

Congressional appropriations, defending climate gains and look ahead to 2024



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Congress's Impact on Climate and Environment

- Current gridlock in Congress forces focus on funding the government
- Appropriations' impacts to climate and environment
- Riders, funding levels, defending climate gains

Inflation Reduction Act: Historic Climate Legislation Signed on August 16, 2022



Historic Climate Gain: Inflation Reduction Act

- \$369 billion of investments in energy, climate, and justice
- Creating a renewable energy boom and meeting carbon reduction goals
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions up to 40 percent below 2005 levels by 2030

Defending Historic Climate Gains

- Negotiations (potential government shut down)
- Appropriations process
- Farm Bill

Current status

- November 17, President Biden signed the bipartisan “laddered” continuing resolution to fund the government through early 2024
- First part of the CR expires on January 19th (includes Agriculture, Energy-Water, Military Construction-VA, and Transportation-HUD bills)
- The second expires on February 2nd (includes Commerce-Justice-Science, Defense, Financial Services-General Government, Homeland Security, Interior-Environment, Labor-HHS-Education, Legislative Branch, and State-Foreign Operations bills)

Current status

- Speaker Johnson and Senate Majority Leader Schumer deal last week largely sticks to the funding framework agreed to in the debt-limit negotiations last spring
- Sen Murray (D-WA) and Rep Granger (R-TX), chairs of Appropriations Committees, are negotiating top-line allocations for the 12 funding bills
- There's not much time for members to negotiate both of those steps ahead of the deadlines

Inflation Reduction Act and the Farm Bill

IRA included more than \$40 billion to reduce climate emissions from the agricultural sector which is 11 percent of total U.S. climate emissions.

- Climate-smart conservation - \$20 billion
- Rural clean energy deployment - \$14 billion
- Agroforestry - \$5 billion
- Underserved and at-risk farmers - \$6 billion

