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View From The Hill



The House raucously joined the Senate back in Washington this week, promptly making waves with Speaker Kevin McCarthy's [announcement](#) of an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. The inquiry, for which the Speaker opted against a formal vote on the floor in order to protect more vulnerable Republican Members, will be jointly led by the Chairs of the House Oversight, Judiciary, and Ways and Means Committees, comprised of Representatives James Comer (R-KY), Jim Jordan (R-OH), and Jason Smith (R-MO),

respectively.

It is [believed](#) to have been Speaker McCarthy's hope that announcing steps towards a Biden impeachment would grant him flexibility and enough good will with the House Freedom Caucus to move defense appropriations and achieve buy-in for a Continuing Resolution (CR) later this month to avoid a government shutdown. Unsurprisingly, House conservatives were not in a mood to deal, and proceeded to force leadership to [abandon](#) Floor consideration of the defense appropriations bill and continue their vocal opposition of a CR. Additional fallout came in the form of the [collapse](#) of internal GOP deliberations on agriculture appropriations language banning abortion pill access through the mail. While not wholly unexpected, the nonexistent progress relevant to advancing government funding legislation this week left lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in a dour mood to kick off the fall session, and Speaker McCarthy faces an ever-steeper hill to climb between now and the end of the fiscal year on September 30th. House Republican leadership is currently negotiating a compromise to bring the defense bill to the floor sometime next week. The Senate, which has so far demonstrated a more bipartisan and productive clip in the appropriations process also experienced a slow-down, as Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) [objected](#) to a unanimous consent request by Appropriations Chair Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) to begin quickly processing amendments.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) [convened](#) a group of tech CEOs and lawmakers for a closed-door discussion on the federal government's role in regulating artificial intelligence. The forum included powerful industry leaders such as Tesla's Elon Musk, Meta's Mark Zuckerberg, Alphabet's Sundar Pichai, Microsoft's Satya Nadella, among others, and centered around how to manage risk from the burgeoning AI market in a responsible manner. Leader Schumer is also [reportedly](#) planning an upcoming, bipartisan delegation to China, Japan, and South Korea next month to complement recent trips by high-level Biden Administration officials aimed at reducing tensions between the U.S. and China. While American officials have been traveling to Beijing with increased [regularity](#) in recent months, reciprocation on the part of Chinese leadership has yet to materialize.

Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) [announced](#) his intent to retire at the conclusion of his first and current term in 2025. The vocal critic of former President Trump cited his age, difficult dynamics within the GOP, and the likelihood of either a second Biden or Trump term after the 2024 election as primary reasons for his decision.

Aerospace & Defense

[South Korea cleared to buy \\$5B worth of F-35s \(Breaking Defense\)](#)

The US State Department has formally approved the sale of 25 more F-35 Joint Strike

Fighters to South Korea, with an estimated price tag of \$5.06 billion. South Korea already has a standing order for 40 F-35A conventional take-off and landing models, meaning the new buy would increase its fifth-gen fighter fleet by over 50 percent. The first jets were delivered in 2019. The announcement comes on the heels of a major trilateral meeting between the leaders of the US, Japan and South Korea. The announced deal covers 25 F-35A models, alongside 26 Pratt & Whitney F135-PW-100 engines and a host of equipment. It's important to note the announcement does not represent a final sale. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases announced like these have been approved by the executive branch for review by Congress; should the Hill not object, the quantities and dollar values in the deals can change during negotiations with industry.

[Kendall: Major DAF Review to Focus on 5 Key Functions with Recommendations by January](#)

[U.S. to Shift Millions in Military Aid From Egypt to Taiwan \(WSJ\)](#)

The U.S. plans to redirect some of its foreign military financing allocated for Egypt to Taiwan over what it says is Egypt's failure to make progress on human rights and other issues, according to U.S. officials. The Biden administration has notified Congress that it would withhold \$85 million in aid conditioned on the release of political prisoners, officials said, and some lawmakers are pushing to withhold another \$235 million in conditional assistance that goes to Egypt, amid growing calls by Democrats to penalize Cairo for its human-rights record. The administration is planning to redirect \$55 million of the funding to Taiwan—where the U.S. has been looking to reinforce its military partnership in the face of rising tensions with China—and \$30 million to Lebanon, several U.S. officials said.

[F-35 performance-based logistics deal slips to 2024: Lockheed CFO](#)

[Boeing Wins Lead Role On Hypersonic Interceptor Demo \(Aviation Week\)](#)

DARPA has selected Boeing to lead a flight demonstration of an advanced divert and attitude control system (DACS) and other technologies for a future interceptor against hypersonic glide vehicles. A \$70.6 million contract awarded on Sept. 8 launches a four-year Phase 2 for DARPA's Glide Breaker program with Boeing in the lead role. During Phase 1, DARPA awarded contracts to Northrop Grumman and Aerojet Rocketdyne in 2018 to develop separate DACS modules as an enabling technology for a future hypersonic interceptor. The Glide Breaker program is proceeding alongside the Missile

Defense Agency's (MDA) Glide Phase Interceptor (GPI) program. In 2021, MDA awarded design contracts to Northrop and RTX. Japanese industry will also participate in the GPI development program.

Budget & Appropriations

[Lawmakers eye deal to bring Pentagon spending bill to the floor next week \(Politico\)](#)

House Republican leaders are trying to smooth over a dispute with conservative rebels that could pave the way for defense spending legislation to come to the floor next week, Defense Appropriations Chair Ken Calvert said Thursday. Speaker Kevin McCarthy was forced to sideline the fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill this week because it lacked enough GOP support to survive initial test votes. The spending dispute saw conservatives delay a party-line bill over a dispute unrelated to defense. Moving the bill to the floor next week is "our intent" Calvert said in a brief interview. Many conservatives withheld their support for the Pentagon bill in order to force McCarthy to take a harder line on government-wide spending cuts ahead of a showdown with the Senate. The standoff between the chambers could result in a government shutdown next month.

[House GOP starts to coalesce around stopgap funding plan](#)

[Combo appropriations package hits the skids in Senate \(Roll Call\)](#)

Senate progress on a \$279 billion package of three fiscal 2024 appropriations bills slowed to a crawl Thursday even after lawmakers overwhelmingly signaled their desire to call up the measure for debate and amendments. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., blocked a unanimous consent request to package the three bills together and set up votes on an initial batch of 10 amendments, including a handful sponsored by Republicans. His concern, shared by others such as Rand Paul, R-Ky., was that the chamber ought to be debating one spending bill at a time. That move left the chamber at an impasse even after senators agreed 91-7 to the motion to proceed to the three-bill combo earlier in the day. But even some who voted to start debate expressed reservations about the process, particularly the fact that Senate leaders were trying to tack two more spending bills onto the main legislative vehicle, the House-passed Military Construction-VA bill.

Romney's exit threatens a collapse of Senate's middle

[Air Force 'Very Opposed' to Lawmakers' Proposed Cost Limits for CCAs \(Air and Space Forces\)](#)

The House of Representatives has proposed cost limits on Collaborative Combat Aircraft as part of its 2024 defense policy bill—but Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall expressed puzzlement at the numbers and indicated the service is not pursuing the kinds of systems Congress is talking about. In its version of the 2024 National Defense Authorization Act, the House approved a provision setting cost limits of: \$3 million each for an “expendable” CCA, \$10 million for an “attributable” CCA, and \$25 million for an “exquisite” model. The Senate did not include such a provision in its version of the NDAA, and the idea has not been hashed out in conference yet. Instead of the three classifications offered by the House, Kendall indicated that “we’ve got two increments planned” but did not elaborate on what they were. He has not set any cost boundaries for CCAs beyond the goal of buying them at “a fraction of [the cost of] an F-35,” which in the last contract with Lockheed Martin was about \$80 million per aircraft.

Advanced Technologies

[Senate starts to fracture over how to govern AI \(Politico\)](#)

Cracks are starting to emerge in the Senate’s approach to regulating artificial intelligence — its top tech policy focus of the fall. On Wednesday, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer convened what he called an “unprecedented” gathering of tech CEOs for an all-day listening session on how the fast-moving technology should be regulated. But just a day before, Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), two prominent senators on the Judiciary Committee, held a separate hearing to refine their own set of comprehensive AI rules. Other senators are busy drafting or introducing bills to address AI-enabled deepfakes, government procurement of automated systems and other piecemeal approaches to the technology.

DoD space protection strategy: resilience, defense, and offense by another name

[Nasa signals turn to data-driven approach in search for UFOs \(Financial Times\)](#)

Nasa is expected to call on companies, citizen scientists, pilots and air traffic managers to track UFO sightings as part of its efforts to gather more robust data on unidentified flying objects. The US space agency on Thursday unveiled the results of a nearly year-long study of unclassified UFO sightings, now more commonly known as unexplained anomalous phenomena (UAP). The study, carried out by an independent team of 16 scientists, data and artificial intelligence experts, and aviation safety specialists, was not looking for evidence of extraterrestrial visits. Instead it was tasked with designing a road map for Nasa to lead a more scientific approach to gathering and analysing data about these phenomena. The initiative should help to end decades of suspicion that the US government has been hiding information about UFOs, with Nasa administrator Bill Nelson pledging that any findings on UAP would be made public.

[How two SATCOM companies are responding to Starlink's dominance](#)

[New Pentagon cyber strategy emphasizes industry and global partnerships \(Nextgov\)](#)

A top Defense Department official said Wednesday that expanding information sharing relationships with industry and international partners will be crucial for implementing the department's 2023 cyber strategy. An unclassified version of the strategy released this week described capacity-building and cooperation with allies and partners as a top priority for the department in cyberspace, in addition to enhanced bilateral technical collaboration with key stakeholders. The fourth iteration of the cyber strategy builds on lessons learned from previous large-scale cybersecurity operations and observations of how Russia has leveraged cyber throughout its invasion of Ukraine, according to Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy John Plumb.

Military Installations & Communities

[Tuberville's blockade could take years for military to recover from, Franchetti says \(Axios\)](#)

Sen. Tommy Tuberville's (R-Ala.) blockade of hundreds of military promotions could take years to recover from, President Biden's nominee for the Navy's top officer said Thursday. Adm. Lisa Franchetti, whose promotion has also been on hold, said during her confirmation hearing that "just at the three-star level, it would take about three to four months to move all the people around." It would "take years to recover from the promotion delays," she added. Earlier this week, the Congressional Research Service released a

memo saying it could take up about 700 hours of Senate floor time to individually process and vote on the promotions of some 273 military officers. The number of pending nominations has increased to more than 300 since the August report was written, per the Defense Department.

[Army infrastructure database key to facility investment planning](#)

[Entire Air Force to miss recruiting goal, the first failure since 1999 \(Military Times\)](#)

The Air Force will miss its annual enlisted recruiting goal across all three components for the first time since 1999, as waning interest in military service and administrative hurdles continue to plague efforts to train the next generation of troops. The active duty Air Force made it about 90% of the way to its goal of 26,877 enlisted recruits, falling short by nearly 2,700 airmen. The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard fared worse, limping toward the finish line with 30% shortfalls in each component. The Reserve and Guard had hoped to bring in 9,300 and 11,745 enlisted airmen, respectively. Meanwhile, the Space Force surpassed its enlisted goal of 472 new guardians.

[Odds of Shutdown and Missed Paychecks for Troops Grow Amid Chaos in the House](#)

[VA's health record 'reset' will extend into 2024 \(Nextgov\)](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs is eying the summer of 2024 to resume its deployments of the Oracle-Cerner electronic health record system. The 10-year technology refresh, currently budgeted at \$16 billion but widely expected to cost much more, was paused in April to focus on driving improvements at the five VA sites where the new record is currently in use. At a Wednesday hearing of the House Appropriations subcommittee that funds VA, program head Neil Evans told lawmakers that the next deployment will take place at Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago in April 2024. This go-live was kept on the schedule despite the pause because it is taking place at a facility that also serves Defense Department patients. DOD is using the same commercial records system as VA, but it is very close to completing its full deployment.

Homeland Security

[Caesars Paid Ransom After Suffering Cyberattack \(WP\)](#)

Caesars Entertainment paid roughly half of a \$30 million ransom that hackers demanded after a cyberattack late this summer, another example of a major casino operator suffering from an attack as MGM Resorts MGM grapples with the fallout of a recent incident. Hackers used a social-engineering scheme, in which a person pretending to be an employee contacted the company IT help desk to have a password changed, according to people familiar with the matter. Caesars is expected to report the cyberattack in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing this week. Caesars' planned disclosure comes as MGM Resorts—the biggest operator on the Las Vegas Strip—responds to its own cybersecurity incident. MGM said a “cybersecurity issue” on Sunday prompted the company to shut down “certain systems.” Slot machines, sports-betting kiosks, digital keys for hotel rooms, online reservations and credit-card transactions were down.

[DHS Establishes New Customer Experience Office](#)

[Air Force looks to move spy-plane sensors to satellites \(Defense One\)](#)

The Pentagon should consider moving more intelligence-gathering technology from aircraft to less vulnerable spacecraft, a top Air Force general said. Gen. Mark Kelly, the head of Air Combat Command, spoke as the Pentagon looks for ways to conduct missions that are less susceptible to disruption by advanced Russian and Chinese surface-to-air missiles. “The force elements that we must send forward to [deploy] today, I'd highly recommend we have a discussion, as an entire force, to put in space tomorrow,” Kelly, who oversees the Air Force's fighter jets and intelligence planes, said at this week's Air, Space, and Cyber conference. The Air Force's diverse fleet of intelligence planes do a host of missions, including intercepting enemy signals, missile tracking, and tracking ground movements. Many of those aircraft are decades old; some date to the 1960s. While the planes have been overhauled and modernized with newer technology numerous times, they are expensive to fly and are vulnerable to long-range missiles

[DHS has lost track of 177,000 migrants inside the U.S.](#)

[Homeland Security at risk of losing key powers to protect U.S. \(Axios\)](#)

On top of the threat of a government shutdown, the Department of Homeland Security is at risk of losing authorization powers it uses to help keep Americans safe from drones, weapons of mass destruction and chemical terrorist attacks. More than 20 years after the agency's founding in the aftermath of the Sept. 11th attack, DHS is struggling with a surge in border migration and worried about Congress not renewing other authorities. The department's role in immigration enforcement tends to steal the spotlight and has fueled politically-charged debates over the agency's effectiveness and spending. Since Republicans took control of the House, the vast majority of hearings involving the department have focused on border and immigration. But DHS has a much wider range of tasks outside of immigration, which require congressional approval and significant funding. "We are coming up on the end of our fiscal year, and there is not tremendous confidence that the government will be budgeted as it needs to be," DHS Secretary Mayorkas told reporters on Monday, after outlining multiple authorities he needs Congress to renew this year.

Transportation & Infrastructure

[Commerce Department Touts Indo-Pacific Pact \(Transport Topics\)](#)

The U.S. Commerce Department is pitching its landmark multinational pact to strengthen supply chains with 13 Indo-Pacific nations that together with America account for 40% of the world's gross domestic product. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo released Sept. 7 the 25-page "Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Supply Chain Agreement" that must be approved by each nation domestically before signed by representatives. "By working toward finalization of this monumental agreement, the United States is taking an important step forward to fortify bonds with our partners throughout the Indo-Pacific," Raimondo noted. "Working in lockstep, we will be prepared to best address our shared economic challenges together." She said the agreement is part of the Biden administration's commitment to revitalize American manufacturing and strengthen critical supply chains.

[FHWA Offers \\$100 Million in Grants to Fix Broken EV Chargers](#)

[Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \\$80 Million in Grants to Improve Highway Safety, Including Better Access to Truck Parking \(U.S. DOT\)](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced more than \$80 million in grant awards from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This historic funding will help reduce the frequency and severity of commercial motor vehicle crashes on our nation's roadways and support truck drivers by expanding access to truck parking, investing in critical technology, improving safety in work zones, rural areas and high crash corridors, and more. Grant recipients include states, local governments, non-profit organizations, and academic institutions across the country. The High Priority grants include a 65% increase in funding for truck parking projects over last year and enhance critical efforts to support truck drivers and improve safety such as: Expand access to truck parking by helping truck drivers locate available rest area truck parking spaces in real time via dynamic message signs along highways in Kentucky, Delaware, and Indiana. Research to support automated, location-based driver alerts via electronic logging devices that inform drivers of upcoming work zones --- improving safety for both the drivers and the workers.

[Local officials call on Congress to reject larger trucks on highway](#)

[Elon Musk's 700 mph hyperloop tech hasn't become reality. But companies aren't giving up \(CNBC News\)](#)

Hyperloop, a mega-fast transportation system dreamed up in 2013 by Tesla and SpaceX founder Elon Musk, was supposed to be a reality by now. But it hasn't quite worked out that way. There has been so much hype, with several firms years ago saying that we would have a mass-scale hyperloop system by now. That just hasn't happened. Many believe the hyperloop concept will eventually challenge other forms of transportation, including airplanes, by moving people and cargo through tubes at speeds of around to 700 miles per hour. The dream of a hyperloop hasn't ended yet. "I've been working on this for seven years now, we wouldn't be doing it if we don't believe in it. I mean, I think a lot of the hype, when it came out was really optimistic, like, in two years, in three years, I don't know. But this is, I mean, this is a timeline that you can use if you build software, maybe, but not if you build infrastructure," Gabriele Semino, project lead at TUM Hyperloop, told CNBC in an interview. "Obviously, for this kind of a completely new system, you need to ... develop it."

Biotechnology & Healthcare

[Google announces funding for AI-enabled digital health projects \(Mobi Health News\)](#)

Google announced that it is funding 15 AI-powered projects, including digital health initiatives to improve provider experience and patient access to care, via its commitment to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Each project received \$3 million in technical assistance, cash support and Google Cloud credits. A handful of projects received [Google.org](https://www.google.org/fellowships/) Fellowships, where a team of Google employees works with an organization pro bono full time for up to six months. Of the 15 AI projects funded, the following eight digital health endeavors were awarded funding. RAD-AID provides low-source hospitals with an AI-enabled platform that helps triage patients, primarily regarding respiratory disease and breast cancer. The platform also helps interpret X-rays and scans and provide test results. Makerere AI Lab will develop a 3D-printed adapter that processes images using AI and is compatible with a phone or microscope. The goal is to help providers in Uganda diagnose patients with illnesses, such as tuberculosis, malaria and cancer in low- and middle-income countries where lab technicians are scarce.

[Moderna flu shot succeeds in late-stage study](#)

[Unprecedented focus on global public health at UN General Assembly \(WHO\)](#)

WHO is urging leaders meeting at the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 78) in New York to put health for all on the highest political agenda and apply lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. WHO's appeal comes as the world faces multiple humanitarian and climate-related crises which are threatening lives and livelihoods around the world. WHO's call to accelerate the achievement of health targets comes ahead of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit (SDG Summit) and an unprecedented number of health-focused high-level meetings at UNGA, aimed at strengthening pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response, delivering universal health coverage (UHC) and ending TB. As government leaders gather to make commitments around three major health issues, they have a chance to demonstrate that health is an investment, not a cost, and is fundamental to thriving, resilient families, societies and economies. "If COVID-19 taught us nothing else, it's that when health is at risk, everything is at risk," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "The pandemic caused enormous economic, social and political upheaval, and stalled or reversed progress towards the health-related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals.

[Biden administration pushes back on Merck's drug price negotiation challenge](#)

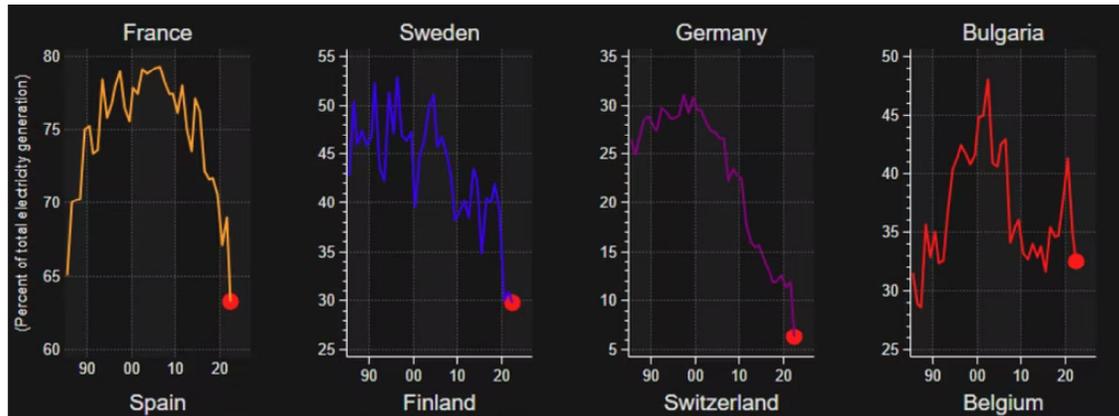
[California Legislature First to Pass Ban on 4 Food Additives Linked to Health Issues \(US News\)](#)

California is on track to become the first state to ban four food additives that some experts have linked to health issues ranging from behavioral problems in children to reproductive issues to cancer in lab animals. On Tuesday, the legislature passed Assembly Bill 418, which now awaits the signature of Gov. Gavin Newsom. The substances are permitted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, so this would be the first time a state has banned items allowed by federal regulators. The chemicals are already illegal in the European Union and other places around the world, NBC News reported. The ingredients are red dye No. 3, potassium bromate, brominated vegetable oil and propylparaben. The restriction would begin in 2027. "It's going to make our food supply much safer," Assembly member Jesse Gabriel, who introduced the bill along with Assembly member Buffy Wicks, told NBC News. "It's going to give parents more confidence that when they're buying foods at the grocery store, they don't have to worry that there's something in there that's dangerous for their kids."

Climate & Development

[Nuclear gets a boost from Europe's new green energy targets \(Reuters\)](#)

European lawmakers bowed to pressure from France to allow nuclear power to be used for ammonia and hydrogen production in order to pass new legally binding targets to expand renewable energy development in the European Union. France's own hefty nuclear power sector - which generates over 60% of the country's electricity - is clearly a key beneficiary of the allowances made by lawmakers as part of the deal which aggressively lifts EU renewable energy usage targets. But all of Europe's nuclear power producers may get a lift from the new deal, which allows for certain non-emitting nuclear facilities to bypass rules relating to hydrogen production. Thanks to the deal, France's nuclear plants can produce and market hydrogen that may be used by industry as a replacement for fossil fuels, and contribute to the region's goals of sharply reducing fossil fuel use while boosting supplies of clean fuels.



[US Forest Service awards \\$1B in grants to boost green space access](#)

[Newsom announces climate-focused trip to China \(Politico\)](#)

Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) will go to China next month to meet with officials on climate change, he said. “The imperative of maintaining a relationship on climate with China is about the fate and future of this planet,” Newsom said in an interview with POLITICO at the California Museum in Sacramento. “It’s too important; it’s another example where California needs to lead.” Newsom referenced the breakdown of relations at the national level, noting, “We’re doing subnational work in the absence of any other leadership.” But he said he was working with the Biden administration on the trip. “You better believe I coordinated with the White House,” he added. Newsom has sought to pick up the mantle of his predecessors, former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) and his successor Gov. Jerry Brown (D), in building climate ties with China. Brown in particular signed hundreds of subnational officials to his 2015 pledge to keep temperatures from rising more than 2 degrees Celsius. He also famously traveled to China to tout state-level action after President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the U.N. Paris climate agreement.

[Robots are trained to help revive coral reefs](#)

['Peak oil' could be on the horizon, but new fossil fuel projects are pushing ahead \(NBC News\)](#)

Demand for fossil fuels is set to peak by the end of the decade, according to a new

projection from the International Energy Agency — but it might not be enough to curb the worst impacts of climate change or outpace new fossil fuel projects. An upcoming report by the agency, an intergovernmental organization that tracks global energy markets, estimates that demand for oil, gas and coal will begin dropping over the next few years, said IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol in an email to NBC News. Birol said the estimated decline starting in 2030 is being driven by vital growth in clean energy technology, as well as global economic shifts, such as China's increasing investment in renewable energy and Europe's move from natural gas following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Birol first announced the projection in an op-ed for the Financial Times.

Next Week's Hearings

Armed Services Committees

House: None listed

Senate: None listed

Appropriations Committees

House: None listed

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- Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 2:30pm EDT: [Review of the FY 2024 Budget for the Federal Communications Commission](#)

Homeland Security Committees

House: None listed

Senate:

- Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 2:30 PM EDT: [Advanced Technology: Examining Threats to National Security](#)

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