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Senate moves on climate and energy legislation

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This past week, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed their version of a climate and energy bill, theirs called Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act (S.1733). The bill and the process took a great deal of flak and revealed how partisan this issue has become. In our estimation, this bill made some substantial progress in emission reductions of greenhouse gases and the inclusion of adaptation funding for poor people here at home and around the world. The poor and vulnerable will be hit first and worst by the negative impacts of climate change.

It is crucial to show that there is support for a final bill to come out of the Senate so that the momentum continues as negotiators head to Copenhagen for the upcoming international gathering on climate change. Learn more about Climate & Energy legislation and advocacy at the National Catholic Rural Life Conference website.

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