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Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairwoman [Lisa Murkowski](#) told reporters today she's hoping a broad energy package [S. 1460 \(115\)](#) can secure some floor time during the current work period — which Senate Majority Leader [Mitch McConnell](#) says will extend into the middle of next month.

McConnell [announced](#) this afternoon that the Senate would cancel the first two weeks of its August recess to give Republican lawmakers more time to work through their daunting to-do list, which includes repealing Obamacare and raising the debt limit.

"We have a bipartisan product that's ready to go, and why wouldn't you want to take it up?" Murkowski said, urging lawmakers to consider the package "in these spaces that we have."

She acknowledged she'd need Democratic cooperation to prevent the legislation — which is largely unchanged from a version that passed the Senate 85-12 in April 2016 — from being bogged down by procedural hurdles.

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