

THIS WEEK IN CLIMATE (IN)ACTION

Check out the League of Conservation Voters' 2016 primers to stay up to date on what all of the presidential candidates are saying about [climate change](#), the [Clean Power Plan](#), and [renewable energy](#) – and be sure to follow LCV on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“You look at the global warming alarmists, and they’re not engaged in science.” - Sen. Ted Cruz, during an [interview](#) with former Fox News contributor Steven Crowder.

SPEED READ:

National Journal: [Why Ted Cruz and Jeb Bush Have \(Basically\) the Same Energy Plan](#)
Fusion: [The carrots and sticks that climate activists plan to use in Paris](#)

THIS WEEK’S MOST IMPORTANT STORIES:

LCV and Funny or Die Bring Celebrities Together to Call for Climate Action

LCV and Funny or Die released a new [video](#) featuring Jeff Goldblum as a corporate “fixer” brought in to speak to the “Nation's Biggest Polluters Secret Headquarters.” Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WaWJPx3UPY>

“LCV is releasing this video on the heels of the cynical and purely symbolic Senate votes this week to try to block the Clean Power Plan,” LCV President Gene Karpinski [said](#). “It calls attention to how ridiculous the arguments against the Clean Power Plan really are.” The video has already gained traction, with tens of thousands of views and positive reaction on social media and in the press.

Senate Republicans Fail to Earn Veto-Proof Majority When Attempting to Block “Clean Power Plan” Proposals

In a “desperate and ultimately symbolic attempt by Senate Republican leadership to stop historic climate progress,” Senate Republicans failed to pass veto-proof legislation to overturn the EPA’s Clean Power Plan this week in a 52-46 [vote](#). Sens. Rubio and Graham, who are both presidential candidates, skipped the vote, and Sen. Ted Cruz called the policy “[tyranny](#)” at a Texas energy conference.

President Obama has said he would veto the legislation. The League of Conservation voters joined a large coalition of environmental groups who [sent a letter](#) to Congress criticizing the vote, urging members “to oppose these resolutions that put the health of our children and

families at risk, threaten the quality of our air, and strip the EPA of the tools to address dangerous carbon pollution.”

Bill Nye Talks Clean Energy Job Growth

Giving a lecture at West Virginia’s Clay Center, “Science Guy” Bill Nye [discussed](#) the growing clean energy industry.

“If we build wind turbines and solar panels, [companies] can’t outsource those jobs. You can’t have people in Asia putting them up -- they have to be here,” Nye said to the gathered audience.

Estimates by the Solutions Project found that about 54,000 jobs in construction and 20,000 jobs in operations would be brought to West Virginia’s renewable energy sector.

DAYS AHEAD:

Nov 30 - Dec 11 – UN Climate Talks - Paris, France

As the United States continues to lead the world in combatting climate change, heads of state and activists from across the globe will gather for the UN climate talks in Paris. A defining moment for the climate change community, the talks in Paris are expected to cap off one of the biggest years in the history of the climate change movement to date.

Dec 11 - Freedom Works’ Rising Tide Summit - Cedar Rapids, IA

Top Republican contenders for the GOP nomination will gather in Cedar Rapids, IA for a summit on growing the American economy, hosted by FreedomWorks and Congressman Rod Blum (R-IA-1). Organizers also expect grassroots activists to turnout in force to question candidates on their economic vision for the future. We’ll be watching to see what the candidates have to say about growing our economy through clean energy initiatives and smart climate change policy.