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House Passes Climate Bill – Now the Real Work Begins

On Friday evening, June 26, the House of Representatives voted to approve the [American Clean Energy and Security Act \(ACES\)](#) (H.R. 2454), a 1300-plus page bill that would impose the first federal restrictions on CO₂ emissions, establish a market structure for trading CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions permits and promote investment in, and transition to, cleaner-energy technologies.

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CO₂ Transport Versus the 50-State Sequestration Strategy: A Reality Check

Current [administration](#) and [congressional](#) climate proposals depend heavily on geological sequestration to reduce CO₂ emissions from coal-fired power plants and other major industrial sources. While some [federal agencies](#) and [studies](#) consider [widespread localized sequestration](#) to be viable, a nationwide rollout faces significant obstacles.

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The House Passes Legislation to Protect Intellectual Property Rights of U.S. Owners Abroad

On June 10, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2410, the "[Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011](#)." Section 329 of this legislation is directed to the "Protection of Intellectual Property Rights" and alludes to the stance that the United States is expected to take in Copenhagen.

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Upcoming Speaking Engagements

On July 1, [Ken Markowitz](#) will participate in the final program of a five-part series on "U.S. Carbon Compliance Strategies" that he designed in conjunction with the [2degrees network](#).

On September 21, [Ken Markowitz](#) will participate in a panel on "[Regional Carbon Programs](#)" at the Carbon Markets USA conference in Washington, D.C.

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