

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

117TH CONGRESS – WRAP UP

118TH CONGRESS – START OVER

CIVICS 101 – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

435 VOTING MEMBERS* – BASED ON POPULATION

2-YEAR TERMS*

ALL 435 WERE UP FOR ELECTION IN 2022*

KEY COMMITTEE – NATURAL RESOURCES*

ALL REVENUE MEASURES MUST ORIGINATE IN THE HOUSE

CIVICS 101 - SENATE

U.S. SENATE

100 MEMBERS – 2 FROM EACH STATE

6-YEAR TERMS

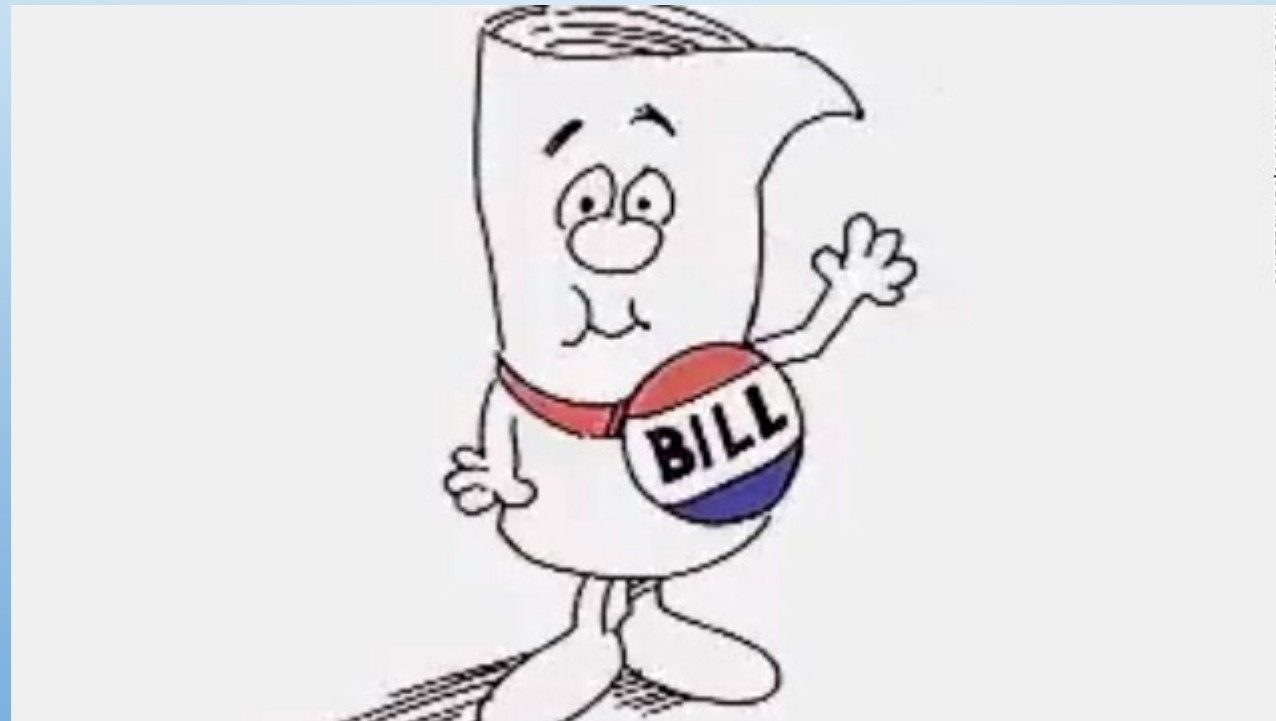
ONE THIRD OF SENATE UP FOR ELECTION EVERY 2 YEARS

KEY COMMITTEE – COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

HOMework ASSIGNMENT!

WATCH "I'M JUST A BILL (SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK)"

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117TH CONGRESS – WRAP UP

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR 2023 (NDAA)

PUBLIC LAW 117-263

- SHARK FINNING BAN
- REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000
- BLUE ECONOMY VALUATION
- REGIONAL OCEAN PARTNERSHIPS
- NATIONAL OCEAN EXPLORATION
- MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH & RESPONSE, MARINE MAMMAL HEALTH MAP, MARINE MAMMAL MORTALITY STUDY, LARGE CETACEANS PROTECTION/MONITORING
- OCEAN SOUNDSCAPE MONITORING PROGRAM
- U.S. COAST GUARD FISHING PROVISIONS
- RED SNAPPER

117TH CONGRESS – WRAP UP

CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

PUBLIC LAW 117-328

- WEST COAST DRIFTNET BAN
- FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTERS IMPROVEMENT ACT
- ALASKA SALMON RESEARCH TASK FORCE ACT
- NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE PROTECTION LIMITATION

117TH CONGRESS – WRAP UP

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022

PUBLIC LAW 117-169

- COASTAL COMMUNITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE
 - CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, PROTECTION OF COASTAL HABITAT
 - PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT NATURAL RESOURCES FOR DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES
 - MARINE FISHERY/MARINE MAMMAL STOCK ASSESSMENTS
- NOAA, SANCTUARIES FACILITIES
- NOAA PLANNING, PERMITTING REVIEW EFFICIENCY
- OAR CLIMATE AND WEATHER FORECASTING
- OFFSHORE WIND MODELING AND ANALYSIS
- OFFSHORE WIND FOR TERRITORIES

118TH CONGRESS – NEW BEGINNING

- ALL LEGISLATION FROM THE 117TH CONGRESS IS GONE – MUST BE REINTRODUCED TO BE CONSIDERED
- SENATE REMAINS CONTROLLED BY DEMOCRAT PARTY
- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOW CONTROLLED BY REPUBLICAN PARTY
 - NEW CHAIRS FOR COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES
 - NEW PRIORITIES
- SLIM MARGINS IN BOTH CHAMBERS

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE 118TH CONGRESS

- HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE / SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES (*PREVIOUS NAME - WATER, OCEANS AND WILDLIFE*)
 - CHAIRMAN BRUCE WESTERMAN (R-ARKANSAS) – WAS RANKING REPUBLICAN IN 117TH
 - RANKING DEMOCRAT RAUL GRIJALVA (D-ARIZONA) – WAS CHAIR IN 117TH
 - SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR - REP. CLIFF BENTZ (R-OREGON)
 - SUBCOMMITTEE RANKING - REP. JARED HUFFMAN (D-CALIFORNIA)
 - SUBCOMMITTEE NAME CHANGE – SIGNALS CHANGE IN PRIORITIES?

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Republicans – 25

Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-Arkansas) – Chair

Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colorado)

Rep. Rob Wittman (R-Virginia)

Rep. Tom McClintock (R-California)

Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Arizona)

Rep. Garret Graves (R-Louisiana)

Rep. Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-Amer. Samoa)

Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-California)

Rep. Daniel Webster (R-Florida)

Rep. Jenniffer González-Colón (R-Puerto Rico)

Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho)

Rep. Pete Stauber (R-Minnesota)

Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah)

Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-Wisconsin)

Rep. Jerry Carl (R-Alabama)

Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Montana)

Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Coloado)

Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Oregon)

Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-Virginia) *

Rep. Jim Moylan (R-Guam) *

Rep. Wesley Hunt (R-Texas) *

Rep. Mike Collins (R-Georgia) *

Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R-Florida) *

Rep. John Duarte (R-California) *

Democrats – 20 – 2 vacancies

Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Arizona) – Ranking Member

Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-California)

Rep. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-CNMI)

Rep. Jared Huffman (D-California)

Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-Arizona)

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colorado)

Rep. Mike Levin (D-California)

Rep. Katie Porter (D-California)

Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández (D-New Mexico)

Rep. Melanie Stansbury (D-New Mexico)

Rep. Mary Sattler Peltola (D-Alaska)

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-New York)

Rep. Kevin Mullin (D-California) *

Rep. Val Hoyle (D-Oregon) *

Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-California) *

Rep. Seth Magaziner (D-Rhode Island) *

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-New York)

Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii)

Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan)

Rep. Susie Lee (D-Nevada)

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WATER, WILDLIFE, AND FISHERIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Republicans - 14

Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Oregon) – Chair

Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-Virginia) * – Vice Chair

Rep. Rob Wittman (R-Virginia)

Rep. Tom McClintock (R-California)

Rep. Garret Graves (R-Louisiana)

Rep. Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-American Samoa)

Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-California)

Rep. Daniel Webster (R-Florida)

Rep. Jenniffer González-Colón (R-Puerto Rico)

Rep. Jerry Carl (R-Alabama)

Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colorado)

Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R-Florida) *

Rep. John Duarte (R-California) *

Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-Wyoming) *

Democrats - 13

Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) – Ranking Member

Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-California)

Rep. Mike Levin (D-California)

Rep. Mary Sattler Peltola (D-Alaska)

Rep. Kevin Mullin (D-California) *

Rep. Val Hoyle (D-Oregon) *

Rep. Seth Magaziner (D-Rhode Island) *

Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan)

Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-Arizona)

Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colorado)

Rep. Katie Porter (D-California)

Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii)

Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Arizona)

PRIORITIES OF HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE: MAJORITY OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR THE 118TH CONGRESS – WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SUBCOMMITTEE

- **BUDGET AND SPENDING REVIEW**
- **ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA)**
- **MAGNUSON-STEVENS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT –** THE MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT (MSA) IS THE PRIMARY STATUTE REGULATING COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FISHING IN FEDERAL WATERS. THE MSA WAS LAST REAUTHORIZED IN THE 109TH CONGRESS. WHILE THE COMMITTEE PASSED A PARTISAN MSA REAUTHORIZATION BILL IN THE 117TH CONGRESS, NO OVERSIGHT HEARINGS WERE HELD. ANY REAUTHORIZATION MUST FIRST PROVIDE FOR ROBUST CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE WITH AN EXAMINATION OF POLICY ISSUES RELATED TO REAUTHORIZATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAKEHOLDERS AND THE REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS TO PROVIDE INPUT.

OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR THE 118TH CONGRESS – CONT.

- **30X30** – OCEAN CONSERVATION IS NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE TO ENSURING THAT OUR FEDERAL OFFSHORE WATERS SIMULTANEOUSLY REMAIN A VITAL, SUSTAINABLE, WORKING, AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCE FOR COMMUNITIES AND FISHERMEN. THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE OVERSIGHT OF EXPANSIONS OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AND MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN ORDER TO MEET THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S ARBITRARY 30X30 GOALS.
- **GULF OF MEXICO RED SNAPPER** – NOAA RECENTLY PUBLISHED ITS FINAL RULE TO IMPLEMENT CATCH LIMITS AND RECREATIONAL DATA CALIBRATION FRAMEWORK ACTIONS FOR GULF OF MEXICO RED SNAPPER. NOAA'S FLAWED RULE IS INTENDED TO PREVENT OVERFISHING BY MODIFYING EACH STATE'S ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS (ACLS) FOR RED SNAPPER. THIS NEW FORMULA WILL REQUIRE CALIBRATING STATES' HIGH-QUALITY DATA TO THE LOW-QUALITY FEDERAL MARINE RECREATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAM (MRIP) DATA. THE NEW CALIBRATION REQUIRED BY THE RULE COULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT SOME OF THE STATES' RED SNAPPER QUOTA THIS YEAR. THE COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT OVERSIGHT OF NOAA AS THE AGENCY MOVES FORWARD WITH CALIBRATING THIS DATA.

OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR THE 118TH CONGRESS – CONT.

- **PROTECTING SALMON FROM SEA LIONS**
- **OFFSHORE WIND IMPACTS TO FISHERIES AND PROTECTED SPECIES** – THE COMMITTEE WILL EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS AND MITIGATION OF OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON FISHERIES AND PROTECTED SPECIES.
- **AQUACULTURE** – THE COMMITTEE WILL EXAMINE WAYS TO DEVELOP AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES.
- **PUBLIC ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM**
- **MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT (MMPA)** – NOAA HAS PROPOSED UNPRECEDENTED REGULATORY BURDENS IN THE NAME OF PROTECTING WHALES ON THE ATLANTIC COAST. THESE ACTIONS IMPOSE A HUGE RISK TO INDUSTRY AND PRIVATE CITIZENS ALIKE. THE COMMITTEE WILL EXAMINE WHETHER THESE REGULATIONS ARE BASED IN SOUND SCIENCE AND REASONING.

SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 118TH CONGRESS

- DEMOCRATS STAY IN CONTROL
- CHAIR – MARIA CANTWELL (D-WASHINGTON)
- NEW RANKING REPUBLICAN – TED CRUZ (R-TEXAS)

- SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, FISHERIES, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND MANUFACTURING
 - SEN. BALDWIN (D-WISCONSIN) – CHAIR
 - SEN. SULLIVAN (R-ALASKA) – RANKING REPUBLICAN

SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Democrats - 14

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Washington – Chair

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota

Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii

Sen. Ed Markey, D-Massachusetts

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Michigan

Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wisconsin

Sen. Tammy Duckworth, Illinois

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Montana

Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Arizona

Sen. Jacky Rosen, D-Nevada

Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, D-New Mexico

Sen. John Hickenlooper, D-Colorado

Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Georgia

Sen. Peter Welch, D-Vermont *

Republicans - 13

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas – Ranking Member

Sen. John Thune, R-South Dakota

Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Mississippi

Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Nebraska

Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas

Sen. Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska

Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tennessee

Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana

Sen. Ted Budd, R-North Carolina *

Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-Missouri *

Sen. J.D. Vance, R-Ohio *

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-West Virginia

Sen. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyoming

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, FISHERIES, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND MANUFACTURING MEMBERS

Democrats – 6

Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wisconsin – Chair

Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii

Sen. Ed Markey, D-Massachusetts

Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, D-New Mexico

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Michigan

Sen. Peter Welch, D-Vermont *

Republicans - 5

Sen. Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska – Ranking Member

Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Mississippi

Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Nebraska

Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tennessee

Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-Missouri *

OTHER FISHERIES/OCEAN ISSUES LIKELY 118TH CONGRESS

- CLIMATE CHANGE
- BLUE ECONOMY
- OFFSHORE WIND
- RIGHT WHALE MITIGATION (EXPANDED TO OTHER LARGE CETACEANS?)
- REGIONAL FISHERIES ISSUES:
 - CALIFORNIA SALMON
 - RED SNAPPER
 - NORTH PACIFIC SALMON

HEARINGS THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

- TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M., THE HOUSE SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A HEARING ON A DISCUSSION DRAFT OF LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH NOAA AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY (THE “NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 2023”).
- TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M., THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE’S SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES WILL HOLD A LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON SEVERAL BILLS INCLUDING: H.R. 1213, THE “RESTORING EFFECTIVE SCIENCE-BASED CONSERVATION UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS PROTECTING WHALES ACT OF 2023” OR THE “RESCUE WHALES ACT OF 2023”, (REP. GRIJALVA, D-ARIZONA).
- TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, AT 1:30 P.M., THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE’S SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES WILL HOLD AN OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M., THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE’S SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES WILL HOLD AN OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 REQUEST FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M., THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE’S SUBCOMMITTEE ON COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION WILL HOLD AN OVERSIGHT HEARING TITLED: “REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENTS FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE COAST GUARD”.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M., THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WILL HOLD AN OVERSIGHT HEARING TITLED “EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2024 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR”.

QUESTIONS?