



Legislation & Communication Committee

# Report on Activities From Washington, D.C.

Item 6b

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## Subject

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## Purpose

To provide a legislative update.

# Budget Reconciliation Update



## House Committee Action

### Judiciary Committee

- All “major” proposed rules must be approved by Congress
- Expands congressional review of “major” existing rules

### Natural Resources Committee

- \$2B to raise Reclamation’s water storage facilities
- \$500M for Reclamation’s water conveyance repairs

# FY 26 Budget Proposal



## Reduced Funding for Water Infrastructure

- 55% cut to EPA's budget
  - State revolving funds slashed from ~\$3B to \$300M
- 30% cut to DOI's budget
  - Reduced funding for Reclamation programs that do not “build or maintain water infrastructure”
- Federal oversight of all fish species transferred to DOI

# Senate Energy & Natural Resources Nomination Hearing



**Dr. Andrea Travnicek**  
Nominee to be Assistant Secretary  
for Water and Science at the  
Department of Interior

# Senate Environment & Public Works Committee Hearing



## Building on the IIJA's Successes: Identifying Opportunities to Strengthen Water Infrastructure Programs





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# Congressional Staff Tour



