland mitigation. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 2980: Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act of 2019

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) 12/4/2019 To require the promulgation of certain standards for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes. Introduced in Senate Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 2767: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a pilot competitive grant program for improving the sharing of water quality data, and for other purposes.

Outgoing Sen. Doug Jones (D-AL) 10/31/2019 This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot program that awards grants to certain states for the creation of systems that improve the sharing of information concerning water quality, sources of water pollution, and water infrastructure needs among local governments. Introduced in Senate Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 2372: Save Our Seas 2.0: Enhanced Global Engagement to Combat Marine Debris Act

Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) 7/31/2019 This bill directs the Department of State and the President to make efforts to reduce marine debris. The State Department shall implement the U.S. policy to cooperate with foreign governments and the private sector to combat marine debris, which includes support for (1) strengthening systems for processing and reusing waste plastic, (2) developing and using reusable alternatives to disposable plastic products, and (3) deploying technology for capturing value from post-consumer materials and municipal solid waste streams. Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Risch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report. Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 2260: Save Our Seas 2.0: Improving Domestic Infrastructure to Prevent Marine Debris Act

Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) 7/24/2019 To provide for the improvement of domestic infrastructure in order to prevent marine debris, and for other purposes. Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Barasso with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report. Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 4143: Super Pollutants Act of 2019

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52) 8/2/2019 To establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and for other purposes. Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change. Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 2364: Save Our Seas 2.0: Enhancing the Domestic Marine Debris Response Act

Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) 7/31/2019 To enhance domestic marine debris response, and for other purposes. Introduced in Senate Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 2325: Super Pollutants Act

Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) 7/30/2019 To establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and for other purposes. Introduced in Senate Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 3969: SOS 2.0 Act

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1) 7/25/2019 To improve efforts to combat marine debris, and for other purposes. Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 3894: Great Lakes Water Protection Act

Outgoing Rep. Daniel "Dan" Lipinski (D-IL-3) 7/23/2019 To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes, and for other purposes. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 2210: Great Lakes Water Protection Act

Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) 7/23/2019 To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit sewage dumping into the Great Lakes, and for other purposes. Introduced in Senate Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 3616: Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act of 2019

Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1) 7/2/2019 This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address certain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS. These man-made substances may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain these substances, such as nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, stain-resistant fabrics, food packaging, and fire-fighting foams. The bill requires the EPA to expand the list of toxic pollutants under the Clean Water Act to include such substances. In addition, the EPA must develop effluent standards and pretreatment standards for the substances. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 2718: Preventing Pollution through Partnerships Act or the P3 Act

Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6) 5/14/2019 This bill allows state and local governments to issue green infrastructure bonds as tax-exempt private activity bonds. The bonds are not subject to the state volume caps that apply to certain tax-exempt private activity bonds. Introduced in House Pollution/Marine Debris
H.R. 2470: Clean Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act  
Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)  
5/2/2019  
This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grant program for increasing the resilience of publicly owned treatment works (i.e., clean water infrastructure) to natural disasters.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.  
Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 2205: Water Quality Certification Improvement Act of 2019  
Rep. David McKinley (R-WV-1)  
4/10/2019  
To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification, and for other purposes.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.  
Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 2287: Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act  
Outgoing Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX-13)  
4/10/2019  
This bill nullifies the Clean Water Rule that was issued on May 27, 2015, by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The rule describes the scope of the Clean Water Act.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.  
Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 1331: Local Water Protection Act  
Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2)  
2/25/2019  
This bill reauthorizes through FY2024 grants to states for (1) programs that manage Pollution/Marine Debris  
Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.  
Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 1050: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase the ability of a State to administer a permit program under that Act, and for other purposes.  
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)  
4/4/2019  
This bill allows a state department of transportation that has assumed the Pollution/Marine Debris  
Introduced in Senate  
Pollution/Marine Debris

Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI-5)  
3/28/2019  
This bill sets forth requirements for detecting and sampling perfluorinated compounds. Perfluorinated compounds are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain perfluorinated compounds, such as nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, stain-resistant fabrics, food packaging, and fire-fighting foams. The bill requires the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to establish a performance standard for the detection of perfluorinated compounds.  
Subcommittee Hearings Held.  
Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 950: PFAS Detection Act of 2019  
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)  
3/28/2019  
This bill sets forth requirements for detecting and sampling perfluorinated compounds. Perfluorinated compounds are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain perfluorinated compounds, such as nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, stain-resistant fabrics, food packaging, and fire-fighting foams. The bill requires the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to establish a performance standard for the detection of perfluorinated compounds.  
Introduced in Senate  
Pollution/Marine Debris

S. 376: Defense of Environment and Property Act of 2019  
Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)  
2/7/2019  
This bill establishes requirements governing oil or gas operations, such as hydraulic fracturing operations. Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water, a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.  
Introduced in Senate  
Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 436: Fracking Disclosure and Safety Act  
Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL-9)  
1/10/2019  
This bill establishes requirements governing oil or gas operations, such as hydraulic fracturing operations. Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water, a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.  
Pollution/Marine Debris

H.R. 4044: Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act  
Rep. Tom Malinowski (D-NJ-7)  
7/25/2019  
This bill reauthorizes FY2022-FY2026 and revises the National Estuary Program, which provides grants to protect or restore estuaries of national significance. Specifically, the bill expands the types of projects that qualify for grants under the program, such as projects that address issues related to coastal resiliency, stormwater runoff, or accelerated land loss.  
Presented to President.  
Pollution/Marine Debris, Ocean and Coastal Management

Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9)  
3/26/2020  
This bill authorizes FY2021 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths. It does not provide budget authority, which is provided in subsequent appropriations legislation.  
Message on Senate action sent to the House.  
Science Funding

S. 2800: National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2020  
Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)  
11/6/2019  
This bill reauthorizes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for FY2020. The bill provides for continued use of the International Space Station through 2030 and authorizes NASA programs and activities, including a rocket engine test infrastructure program, a low-Earth orbit commercialization program, a Lunar Discovery Program for lunar science research, a 21st Century Aeronautics Capabilities Initiative, a Skilled Technical Education Outreach Program for secondary school students, and a 21st Century Space Launch Infrastructure Program.  
 Held at the desk.  
Science Funding

S. 4286: Research Investment to Spark the Economy Act or the RISE Act  
Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)  
7/22/2020  
This bill authorizes the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, the Interior, and Health and Human Services and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Science Foundation, and Environmental Protection Agency to provide support for research regarding COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) or research disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.  
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<td>Outgoing Rep. Kendra Horn (D-OK)</td>
<td>HACKED Act</td>
<td>10/20/2020</td>
<td>To improve United States cybersecurity through STEM scholarships, prize competitions, and other STEM activities, and for other purposes.</td>
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<td>Outgoing Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN-7)</td>
<td>Local Government Taxpayer Fairness Act</td>
<td>10/16/2020</td>
<td>This bill allows local governments to treat the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) of the Department of the Interior as a private landowner for purposes of local property taxation and to treat lands acquired by the USFWS that are within the jurisdiction of a local government as privately-owned lands.</td>
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<td>H.R. 8044</td>
<td>Rep. Eddie Bernice &quot;Eddie&quot; Johnson (D-TX-30)</td>
<td>Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act</td>
<td>8/14/2020</td>
<td>This bill authorizes the National Science Foundation to establish a two-year pilot program to award grants to highly qualified early-career investigators to carry out an independent research program at the institution of higher education chosen by such investigator, to last for a period not greater than two years.</td>
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<td>S. 4049</td>
<td>Sen. James &quot;Jim&quot; Inhofe (R-OK)</td>
<td>National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021</td>
<td>6/23/2020</td>
<td>This bill authorizes FY2021 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DoD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths. It does not provide budget authority, which is provided in subsequent appropriations legislation.</td>
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<td>Outgoing Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY-15)</td>
<td>Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021</td>
<td>7/16/2020</td>
<td>This bill provides FY2021 appropriations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the science agencies, and several related agencies.</td>
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<td>H.R. 7613</td>
<td>Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-9)</td>
<td>Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021</td>
<td>7/15/2020</td>
<td>This bill provides FY2021 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and independent agencies such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.</td>
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<td>H.R. 7612</td>
<td>Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)</td>
<td>Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021</td>
<td>7/14/2020</td>
<td>This bill provides FY2021 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and related agencies.</td>
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<td>Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CA-1)</td>
<td>Research Investment to Spark the Economy Act or the RISE Act</td>
<td>6/24/2020</td>
<td>This bill authorizes the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, the Interior, and Health and Human Services and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Science Foundation, and Environmental Protection Agency to provide support for research regarding COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) or research disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</td>
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<td>H.R. 6978</td>
<td>Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17)</td>
<td>Endless Frontier Act</td>
<td>5/22/2020</td>
<td>This bill redesignates the National Science Foundation as the National Science and Technology Foundation and establishes a Directorate for Technology within the foundation.</td>
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<td>S. 3832</td>
<td>Leader Charles &quot;Chuck&quot; Schumer (D-NY)</td>
<td>Endless Frontier Act</td>
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<td>H.R. 748</td>
<td>This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.</td>
<td>Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act</td>
<td>5/11/2020</td>
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- **H.R. 6978:** Endless Frontier Act
- **S. 3684:** 21st Century Conservation Corps for Our Health and Our Jobs Act
- **H.R. 748:** Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act
H.R. 6145: Industries of the Future Act of 2020  
Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN)  
3/9/2020  
This bill requires the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to report to Congress on research and development investments, infrastructure, and workforce development investments of the federal government that enable continued U.S. leadership in industries of the future.  
Introduced in House  
Science Funding

H.R. 5855: Securing American Leadership in Science and Technology Act of 2020  
Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK)  
1/28/2020  
This bill extends through FY2029 the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the Office of Science of the Department of Energy, the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Science Foundation (NSF).  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.  
Science Funding

Outgoing Rep. Kendra Horn (D-OK)  
1/24/2020  
To authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.  
Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.  
Science Funding

H.R. 1865: Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020  
Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)  
3/25/2019  
This bill provides FY2020 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies.  
Became Public Law No: 116-94.  
Science Funding

H.R. 1158: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020  
Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)  
2/13/2019  
This bill provides FY2020 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies.  
Became Public Law No: 116-93.  
Science Funding

S.Res. 460: A resolution congratulating the American Geophysical Union on the occasion of its centennial.  
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)  
12/19/2019  
This resolution congratulates the American Geophysical Union on the occasion of its centennial.  
Passed/agreed to in Senate: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7234; text: CR S7214)  
Science Funding

H.R. 5355: Stop Climate Censorship Act of 2019  
Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO)  
12/6/2019  
This bill directs the Office of Science and Technology (OSTP) to issue policies, consistent with established scientific integrity policies, that require political appointees of the federal civilian agencies that conduct scientific research to report to the public on any action by such an appointee to modify any scientific research or findings that are used to inform any agency communication to the public related to climate change, or modify any agency communication to the public that is inconsistent with scientific research or findings related to climate change.  
Introduced in House  
Science Funding

Outgoing Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY)  
6/9/2019  
This bill provides continuing FY2020 appropriations to federal agencies through December 20, 2019, and extends several expiring health programs.  
Became Public Law No: 116-69.  
Science Funding

H.Res. 708: Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.  
Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA)  
11/18/2019  
This resolution sets forth the rule for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3055 (Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Further Health Extenders Act of 2019).  
Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 230 - 194 (Full no. 629).(text: CR H9867)  
Science Funding

S. 2840: Essential National Security Authorities Act for Fiscal Year 2020  
Sen. James "Jim" Inhofe (R-OK)  
11/12/2019  
To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.  
Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 305.  
Science Funding

S. 2731: Essential National Security Authorities Act for Fiscal Year 2020  
Sen. James "Jim" Inhofe (R-OK)  
10/29/2019  
To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.  
Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.  
Science Funding

H.R. 4757: American Innovation Act  
Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL)  
10/18/2019  
This bill requires certain adjustments to discretionary spending limits in FY2020- FY2024 to accommodate increases in appropriations for agencies that perform basic science research.  
Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities.  
Science Funding

H.R. 4557: Preserve Science in Policymaking Act of 2019  
Rep. Sean Casten (D-IL)  
9/27/2019  
To prohibit the termination of advisory committees before the end of their charter unless authorized by law, and for other purposes.  
Introduced in House  
Science Funding

H.R. 4378: Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019  
Outgoing Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)  
9/18/2019  
This bill provides FY2020 continuing appropriations to federal agencies through November 21, 2019.  
Became Public Law No: 116-59.  
Science Funding

S. 2584: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020  
Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)  
9/26/2019  
This bill provides FY2020 appropriations to the Department of Commerce; the Department of Justice (DOJ); science agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF); and several related agencies.  
Committee on Appropriations. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Moran. With written report No. 116-127.  
Science Funding

S. 2579: STEM Opportunities Act of 2019  
Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)  
9/26/2019  
This bill provides for guidance, data collection, and grants for groups historically underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at institutions of higher education (IHIs) and at federal science agencies.  
Introduced in Senate  
Science Funding

S. 2470: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020  
Outgoing Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
9/12/2019  
This bill provides FY2020 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and independent agencies such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
Committee on Appropriations. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Alexander. With written report No. 116-102.  
Science Funding
H.R. 36: Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2019
Rep. Eddie Bernice "Eddie" Johnson (D-TX-30) 1/3/2019
This bill addresses sexual harassment and gender harassment in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by supporting research regarding such harassment and efforts to prevent and respond to such harassment. This bill directs the National Science Foundation (NSF) to award grants to institutions of higher education or nonprofit organizations (or their consortia) to expand research into sexual harassment and gender harassment in the STEM workforce, including students and trainees; and examine interventions for reducing the incidence and negative consequences of such harassment. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Science Funding

S. 2133: Secure American Research Act of 2019
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) 7/16/2019
To establish an interagency working group for coordination and development of Federal research protection, and for other purposes.
Introduced in Senate
Science Funding

H.Res. 445: Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes; relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from June 28, 2019, through July 8, 2019.
Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 231 - 195 (Roll no. 357) (text: CR H4779-4780)
Science Funding

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3) 5/15/2019
This bill provides FY2020 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies.
Motion by Senator McConnell to reconsider the vote by which the third cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2740 was not invoked (Record Vote No. 342) entered in Senate.
Science Funding

H.R. 1052: Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020
Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4) 6/2/2019
This bill provides FY2020 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and related agencies.
The House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. 116-100, by Ms. McCollum.
Science Funding

H.R. 2961: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020
This bill provides FY2020 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and independent agencies such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
The House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. 116-83, by Ms. Kaptur.
Science Funding

H.R. 2968: Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2020
This bill provides FY2020 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities. The bill excludes military construction, military family housing, civil works projects of the Army Corps of Engineers, and nuclear warheads, which are all considered in other appropriations bills.
The House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. 116-84, by Mr. Visclosky.
Science Funding

S. 1332: A bill to set forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2020, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2021 through 2029.
Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) 5/6/2019
This bill establishes the congressional budget for the federal government for FY2020 and sets forth budgetary levels for FY2021-FY2029.
Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 22 - 69. Record Vote Number: 130. (CR S3153)
Science Funding

H.R. 2408: American Innovation Act
Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL-11) 4/30/2019
This bill requires certain adjustments to discretionary spending limits in FY2020-2029 to accommodate increases in appropriations for agencies that perform basic science research.
Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities.
Science Funding

S. 1249: American Innovation Act
Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL) 4/30/2019
This bill requires certain adjustments to discretionary spending limits in FY2020-2024 to accommodate increases in appropriations for agencies that perform basic science research.
Introduced in Senate
Science Funding

Sen. James "Jim" Inhofe (R-OK) 4/11/2019
This bill authorizes FY2020 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths and military construction. It does not provide budget authority, which is provided in subsequent appropriations legislation.
Introduced in Senate
Science Funding

H.R. 2202: Growing Artificial Intelligence Through Research Act or the GraTR Act
Outgoing Rep. Daniel "Dan" Lipinski (D-IL-3) 4/10/2019
This bill requires certain federal activities related to artificial intelligence, including implementation by the President of a National Artificial Intelligence Initiative.
Introduced in House
Science Funding

S.Con.Res. 11: A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the federal government for FY2020 and setting forth budgetary levels for FY2021-FY2029.
Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) 4/1/2019
This concurrent resolution establishes the congressional budget for the federal government for FY2020 and sets forth budgetary levels for FY2021-FY2029.
Introduced in Senate
Science Funding
This concurrent resolution establishes the congressional budget for the federal government for FY2020 and sets forth budgetary levels for FY2021-FY2024. Committee on the Budget. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Enzi. Without written report. (text: CR S2127-2135) Science Funding

H.R. 1709: Scientific Integrity Act
Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20) 3/13/2019 This bill revises provisions regarding the release of scientific research results by federal agencies. The bill prohibits specified federal employees and contractors of an agency that funds, conducts, or oversees scientific research from engaging in scientific or research misconduct or manipulating communication of scientific or technical findings. Order to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 6. Science Funding

S. 775: Scientific Integrity Act
Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) 3/13/2019 This bill revises provisions regarding the release of scientific research results by federal agencies. The bill prohibits specified federal employees and contractors of an agency that funds, conducts, or oversees scientific research from engaging in scientific or research misconduct or manipulating communication of scientific or technical findings. Introduced in Senate Science Funding


H.R. 539: Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2019
Outgoing Rep. Daniel "Dan" Lipinski (D-IL-3) 1/14/2019 This bill expands eligibility for the Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program and requires development of an I-Corps course to support commercialization-ready participants. Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Science Funding

H.J.Res. 31: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019
This bill provides FY2019 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies. Science Funding

H.J.Res. 28: Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019
Outgoing Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY-17) 1/14/2019 This joint resolution provides continuing FY2019 appropriations to several federal agencies through the earlier of February 15, 2019, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations legislation. Became Public Law No: 116-5. Science Funding

S. 118: Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2019
Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) 1/15/2019 This bill expands eligibility for the Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program and requires development of an I-Corps course to support commercialization-ready participants. The bill requires the National Science Foundation (NSF) to allow grantees of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program and other entities to participate in I-Corps courses. Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Science Funding

H.R. 267: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019
This bill provides FY2019 appropriations for the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and several related agencies. Science Funding

H.R. 266: Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

S. 2582: Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020


H.R. 2157: Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019
Outgoing Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY-17) 4/9/2019 This bill provides $17.2 billion in FY2019 supplemental appropriations to several federal departments and agencies for expenses related to the consequences of recent wildfires, hurricanes, volcanos, earthquakes, tsunamis, and other natural disasters. Became Public Law No: 116-20. Science Funding, Natural Hazards

H.R. 268: Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019
Outgoing Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY-17) 1/8/2019 This bill provides FY2019 appropriations to federal agencies, including supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance and continuing appropriations for agencies that are included in the seven FY2019 appropriations bills that have not been enacted. Motion by Senator McConnell to reconsider the vote by which cloture on H.R. 268 was not invoked (Record Vote No. 56) entered in Senate. Science Funding, Natural Hazards

Sen. James "Jim" Inhofe (R-OK) 6/11/2019 This bill authorizes FY2020 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (ODD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths. It does not provide budget authority, which is provided in subsequent appropriations legislation. Became Public Law No: 116-92. Science Funding, Ocean Exploration and Observation

S. 2297: Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019
Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) 7/25/2019 This bill reauthorizes the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission for FY2020-FY2021 and authorizes a specified end-of-year strength for active duty personnel and military training student loads for the Coast Guard for such fiscal years. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with amendments. Without written report. Science Funding, Ocean Exploration and Observation
Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9) 5/2/2019
This bill authorizes FY2020 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths. It does not provide budget authority, which is provided in subsequent appropriations legislation.
Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512.
Science Funding, Ocean Exploration and Observation

S. 2981: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Improvements Act of 2020
Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) 12/4/2019
This bill revises provisions related to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps. Among other provisions, the bill sets forth new requirements for the corps concerning commissioned grades and operational strength numbers, obligated service requirements, training and physical fitness, education loan assistance, recruitment, hiring and promotions, separation and retirement, sexual harassment and assault prevention, and other workforce issues.
Signed by President.
Workforce Development

H.R. 6636: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1) 4/28/2020
This bill addresses sexual harassment and sexual assault involving personnel of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-566.
Workforce Development

S. 2782: A bill to improve provisions of law relating to sexual assault and assault prevention at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.
Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) 11/5/2019
This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to ensure that allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment are investigated thoroughly and promptly. NOAA must ensure that such allegations are investigated within 48 hours after they are reported. If pursuant to an investigation NOAA finds evidence that a crime has been committed it must refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement authorities, including the appropriate United States Attorney’s office.
Workforce Development

S. 4434: 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) 8/4/2020
To carry out a Civilian Conservation Corps program, provide supplemental appropriations for certain conservation activities, to provide for increased reforestation across the United States, to provide incentives for agricultural producers to carry out climate stewardship practices, and for other purposes.
Introduced in Senate
Workforce Development

H.R. 7456: To establish a grant program for domestic maritime workforce training and education, and for other purposes.
Rep. Sylvia Garcia (D-TX-29) 7/1/2020
Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
Workforce Development

H.R. 7264: 21st Century Conservation Corps for Our Health and Our Jobs Act
Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) 6/18/2020
To make supplemental appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, the Interior, Homeland Security, Labor, and Commerce for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.
Introduced in House
Workforce Development

H.R. 6526: STEM Corps Act of 2020
Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN-3) 4/17/2020
This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to establish a STEM Corps program to enhance the STEM (i.e., science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and computer science workforce of DOD and the defense industry. Under the program, DOD must provide financial assistance to qualified students who pursue a bachelor’s or graduate degree in a STEM or computer science discipline in exchange for their commitment to work within DOD in a STEM-related position for a period of not less than four years.
Introduced in House
Workforce Development

S. 3066: A bill to provide for an advisory committee for the prevention of sexual misconduct in the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.
Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) 12/17/2019
This bill addresses sexual assault in the U.S. Coast Guard. It directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish an Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct.
Introduced in Senate
Workforce Development

H.R. 5328: Federal Funding Accountability for Sexual Harassers Act
Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14) 12/5/2019
This bill requires institutions of higher education (IHES) that receive federal funding to report certain instances of discrimination on the basis of sex.
Introduced in House
Workforce Development

H.R. 3153: Patsey T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act of 2019
Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6) 6/26/2019
This bill requires the Department of Education (ED) to establish an Office for Gender Equity to support state and local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and elementary and secondary schools in fully implementing title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs or activities. The office may provide grants and perform activities to reduce or prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education.
Introduced in House
Workforce Development

H.Res. 459: Affirming the importance of title IX, applauding the increase in educational opportunities available to all people, regardless of sex or gender, and recognizing the tremendous amount of work left to be done to further increase those opportunities.
Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-8) 6/24/2019
This resolution (1) recognizes the increase in educational opportunities, including in sports, for women and girls since the passage of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and (2) encourages the Department of Education and Department of Justice to ensure that students have a safe learning environment by working to ensure schools prevent and respond to discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex.
Introduced in House
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