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Congress

- Senate Committee seeks stakeholder input in preparation for COMPETES reauthorization
- House Committee hears Coast Guard testimony on Arctic icebreakers
- House bill would require NSF research grants to provide national interest justification

Energy

- House Committee hears testimony on Administration's proposed "social cost of carbon" rule
- Energy and Natural Resources Committee passes comprehensive energy bill

Environment

- Senate Committee hears testimony on America's role in the UN Climate Conference
- House hears testimony on EPA Brownfields program

Federal Agencies & Administration

- USGS releases five-year plan to study Arctic

Natural Hazards

- House passes California drought relief bill despite Administration veto threat

Natural Resources

- House Committee reviews success of Helium Stewardship Act
- House Subcommittee hears testimony on BLM hydraulic fracturing regulations
- OCS seismic surveying hearing underscores differences in scientific opinion

Water

- California senators unveil drought relief bill

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