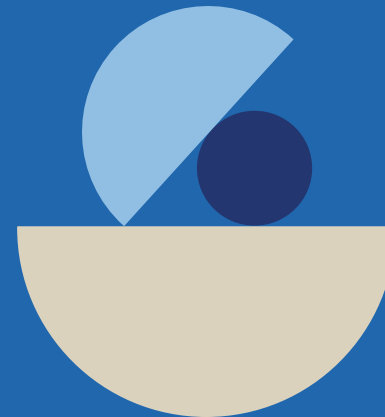


Legislative Forecast: Energy and Environment

Monthly outlook and key legislative data for the 118th
Congress

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Policy look-ahead: Energy and environment

1 GOP energy package

BACKGROUND

- House Republicans assembled a package of energy bills which they hope to vote on in March
- The package includes measures to boost fossil fuel production on federal lands, reverse Biden's block on the Keystone XL pipeline, and reform the permitting process

WHAT TO WATCH

- With a slim five vote majority, Speaker Kevin McCarthy needs to navigate conflicting party ideologies in order to pass the package
- Of the measures included, energy permitting reform is an area where bipartisan support exists and may face the least resistance from Democrats

2 World Bank nominee

BACKGROUND

- In February 2023, the Biden administration nominated Ajay Banga to be the World Bank's next president
- Banga has great knowledge of the digital economy, as well as years of experience running large organizations

WHAT TO WATCH

- Banga's nomination begins a confirmation process that will conclude with a final decision by the World Bank's board
- In the meantime, Banga announced a "global listening tour" to garner support for his candidacy, a plan that includes sharing his vision for expanding the World Bank's role in the fight against climate change

3 Solar geoengineering

BACKGROUND

- Senators in both parties have expressed interest in funding research on solar geoengineering for climate change
- The House has passed legislation to authorize research on the topic in recent years

WHAT TO WATCH

- The practice, which involves reflecting sunlight by shooting aerosols into the stratosphere, has long been considered too dangerous by academics
- Senators remain skeptical of the method but are open to more research on solar geoengineering to fight climate change

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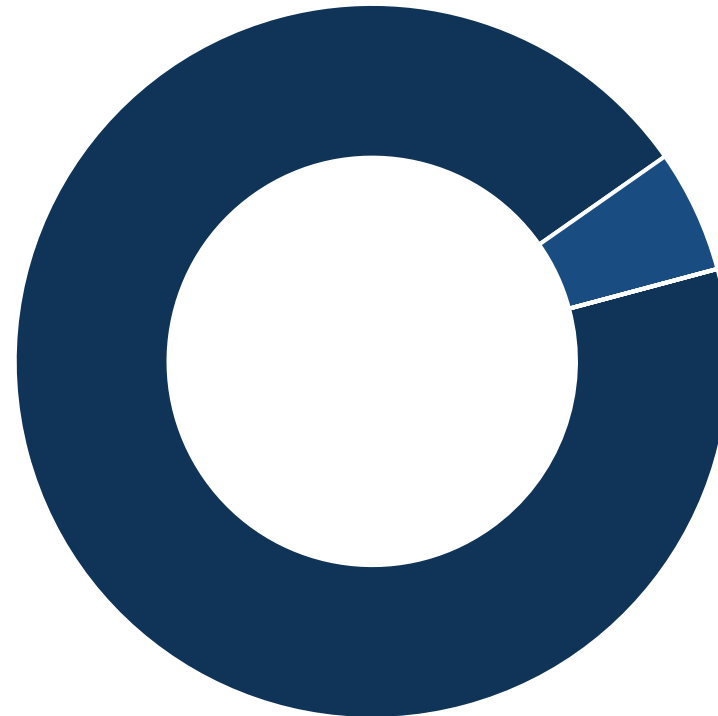
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118th Congress legislative record: Energy and environment

Energy and environment bills in the 118th Congress

Current status

102	■	Introduced
6	■	Passed House
0	■	Passed Senate
0	■	Passed House + Senate
0	■	Enacted*
0	■	Vetoed



*Includes bills enacted as part of other legislation

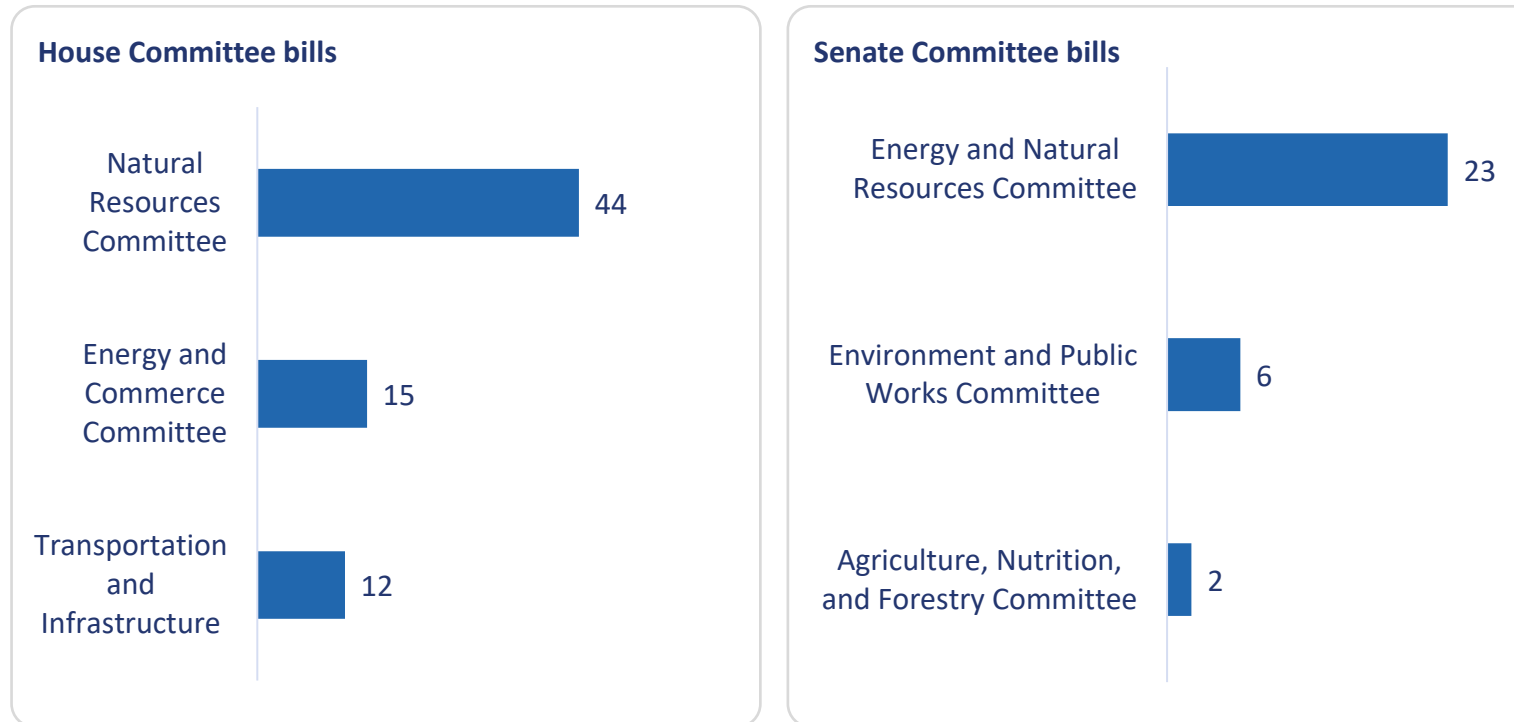
118th Congress enacted bills: Energy and environment

No energy and environment bills have been enacted as of 3/6/23

Bill Title	Sponsor	Cosponsor #	Enacted via other legislation?

Energy and environment bills by committee

Top three committees by energy and environment bill assignments



Energy and environment bills to watch in the 118th Congress

Bills passed by the House or Senate, not signed into law, sorted by # of cosponsors

Bill Title	Sponsor	Cosponsor #	Committee
HR 22: Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act	Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	63 (0 D, 63 R)	Energy and Commerce Committee
HR 21: Strategic Production Response Act	Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	40 (0 D, 40 R)	Energy and Commerce Committee
HR 255: Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act	Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	3 (2 D, 1 R)	Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
HR 259: Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act	Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	3 (2 D, 1 R)	Financial Services Committee; Small Business Committee; Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
HR 302: To direct the Secretary of Energy to provide financial assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers pursuing certain courses of study...	Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	1 (0 D, 1 R)	Science, Space, and Technology Committee
HR 342: Cost-Share Accountability Act of 2023	Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-23]	1 (1 D, 0 R)	Science, Space, and Technology Committee

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H.R. 22/S. 9: Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act

Bill sponsors



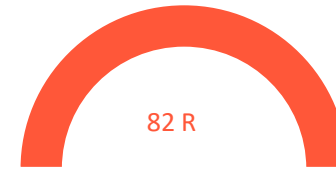
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers
R-WA-5
Sen. Ted Cruz
R-TX

Background

- In 2022, Republicans criticized President Biden for releasing oil from the SPR to fight inflation and lower the price of gas
- Data from the US Energy Information Administration show a total of 10 million barrels of crude oil were sold to China in October; this figure includes petroleum released from the SPR

Cosponsors*

As of 3.6.23



*Includes cosponsors from both House and Senate bills

Key provisions



Prohibits the US from exporting SPR crude oil products to China or to any entity tied to the Chinese Communist Party

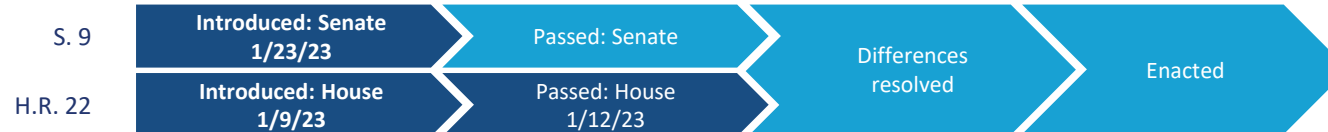


Implements a condition on all sales of SPR crude oil products which prohibits any eventual export to China

Outlook

- The bill is unlikely to become law due to Democrat control of the Senate and White House

Status



H.R. 21: Strategic Production Response Act

Bill sponsor



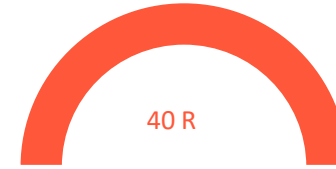
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Background

- In 2022, Republicans criticized President Biden for releasing oil from the SPR to fight inflation and lower the price of gas
- Republicans also criticized Biden for his resistance to open federal lands to oil and gas drilling; in April 2022, Biden resumed plans for oil and gas production, but the new plans leased fewer acres than initially agreed upon

Cosponsors

As of 3.6.23



Key provisions



Prior to the release of petroleum from the SPR, the Department of Energy must create a plan to increase the percent of federal lands leased for oil and gas production



Limits the increase in percentage of leased federal lands to 15 percent

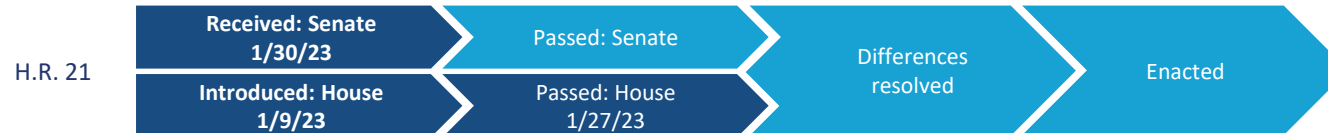


Permits the unconditional release of petroleum following a severe energy supply emergency

Outlook

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Status



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