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Bills by Issue

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Priority: None (8)

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
HR 1015	Introduced In House 2021 02 11	In House	Support	None

Title

To establish a grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Grace Napolitano

Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Feb 16, 2021, 3:28 PM
Increases the authorization level for the Title XVI Program to \$500 million from the current \$50 million and makes it a permanent program. The bill strikes requirement that projects must be in drought or disaster areas and strikes the requirement that the projects need to be designated in an appropriations legislation.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-11

Organizational Notes

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H.R. 1015 would increase the authorization level for the Title XVI Program to \$500 million from the current \$50 million, and make it a permanent program. The program is set to expire this year if Congress does not reauthorize it. The bill would also strikes the requirement that projects must be in drought or disaster area, strikes the requirement that the projects need to be designated in an appropriations legislation, and increases the limitation on the federal share of individual Title XVI projects from the current \$20 million in October 1996 prices to \$30 million in January 2019 prices (does not change the 25% federal cost share). H.R. 1015 is a reintroduction of a bill (H.R. 1162) Napolitano introduced in the 116th Congress. CASA supports. #OCSAN CASA Supports #OCS

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
S 283	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Environment And Public Works 2021 02 08	In Senate	Monitor	None

Title

A bill to establish a National Climate Bank.

Primary Sponsors

Ed Markey

Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Feb 16, 2021, 3:29 PM
Creates a national climate bank to leverage public and private funds to invest in clean energy technologies and infrastructure. Would allow for up to \$884 billion in total investment over 10 years to support financing to eligible regional, state, and local green banks to make investments in the activities and projects that projects that reduce carbon emissions, support workers and communities negatively impacted by climate transition, and provide technical assistance for start up of new green banks.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-08

Organizational Notes

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Legislation is a congressional response to Biden Administration's Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad that directs "[federal] investments...be made toward a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits flow to disadvantaged communities." Executive Order included in Associations/File folder. #OCSAN #CASA

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S. 283 creates a national climate bank to leverage public and private funds to invest in clean energy technologies and infrastructure. By leveraging \$100 billion in public funds, it will allow for up to \$884 billion in total investment over 10 years to support financing to eligible regional, state, and local green banks to make investments in the following types of activities: - projects that reduce carbon emissions - projects that support workers and communities negatively impacted by climate transition - projects that provide technical assistance for start up of new green banks - projects that address climate resiliency measures - projects that address water and energy efficiency, including residential, commercial and industrial efficiency measures Requires that 40% of all investments be directed to disadvantaged communities facing climate impacts. #OCSAN

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
HR 644	Introduced In House 2021 02 01	In House	None	None

Title

REBUILD Act

Primary Sponsors

Ken Calvert

Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Feb 16, 2021, 3:29 PM
Would allow a State to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the designated federal agency with environmental review responsibility under NEPA to assume review responsibilities of that agency.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-01

Organizational Notes

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H.R. 644 aims to reduce the cost and increase the speed of NEPA permitting reviews of infrastructure projects. Specifically, the bill would allow a State to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the designated federal agency with environmental review responsibilities under NEPA to assume review responsibilities of that agency. This would allow the State to integrate NEPA compliance into its own project approval process and streamline the process overall. #OCSAN

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
HR 616	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committee On Education And Labor For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2021 01 28	In House	None	None

Title
Emergency Water is a Human Right Act

Primary Sponsors
Rashida Tlaib

Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Feb 16, 2021, 3:30 PM Prohibits water shutoffs and ensure water affordability protections for low-income households during COVID-19 national emergency. Provides affordability protections for households with incomes up to 150% of the federal poverty guidelines through authorizing \$1.5 billion in grants to assist such households pay for drinking water and wastewater services.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-28

Organizational Notes

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H.R.616 would prohibit water shutoffs and ensure water affordability protections for low-income households during COVID-19 national emergency. The bill provides affordability protections for households with incomes up to 150% of the federal poverty guidelines through authorizing \$1.5 billion in grants to assist such households pay drinking water and wastewater services, and use LIHEAP to administer assistance. It also directs States that receive assistance grants to enter into agreements with POTWs, municipalities, and nonprofits to identify low-income households, and require service providers to reconnect water services if disconnected. #OCSAN

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
HR 516	Introduced In House 2021 01 28	In House	None	None

Title
Environmental Justice Mapping and Data Collection Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Cori Bush

Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Feb 23, 2021, 7:40 PM Directs interagency collaboration with EJ stakeholders to create and authorize funding for a system that comprehensively identifies demographic factors, environmental burdens, socioeconomic conditions and public health concerns. The data collected would be used to build layered maps that depict what communities experience environmental injustices. The bill supports the initiative from the Biden Administration to direct 40% of federal investments towards EJ communities.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-28

Organizational Notes

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Directs interagency collaboration with EJ stakeholders to create and authorize funding for a system that comprehensively identifies demographic factors, environmental burdens, socioeconomic conditions and public health concerns. The data collected would be used to build layered maps that depict what communities experience environmental injustices. The bill supports the initiative from the Biden Administration to direct 40% of federal investments towards EJ communities. #OCSAN

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
S 101	Introduced In Senate 2021 01 28	In Senate	None	None

Title
Environmental Justice Mapping and Data Collection Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Ed Markey

Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Feb 23, 2021, 6:22 PM
Creates and authorizes funding for a system that comprehensively identifies demographic factors, environmental burdens, socioeconomic conditions and public health concerns. Data collected would be used to build layered maps that depict what communities experience environmental injustices.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-28

Organizational Notes

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S. 101 would direct interagency collaboration with EJ stakeholders to create and authorize funding for a system that comprehensively identifies demographic factors, environmental burdens, socioeconomic conditions and public health concerns. The data collected would be used to build layered maps that depict what communities experience environmental injustices. The bill supports the initiative from the Biden Administration to direct 40% of federal investments towards EJ communities. #OCSAN

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
SRES 17	Introduced In Senate 2021 01 27	In Senate	None	None

Title
A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that clean water is a national priority and that the April 21, 2020, Navigable Waters Protection Rule should not be withdrawn or vacated.

Primary Sponsors
Joni Ernst

Introduction Date: 2021-01-27

Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
S 29	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Environment And Public Works 2021 01 22	In Senate	None	None

Title
Local Water Protection Act

Primary Sponsors
Amy Klobuchar

Bill Summary: Last edited by Sarah Sapirstein at Feb 16, 2021, 3:35 PM
Reauthorizes U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) grant program that provides funding to states to develop and implement programs that manage nonpoint source pollution or pollution diffusing from runoffs from farms, managed forests and urban areas. The legislation would reauthorize USEPA's grant program at \$200 million annually.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-22

Organizational Notes

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S. 29 reauthorizes U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) grant program that provides funding to states to develop and implement programs that manage nonpoint source pollution or pollution diffusing from runoffs from farms, managed forests and urban areas. The legislation would reauthorize USEPA's grant program at \$200 million annually and give local and state governments flexibility to make conservation improvements that decrease water pollutants through partnerships with impacted communities. #OCSAN

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