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On January 6, 2009, pursuant to H. Res. 8, Chairman Nick J. Rahall, II, of West Virginia, was elected to the Committee.

On January 6, 2009, pursuant to H. Res. 12, Ranking Member Doc Hastings, of Washington, was elected to the Committee.

On January 9, 2009, pursuant to H. Res. 38, the Minority (Republican) Members were elected to the Committee.

On January 21, 2009, pursuant to H. Res. 74, the Majority (Democrat) Members were elected to the Committee.

On February 28, 2010, Neil Abercrombie, of Hawaii, resigned from the Committee.

On May 6, 2010, pursuant to H. Res. 1334, Ben Ray Luján, of New Mexico, was elected to the Committee.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,  
*January 3, 2011.*

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. MILLER: Pursuant to clause 1(d)(1) of rule XI and rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, here is a report of the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Natural Resources during the 111th Congress.

With warm regards, I am  
Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL, II, *Chairman.*



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Mr. RAHALL, from the Committee on Natural Resources,  
submitted the following

### R E P O R T

#### OVERVIEW

The Committee on Natural Resources met on February 4, 2009, for an organizational meeting of the 111th Congress under the direction of Chairman Nick J. Rahall, II. The Committee Membership was 49 Members with 29 Democrats and 20 Republicans.

The Committee established four subcommittees: Energy and Mineral Resources (Jim Costa, Chairman); Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife (Madeleine Bordallo, Chairwoman); National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (Raúl Grijalva, Chairman); and Water and Power (Grace F. Napolitano, Chairwoman).

#### JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources, as prescribed by *clause 1(l) of Rule X* of the Rules of the House is as follows:

- (1) Fisheries and wildlife, including research, restoration, refuges, and conservation.
- (2) Forest reserves and national parks created from the public domain.
- (3) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.
- (4) Geological Survey.
- (5) International fishing agreements.
- (6) Interstate compacts relating to apportionment of waters for irrigation purposes.

(7) Irrigation and reclamation, including water supply for reclamation projects and easements of public lands for irrigation projects; and acquisition of private lands when necessary to complete irrigation projects.

(8) Native Americans generally, including the care and allotment of Native American lands and general and special measures relating to claims that are paid out of Native American Funds.

(9) Insular possessions of the United States generally (except those affecting the revenue and appropriations).

(10) Military parks and battlefields, national cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, parks within the District of Columbia, and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.

(11) Mineral land laws and claims and entries thereunder.

(12) Mineral resources of the public lands.

(13) Mining interests generally.

(14) Mining schools and experimental stations.

(15) Marine affairs, including coastal zone management (except for measures relating to oil and other pollution of navigable waters).

(16) Oceanography.

(17) Petroleum conservation on the public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.

(18) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain.

(19) Public lands generally, including entry, easements, and the grazing thereon.

(20) Relations of the United States with Native Americans and Native American tribes.

(21) Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline (except ratemaking).

#### ACTIVITIES REPORT

##### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES STATISTICS

Total number of bills and resolutions referred .....	754
Total number of meeting days:	
Full Committee (45)	
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources (18)	
Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife (42)	
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (33)	
Subcommittee on Water and Power (22)	
Total .....	160
Total number of bills ordered reported from Committee .....	106
Total number of reports filed .....	103
Total number of bills referred to/discharged by Committee on Natural Resources and passed by the House of Representatives .....	163
Total number of public laws .....	32
Total number of bills enacted into law .....	118

\* Includes House and Senate Resolutions.

#### FULL COMMITTEE

##### I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

###### A. Legislative and Administrative Hearings and Markups

*February 4, 2009*—Full Committee met to organize for the 111th Congress; to adopt the Committee Rules, agree to an oversight plan, and adopt the Committee Staff Hiring Resolution.

*March 18, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 31, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1385, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

*April 22, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 31, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; H.R. 860, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1385, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

*April 29, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1018, to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

*June 3, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1035, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes; H.R. 1061, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2040, to authorize a process by which the Secretary of the Interior shall process acquisitions of certain real property of the Samish Indian Nation into trust, and for other purposes.

*June 10, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 409, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and for other purposes; H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004; H.R. 556, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter; H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes; H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 1080, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes; H.R. 1275, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes; H.R. 1442, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909; H.R. 1454, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 1612, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning op-

portunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service; and H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, and for other purposes.

*June 11, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2314, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

*June 24, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico.

*June 25, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2708, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, and for other purposes.

*July 9, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 715, to expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1061, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 1121, to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes; H.R. 1376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas; and Committee Resolution #2, commending the service of the Honorable M. Pope Barrow, Jr., House Legislative Counsel.

*July 15, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1358, to reaffirm and clarify the Federal relationship of the Burt Lake Band as a distinct federally recognized Indian Tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 2678, to extend Federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 3084, to restore Federal recognition to the Chinook Nation, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3120, to extend the Federal relationship to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana as a distinct federally recognized Indian tribe, and for other purposes.

*July 22, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico.

*July 29, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 481, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 905, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes; H.R. 1053, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 1641, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a

study of the Cascadia Marine Trail; H.R. 1771, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1916, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to provide for a revised schedule of price increases for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, popularly known as the “Duck Stamp,” and for other purposes.

*September 10, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 685, to require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1593, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2008, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project; H.R. 2265, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes; H.R. 2442, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2522, to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 2741, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes; H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes; H.R. 2806, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 2950, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District; and H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

*September 16, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. (*Part I*)

*September 17, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the

Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. (*Part II*)

*September 30, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 1065, to resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 1471, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 2489, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs; H.R. 3254, to approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and for other purposes; H.R. 3342, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque; H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

*October 21, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2523, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior.

*October 28, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 86, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County’s rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 118, to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park; H.R. 2213, to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 2781, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2888, to provide for the designation of the Devil’s Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes.

*November 4, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 3697, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; and H.R. 3742, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

*November 18, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 1672, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes; H.R. 2062, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty

Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes; H.R. 3388, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 3603, to rename the Ocmulgee National Monument; H.R. 3644, to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish education and watershed programs which advance environmental literacy, including preparedness and adaptability for the likely impacts of climate change in coastal watershed regions; H.R. 3759, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant economy-related contract extensions of a certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers, and for other purposes; H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3940, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam.

*December 2, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 725, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes.

*December 16, 2009*—Markup held on H.R. 725, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes; H.R. 2288, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023; H.R. 2314, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; H.R. 2476, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 3538, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3726, to establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

*February 24, 2010*—Markup held on H.R. 1769, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 2788, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 4003, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4192, to designate the Stornetta Public Lands as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and

for other purposes; and H.R. 4395, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

*March 17, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 2099, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

*April 21, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 1554, to take certain property in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, into trust for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and for other purposes; H.R. 2340, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and H.R. 4445, To amend Public Law 95-232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico.

*May 5, 2010*—Markup held on H. Res. 1254, directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the Secretary's Treasured Landscape Initiative, potential designation of National Monuments, and High Priority Land-Rationalization Efforts; H.R. 2889, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; H.R. 3511, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and operate a visitor facility to fulfill the purposes of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes; H.R. 4349, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 4438, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes; H.R. 4491, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4493, to provide for the enhancement of visitor services, fish and wildlife research, and marine and coastal resource management on Guam related to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes.

*June 9, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4347, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

*June 16, 2010*—Markup held on H. Res. 1406, directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the potential designation of National Monuments; H.R. 1554, to take certain property in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, into trust for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and for other purposes; H.R. 2340, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims

Settlement Act; H.R. 2864, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 3914, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3923, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 3967, to amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015; H.R. 3989, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 4445, to amend Public Law 95-232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico; H.R. 4514, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4686, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 4773, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4973, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.

*June 23, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 5479, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide for use of excess funds available under that Act to provide for certain benefits, and for other purposes.

*June 30, 2010*—Hearing held on the Discussion Draft, Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3534, dated June 22, 2010 (5:25 p.m.).

*July 14, 2010*—Markup held on H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

*July 15, 2010*—Markup concluded on H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

*July 22, 2010*—Markup held on H.R. 2523, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business,

and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 3785, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundary of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area; H.R. 4195, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 4347, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; H.R. 4416, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 4823, to establish the Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area in the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 4888, to revise the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as it applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 5110, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes; H.R. 5131, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; H.R. 5152, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes; H.R. 5194, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes; H.R. 5388, to expand the boundaries of the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico; H.R. 5479, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide for use of excess funds available under that Act to provide for certain benefits, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5494, to direct the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain properties to the District of Columbia.

*July 28, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4384, to establish the Utah Navajo Trust Fund Commission, and for other purposes; H.R. 5023, to prescribe procedures for effective consultation and coordination by Federal agencies with federally recognized Indian tribes regarding Federal Government activities that impact tribal lands and interests to ensure that meaningful tribal input is an integral part of the Federal decision-making process; and H.R. 5468, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony.

## II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE FULL COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

### A. Oversight Hearings

*February 11, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Drilling: Environmental and Commercial Perspectives.”

*February 24, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Drilling: State Perspectives.”

*February 25, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Drilling: Industrial Perspectives.”

*March 31, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “The California Drought: Actions by Federal and State agencies to address impacts on lands, fisheries, and water users.”

*April 1, 2009*—Oversight hearing on the “Supreme Court decision *Carcieri v. Salazar* Ramifications to Indian Tribes.”

*October 7, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).”

*March 10, 2010*—Oversight hearing on the “Proposed Settlement of the *Cobell v. Salazar* Litigation.”

*May 26, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion.” (Day 1)

*May 27, 2010*—Oversight hearing held on “Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion.” (Day 2)

*August 6, 2010*—Oversight field hearing in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, on “Indian Education.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

### I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### A. *Legislative Hearings and Markups*

*February 12, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 493, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations concerning the storage and disposal of matter referred to as “other wastes” in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, and for other purposes.

*February 26, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 699, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

*July 23, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2489, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs.

*September 9, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2227, to greatly enhance America’s path toward energy independence and economic and national security, to conserve energy use, to promote innovation, to achieve lower emissions, cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner land, and for other purposes.

*January 20, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 3820, to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes.

*February 24, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 3709, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting legal right to develop geothermal resources, and for other purposes.

*September 23, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4817, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND  
MINERAL RESOURCES

A. *Oversight Hearings*

*March 5, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Energy Outlooks, and the Role of Federal Onshore and Offshore Resources in Meeting Future Energy Demand.”

*March 17, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Leasing and Development of Oil and Gas Resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.”

*March 24, 2009*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife on “Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf and the Future of our Oceans.”

*May 11, 2009*—Oversight field hearing in Palm Desert, California, on “Solar Energy Development on Federal Lands: The Road to Consensus.”

*June 4, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Unconventional Fuels, Part I: Shale Gas Potential.”

*July 23, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Federal Geospatial Data Management.”

*July 30, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Unconventional Fuels, Part II: The Promise of Methane Hydrates.”

*November 5, 2009*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Power on “Getting Past Gridlock: Models for Renewable Energy Siting and Transmission.”

*November 23, 2009*—Oversight field hearing in Sacramento, California, on “Abandoned Mines and Mercury in California.”

*March 25, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “The President’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests for the Minerals Management Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the United States Geological Survey (excluding the water resources program), and the USDA Forest Service.”

*May 13, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Up in the Air: The BLM’s Disappearing Helium Program.”

*June 17, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “The Deepwater Horizon Incident: Are the Minerals Management Service Regulations Doing the Job?”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSULAR AFFAIRS, OCEANS AND WILDLIFE

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. *Legislative Hearings and Markups*

*February 25, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 860, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; and H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

*March 19, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1080, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.

*April 23, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 669, to prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or other animal species’ or human health, and for other purposes.

*May 5, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004; H.R. 556, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter; and H.R. 1454, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

*May 13, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1916, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to provide for a revised schedule of price increases for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, popularly known as the “Duck Stamp,” and for other purposes; H.R. 2062, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, and for other purposes.

*June 16, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2055, to establish a Salmon Stronghold Partnership program to protect wild Pacific salmon, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2565, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

*June 18, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 21, to establish a national policy for our oceans, to strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a national and regional ocean governance structure, and for other purposes.

*July 8, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 905, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes; H.R. 1053, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1771, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

*July 28, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 3086, to coordinate authorities within the Department of the Interior and within the Federal Government to enhance the United States’ ability to conserve global wildlife and biological diversity and for other purposes.

*September 22, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1054, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 2213, to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

*October 15, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 3644, to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish education and watershed programs which advance environmental literacy, including preparedness and adaptability for the likely impacts of climate change in coastal watershed regions.

*October 20, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1672, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2548, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require establishment of a Working Waterfront Grant Program, and for other purposes.

*November 4, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 3583, to provide for a subsidy to sellers and buyers of fish directly delivered to American Samoa from vessels with United States fisheries endorsements that manufacture for the United States.

*November 5, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 3940, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam.

*January 27, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4416, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes.

*February 25, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 3511, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and operate a visitor facility to fulfill the purposes of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4493, to provide for the enhancement of visitor services, fish and wildlife research, and marine and coastal resource management on Guam related to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes.

*May 6, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 2864, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 3805, to amend the Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005 to extend by 2 years the period for the conduct of the electronic duck stamp pilot program under that Act; and H.R. 4973, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.

*May 25, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 5284, to amend the Sikes Act to improve natural resources management planning for State-owned facilities used for the national defense, and for other purposes.

*July 27, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 3850, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States; H.R. 3910, to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, and for other purposes; H.R. 4914, to promote coastal jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes; H.R. 5180, to establish an Ombudsman Office within the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes; H.R. 5331, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chaffee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit

RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 5380, to provide for the expansion of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii County, Hawaii; and H.R. 5482, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

*September 16, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4339, to encourage students from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to become civically engaged through local and Federal government fellowships; and H.R. 6015, to require the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce to publish certain economic data regarding territories and Freely Associated States, and for other purposes.

## II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSULAR AFFAIRS, OCEANS AND WILDLIFE

### A. Oversight Hearings

*March 3, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Managing Our Ocean and Wildlife Resources in a Dynamic Environment: Priorities for the New Administration and the 111th Congress.”

*March 24, 2009*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on “Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf and the Future of Our Oceans.”

*May 19, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Implementation of Public Law 110-229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.”

*May 20, 2009*—Oversight hearing in advance of the 61st meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to be held in Madeira, Portugal, June 22-26.

*June 4, 2009*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands on “White-nose Syndrome: What’s Killing Bats in the Northeast?”

*June 9, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Overdose: How Drugs and Chemicals in Water Supplies and the Environment Are Harming Our Fish and Wildlife.”

*June 23, 2009*—Joint Oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands in Edgewater, Maryland, on “The Impacts of Climate Change on the Chesapeake Bay.”

*September 9, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Aquaculture.”

*October 27, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006.”

*February 24, 2010*—Oversight hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States Office of Insular Affairs, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

*March 3, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Setting the Bar for Accountability: Improving NOAA Fisheries Law Enforcement Programs and Operations.”

*March 4, 2010*—Oversight hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

*March 16, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Catch Shares as a Management Option: Criteria for Ensuring Success.”

*March 17, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “The Proposed Virgin Islands Constitution from the Fifth Constitutional Convention.”

*March 23, 2010*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands on “How to Manage Large Constrictor Snakes and Other Invasive Species.”

*April 22, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “A Community Perspective on Catch Shares.”

*April 27, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Marine Mammals in Captivity: What Constitutes Meaningful Public Education?”

*May 18, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “The Implementation of Public Law 110–229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.”

*June 10, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Our Natural Resources at Risk: The Short and Long Term Impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.”

*June 15, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Ocean Science and Data Limits in a Time of Crisis: Do NOAA and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) have the Resources to Respond?”

*June 24, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “State Planning for Offshore Energy Development: Standards for Preparedness.”

*July 15, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Technical Assistance Program: Evaluating Its Ability to Meet the Needs of the Insular Areas.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

### I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### A. *Legislative Hearings and Markups*

*March 3, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1018, to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes; H.R. 715, to expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes; and H.R. 409, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and for other purposes.

*March 24, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; H.R. 1078, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1275, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes.

*April 2, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1612, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the Nation’s natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service.

*April 23, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1121, to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas.

*May 5, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 980, to designate certain National Forest System lands and public lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior in the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas and biological connecting corridors, and for other purposes.

*May 14, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27–2005–0081, and for other purposes; H.R. 865, to convey the New River State Park campground located in the Mount Rodgers National Recreation Area in the Jefferson National Forest in Carroll County, Virginia, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1442, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government’s reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909; H.R. 1471, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1641, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail.

*July 8, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 481, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior’s north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest; H.R. 685, to require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System; H.R. 1593, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2167, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands as the Los Caminos del Rio National Heritage Corridor; and H.R. 2806, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness.

*July 21, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 644, to withdraw the Tusayan Ranger District and Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws.

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*November 5, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 765, to establish the Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 1769, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 2476, To amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 3388, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 3603, to rename the Ocmulgee National Monument; H.R. 3759, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant economy-related contract extensions of a certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes.

*November 17, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2889, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; H.R. 3339, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 3444, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3538, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3726, to establish the Cas-

tle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

*January 21, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 2788, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 2944, to withdraw certain Federal lands and interests located in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, Arizona, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 3914, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 4003, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4192, to designate the Stornetta Public Lands as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4395, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

*February 25, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 2100, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, for use as a public shooting range; H.R. 3425, to authorize the Fair Housing Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate the enactment of the Fair Housing Act in 1968; H.R. 4438, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes; H.R. 4491, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4524, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and for other purposes.

*March 11, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4289, to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

*April 22, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4888, to revise the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as it applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

*April 27, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 2986, to amend the Act of May 29, 1930 (Chapter 354; 46 Stat. 482; commonly known as the Capper-Cramton Act), to authorize a grant program to preserve resources in the National Capital region, and for other purposes; H.R. 3923, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 3967, to amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015; H.R. 3989, to authorize the Secretary of

the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 4514, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4686, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 4773, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

*June 10, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 3785, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundary of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area; H.R. 4823, to establish the Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area in the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 5009, to designate certain lands in the Wasatch Mountains of Salt Lake County, Utah, as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 5110, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes; H.R. 5131, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; H.R. 5152, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5194, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes.

*June 24, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4195, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5192, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to designate national forests or portions of national forests in western States as locations for demonstration projects to prevent or mitigate the effect of pine beetle infestations and conduct forest restoration activities, to authorize the emergency removal of dead and dying trees to address public safety risks in western States, to make permanent the stewardship contracting authorities available to the Forest Service, and for other purposes; H.R. 5388, to expand the boundaries of the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico; and H.R. 5494, to direct the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain properties to the District of Columbia.

*September 16, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 1853, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; H.R. 4036, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution; H.R. 5965, to designate certain Federal land within the Monongahela National Forest as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6111, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio

Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

A. *Oversight Hearings*

*March 3, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “The Role of Federal Lands in Combating Climate Change.”

*March 19, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Restoring the Federal Public Lands Workforce.”

*April 7, 2009*—Oversight field hearing in Twentynine Palms, California, on “The Impacts of Climate Change on America’s National Parks.”

*May 21, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “The Future of the Forest Economy.”

*June 4, 2009*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife on “White-nose Syndrome: What’s Killing Bats in the Northeast?”

*June 16, 2009*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Power on “Mountain Pine Beetle: Strategies for Protecting the West.”

*June 23, 2009*—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife in Edgewater, Maryland, on “The Impacts of Climate Change on the Chesapeake Bay.”

*March 23, 2010*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife on “How to Manage Large Constrictor Snakes and Other Invasive Species.”

*April 8, 2010*—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Power in Grand Canyon, Arizona, on “On the Edge: Challenges Facing Grand Canyon National Park.”

*April 10, 2010*—Oversight field hearing in Tucson, Arizona, on “Losing Ground: The War on Buffelgrass in the Sonoran Desert.”

*May 25, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Building on America’s Best Idea: The Next Century of the National Park System.”

*July 15, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Locally Grown: Creating Rural Jobs with America’s Public Lands.”

*July 29, 2010*—Oversight hearing held on “Building Success: Implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Program.”

*September 23, 2010*—Oversight hearing held on “The Role of Partnerships in National Parks.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. *Legislative Hearings and Markups*

*May 14, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2008, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

*July 21, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 1065, to resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 1738, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to au-

thorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the city of Downey, California, regional wastewater treatment and reclamation facility projects; H.R. 2265, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes; H.R. 2442, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2522, to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 2741, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2950, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

*September 9, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 3254, to approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3342, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque.

*September 22, 2009*—Hearing held on H.R. 2288, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023; H.R. 2316, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3563, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and for other purposes.

*February 4, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4225, to authorize drought assistance adjustments to provide immediate funding for projects and activities that will help alleviate record unemployment and diminished agricultural production related to the drought in California.

*March 18, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4349, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4579, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in phase one of the South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project, and for other purposes.

*June 17, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 4719, to establish a Southwest Border Region Water Task Force; and H.R. 5487, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act.

*September 16, 2010*—Hearing held on H.R. 3061, to require the Secretary of the Interior to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project in the State of Colorado and provide grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to assess, repair, rehabilitate, or re-

construct existing infrastructure, and for other purposes; H.R. 5039, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Groundwater Replenishment System Expansion to reclaim and reuse municipal wastewater in the Orange County, California region, and for other purposes; H.R. 5413, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6107, to amend section 301(d) of the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 to provide for notice regarding certification of certain projects, and for other purposes.

## II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

### A. Oversight Hearings

*March 10, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Federal Power Marketing Administration Borrowing Authority: Defining Success.”

*April 28, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Water Resources Division of the United States Geological Survey (USGS).”

*May 27, 2009*—Oversight field hearing in Tucson, Arizona, on “Water quality issues in the Lower Colorado River.”

*June 16, 2009*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands on “Mountain Pine Beetle: Strategies for Protecting the West.”

*October 27, 2009*—Oversight hearing on “Water Management and Climate Variability: Information Support at the USGS and Bureau of Reclamation.”

*November 5, 2009*—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on “Getting Past Gridlock: Models for Renewable Energy Siting and Transmission.”

*January 25, 2010*—Oversight field hearing in Los Angeles, California, on “Perspectives on California Water Supply: Challenges and Opportunities.”

*March 4, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “The President’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for the Power Marketing Administrations, United States Department of Energy.”

*March 11, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “The President’s Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request for the Bureau of Reclamation and Water Resources Division of the United States Geological Survey (USGS), United States Department of the Interior.”

*April 8, 2010*—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands in Grand Canyon, Arizona, on “On the Edge: Challenges Facing Grand Canyon National Park.”

*April 9, 2010*—Oversight field hearing in Las Vegas, Nevada, on “Collaboration on the Colorado River: Lessons Learned to Meet Future Challenges.”

*May 17, 2010*—Oversight field hearing in Greenly, Colorado, on “Managing Water for the Future: How Federal, State and Local Entities are Supporting Agriculture.”

*July 15, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “The Bureau of Reclamation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: A Progress Report and Planning for the Future.”

*July 29, 2010*—Oversight hearing on “Investment in Small Hydropower: Prospects of Expanding Low-Impact and Affordable Hydropower Generation in the West.”

## APPENDIX I

### PRINTED HEARINGS

*111-1*—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Drilling: Environmental and Commercial Perspectives.” February 11, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-2*—Hearing on H.R. 493, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations concerning the storage and disposal of matter referred to as “other wastes” in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, and for other purposes. February 12, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-3*—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Drilling: State Perspectives.” February 24, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-4*—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Drilling: Industry Perspectives.” February 25, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-5*—Hearing on H.R. 699, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes. February 26, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-6*—Oversight hearing on “Managing Our Ocean and Wildlife Resources in a Dynamic Environment: Priorities for the New Administration and the 111th Congress.” March 3, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-7*—Oversight hearing on “The Role of Federal Lands in Combating Climate Change.” March 3, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-8*—Oversight hearing on “Energy Outlooks, and the Role of Federal Onshore and Offshore Resources in Meeting Future Energy Demand.” March 5, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-9*—Oversight hearing on “Federal Power Marketing Administration Borrowing Authority: Defining Success.” March 10, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*111-10*—Oversight hearing on “Leasing and Development of Oil and Gas Resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.” March 17, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-11*—Hearing on H.R. 31, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1385, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. March 18, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-12*—Oversight hearing on “Restoring the Federal Land Management Workforce.” March 19, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-13*—Joint oversight hearing on “Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf and the Future of Our Oceans.” March 24, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, and Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-14*—Oversight hearing on “Supreme Court decision *Carieri v. Salazar* Ramifications to Indian Tribes.” April 1, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-15*—Hearing on H.R. 1612, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation’s natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service. April 2, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-16*—Oversight field hearing on “The Impacts of Climate Change on America’s National Parks.” April 7, 2009, Twentynine, Palms, California. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-17*—Oversight hearing on “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Water Resources Division of the United States Geological Survey (USGS).” April 28, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*111-18*—Oversight field hearing on “Solar Energy Development on Federal Lands: The Road to Consensus.” May 11, 2009, Palm Desert, California. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-19*—Oversight hearing on the “Implementation of Public Law 110-229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.” May 19, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-20*—Oversight hearing held in advance of the 61st meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to be held in Madeira, Portugal, June 22-26. May 20, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-21*—Joint oversight hearing on “White-nose Syndrome: What’s Killing Bats in the Northeast.” June 4, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-22*—Oversight hearing on “Unconventional Fuels, Part I: Shale Gas Potential.” June 4, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-23*—Hearing on H.R. 2314, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. June 11, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-24*—Joint oversight hearing on “Mountain Pine Beetle: Strategies for Protecting the West.” June 16, 2009, Washington,

D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power, and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-25*—Joint oversight field hearing on “The Impacts of Climate Change on the Chesapeake Bay.” June 23, 2009, Edgewater, Maryland. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, and Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-26*—Hearing on H.R. 2499, to provide for a Federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico. June 24, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-27*—Hearing on H.R. 644, to withdraw the Tusayan Ranger District and Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes. July 21, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

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*111-29*—Oversight hearing on “Federal Geospatial Data Management”; and Legislative hearing on H.R. 2489, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs. July 23, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-30*—Hearing on H.R. 3086, to coordinate authorities within the Department of the Interior and within the Federal Government to enhance the United States’ ability to conserve global wildlife and biological diversity and for other purposes. July 28, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-31*—Hearing on H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to estab-

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*111-32*—Oversight hearing on “Unconventional Fuels, Part II: The Promise of Methane Hydrates. July 30, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-33*—Oversight hearing on “Offshore Aquaculture.” September 9, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-34*—Hearing on H.R. 3254, to approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3342, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque. September 9, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*111-35*—Hearing on H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. September 16 and 17, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-36*—Hearing on H.R. 1054, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 2213; to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994. September 22, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-37*—Hearing on H.R. 86, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County’s rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 118, to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park; H.R. 1925, to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the

Great Basin Deserts in Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans; H.R. 2689, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 2781, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2888, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes. October 1, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-38*—Oversight hearing on “Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act NAGPRA.” October 7, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-39*—Hearing on H.R. 2523, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior. October 21, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-40*—Hearing on H.R. 3583, to provide for a subsidy to sellers and buyers of fish directly delivered to American Samoa from vessels with United States fisheries endorsements that manufacture for the United States. November 4, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-41*—Hearing on H.R. 3697, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; and H.R. 3742, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes. November 4, 2009, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-42*—Oversight field hearing on “Abandoned Mines and Mercury in California.” November 23, 2009, Sacramento, California. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-43*—Oversight field hearing on “Perspectives on California Water Supply: Challenges and Opportunities.” January 25, 2010, Los Angeles, California. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*111-44*—Hearing on H.R. 2100, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, for use as a public shooting range; H.R. 3425, to authorize the Fair Housing Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate the enactment of the Fair Housing Act in 1968; H.R. 4438, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes; H.R. 4491, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and in-

terpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4524, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and for other purposes. February 25, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-45*—Oversight hearing on “Setting the Bar for Accountability: Improving NOAA Fisheries Law Enforcement Programs and Operations.” March 3, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

*111-46*—Oversight hearing on “Proposed Settlement of the Cobell v. Salazar Litigation.” March 10, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-47*—Hearing on H.R. 4289, to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes. March 11, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-48*—Oversight hearing on “Catch Shares as a Management Option: Criteria for Ensuring Success.” March 16, 2010 and April 22, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-49*—Oversight hearing on “The Proposed Virgin Islands Constitution from the Fifth Constitutional Convention.” March 17, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-50*—Oversight field hearing on “Losing Ground: The War on Buffelgrass in the Sonoran Desert.” April 10, 2010, Tucson, Arizona. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-51*—Hearing on H.R. 4888, to revise the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as it applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes. April 22, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-52*—Oversight hearing on “Up in the Air: The BLM’s Disappearing Helium Program.” May 13, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-53*—Oversight hearing on “Building on America’s Best Idea: The Next Century of the National Park System.” May 25, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands)

*111-54*—Oversight hearing on the “Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion.” May 26–27, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-55*—Hearing on H.R. 4347, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes. June 9, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-56*—Oversight hearing on “Our Natural Resources at Risk: The Short and Long Term Impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.” (Part 1 of 3), June 10, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-57*—Oversight hearing on “Ocean Science and Data Limits in a Time of Crisis: Do NOAA and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Have the Resources to Respond?” (Part 2 of 3), June 15, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-58*—Oversight hearing on “The Deepwater Horizon Incident: Are the Minerals Management Service Regulations Doing the Job?” June 17, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-59*—Hearing on H.R. 5479, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide for use of excess funds available under that Act to provide for certain benefits, and for other purposes. June 23, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-60*—Oversight hearing on “State Planning for Offshore Energy Development: Standards for Preparedness.” (Part 3 of 3) June 24, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife)

*111-61*—Legislative hearing on the “Discussion Draft, Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3534, dated June 22, 2010 (5:25 p.m.)” June 30, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-62*—Oversight hearing on “Locally Grown: Creating Rural Jobs with America’s Public Lands.” July 15, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-63*—Hearing on H.R. 4384, to establish the Utah Navajo Trust Fund Commission, and for other purposes; H.R. 5023, to prescribe procedures for effective consultation and coordination by Federal agencies with federally recognized Indian tribes regarding Federal Government activities that impact tribal lands and interests to ensure that meaningful tribal input is an integral part of the Federal decision-making process; and H.R. 5468, to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony. July 28, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*111-64*—Oversight hearing on “Building Success: Implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Program.” July 29, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

*111-65*—Hearing on H.R. 4817, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects. September 23, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*111-66*—Oversight hearing on “The Role of Partnerships in National Parks.” September 23, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)



## APPENDIX II

### LEGISLATION PASSED HOUSE

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED HOUSE BY DATE

[Asterisk (\*) denotes bills that the Committee on Natural Resources was not the lead Committee]

02/23/2009—H.R. 44, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission. Passed House by vote of 299–99.

02/23/2009—H. Res. 132, honoring the life and memory of the Chiricahua Apache leader Goyathlay or Goyaale, also known as Geronimo, and recognizing the 100th anniversary of his death on February 17, 2009, as a time of reflection and the commencement of a “Healing” for all Apache people. Passed House by voice vote.

02/23/2009—H.R. 601, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah. Passed House by vote of 396–1.

02/23/2009—H.R. 603, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard. Passed House by voice vote.

02/23/2009—H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–261*)

02/24/200—H.R. 80, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 323–95.

02/24/2009—H.R. 637, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 402–16.

03/02/2009—H.R. 81, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–xxx*)

03/02/2009—H.R. 326, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/03/2009—H.R. 844, to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/03/2009—H.R. 146, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant pro-

gram for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 394–13. (*Public Law 111–11*)

03/03/2009—H.R. 548, to assist citizens, public and private institutions, and governments at all levels in planning, interpreting, and protecting sites where historic battles were fought on American soil during the armed conflicts that shaped the growth and development of the United States, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 402–13.

03/25/2009—H.R. 146, an act to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes (Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009). House agreed to Senate amendments by vote of 285–140. (*Public Law 111–11*)

03/26/2009—H.R. 1404, to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 412–3.

04/21/2009—H.R. 388, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes. Passed House by vote of 288–116.

04/21/2009—H.R. 411, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 290–118.

04/21/2009—H.R. 1219, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992. Passed House by vote of 362–43.

04/21/2009—H.R. 1694, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

04/21/2009—S. 39\*, a bill to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–18*)

06/02/2009—H.R. 325, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project. Passed House by voice vote.

06/02/2009—H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the

Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-206*)

06/02/2009—H.R. 1120, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

06/02/2009—H.R. 1280, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior. Passed House by voice vote.

06/02/2009—H.R. 1393, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

06/02/2009—H.R. 2330, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/02/2009—H.R. 2430, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Passed House by voice vote.

06/02/2009—H.J. Res. 40, to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 385-0. (*Public Law 111-33*)

06/02/2009—H. Res. 421, recognizing and commending the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on its 75th year anniversary. Passed House by vote of 392-1.

06/03/2009—H.R. 31, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 240-179.

06/03/2009—H.R. 1385, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/11/2009—H. Res. 529, condemning the violent attack on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 10, 2009 and honoring the bravery and dedication of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum employees and security personnel. Passed House by vote of 413-0.

06/24/2009—H.R. 2990\*, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 404-0.

6/26/2009—H.R. 2454\*, to create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy. Passed House by vote of 219-212.

07/07/2009—H.R. 1129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans. Passed House by vote of 329-75.

07/08/2009—H.R. 1275, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 423–0. (*Public Law 111–53*)

07/08/2009—H.R. 1945, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 417–3.

07/15/2009—H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27–2005–0081, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 413–0.

07/15/2009—H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 416–0.

07/15/2009—H.R. 1044, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 415–3.

07/16/2009—H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 422–0.

07/16/2009—H.R. 409, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 406–0.

07/16/2009—H.R. 1442, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government’s reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 422–0. (*Public Law 111–168*)

07/16/2009—H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 400–0.

07/17/2009—H.R. 1018, to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 239–185.

07/27/2009—H. Res. 288, Recognizing the importance of park and recreation facilities and expressing support for the designation of the month of July as “National Park and Recreation Month”. Passed House by voice vote.

07/27/2009—H.R. 1121, to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 377–0. (*Public Law 111–167*)

07/27/2009—H.R. 1376, to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 308–74.

07/28/2009—H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 354–72.

07/28/2009—H.R. 556, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 316–107.

07/28/2009—H.R. 1035\*, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/08/2009—H.R. 310, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 388–0.

09/08/2009—H.R. 1043, to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/08/2009—H.R. 1287, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/08/2009—H.R. 1858, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/08/2009—H. Res. 361, recognizing the historical significance of Historic Virginia Key Beach Park of Miami, Florida. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/08/2009—H. Res. 541, recognizing and honoring the restoration and renovation of the Bishop Museum's historic Hawaiian Hall, the Nation's premier showcase for Hawaiian culture and history, on the occasion of the Museum's 120th anniversary. Passed House by voice vote.

09/10/2009—H.R. 965, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network. Passed House by vote of 311–107.

09/22/2009—H. Res. 599, honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2009—H. Res. 670, congratulating and saluting the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for celebrating its 75th anniversary, commending the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for its contributions to the preservation of wildlife and the native ecology of the Appalachian Mountains and eastern Pennsylvania, and commending the Hawk

Mountain Sanctuary for its dedication to educating the public and the international community about wildlife conservation. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2009—H. Res. 688, expressing support for the goals and ideals of the first annual National Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Day taking place on September 26, 2009. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2009—H.R. 860, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/22/2009—H.R. 1080, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/22/2009—H.R. 2265, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2009—H.R. 2522, to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2009—H.R. 2741, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2009—H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-169*)

09/22/2009—H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/23/2009—H.R. 3617\*, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Passed House by vote of 335-85.

09/23/2009—H.R. 324, to establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 281-142.

09/29/2009—H.R. 685, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States Civil Rights Trail, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/29/2009—H.R. 905, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 286-107.

09/29/2009—H.R. 2950, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United

States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/29/2009—H.R. 3123, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/30/2009—H.R. 1053, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 418–1.

09/30/2009—H.R. 1771, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 388–78.

10/06/2009—H. Res. 710, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Estuaries Day”. Passed House by voice vote.

10/07/2009—H. Res. 701, to recognize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique and precious ecosystem. Passed House by vote of 325–93.

10/07/2009—H. Res. 795, honoring the people of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the Flight 93 Ambassadors for their efforts in creating the Flight 93 temporary memorial and encouraging the completion of the National Park Service Flight 93 National Memorial by the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001. Passed House by vote of 426–0.

10/13/2009—H.R. 1593, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/13/2009—H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–149*)

10/13/2009—H.R. 3476, to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission. Passed House by vote of 384–1.

10/13/2009—H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994. Passed House by voice vote.

10/13/2009—H.R. 3689, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 390–0. (*Public Law 111–270*)

10/14/2009—H. Res. 816, mourning the loss of life caused by the earthquakes and tsunamis that occurred on September 29, 2009, in American Samoa, Samoa, and Tonga. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 422–0.

10/15/2009—H.R. 2442, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 241–173.

10/26/2009—H.R. 1471, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/26/2009—H.R. 1641, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/26/2009—H.R. 2806, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/27/2009—H.R. 2489, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 379–33.

11/05/2009—H.R. 1849\*, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial, to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 418–1.

11/07/2009—H.R. 3962\*, to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 220–215. (*Public Law 111–192*)

11/19/2009—H.R. 2781, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 292–133.

12/07/2009—H.R. 118, to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/07/2009—H.R. 1454\*, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–241*)

12/07/2009—H.R. 1672, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/07/2009—H.R. 2062, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/07/2009—H.R. 3388, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/07/2009—H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/07/2009—H.R. 3940, to amend Public Law 96–597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–244*)

12/09/2009—H.R. 86, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County’s rocks and small islands, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 397–4.

12/09/2009—H.R. 3603, to rename the Ocmulgee National Monument. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 419–0.

01/19/2010—H.R. 725, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–211*)

01/19/2010—H.R. 3759, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant economy-related contract extensions of a certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

01/21/2010—H.R. 1065, to resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 262–147. (*Public Law 111–291*)

01/21/2010—H.R. 3254, to approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 254–158. (*Public Law 111–291*)

01/21/2010—H.R. 3342, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 249–153. (*Public Law 111–291*)

01/27/2010—H. Res. 1020, honoring the 95th anniversary of the signing of the Rocky Mountain National Park Act. Passed House by vote of 408–0.

01/27/2010—H.R. 3726, to establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 240–175.

01/27/2010—H.R. 4474, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 415–0.

02/23/2010—H.R. 2314, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 245–164.

*03/02/2010*—H.R. 3820, to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 335–50.

*03/12/2010*—H.R. 3650, to establish a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program, to develop and coordinate a comprehensive and integrated strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, and to provide for the development and implementation of comprehensive regional action plans to reduce harmful algal blooms and hypoxia. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 251–103.

*03/18/2010*—H. Res. 1173, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Vermont Long Trail, the oldest long-distance hiking trail in the United States, and congratulating the Green Mountain Club for its century of dedication in developing and maintaining the trail. Passed House by vote of 409–1.

*03/18/2010*—H.R. 1769, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*03/18/2010*—H.R. 4252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

*03/19/2010*—H.R. 2788, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. Passed House by vote of 410–0.

*03/19/2010*—H.R. 3644, to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish education and watershed programs which advance environmental literacy, including preparedness and adaptability for the likely impacts of climate change in coastal watershed regions. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 244–170.

*03/19/2010*—H.R. 3671, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 289–121.

*03/19/2010*—H.R. 4003, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 293–115.

*03/19/2010*—H.R. 4395, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 372–31.

*03/20/2010*—H.R. 1612, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 288–116.

04/14/2010—H. Res. 1237, honoring the life of Wilma Pearl Mankiller and expressing condolences of the House of Representatives on her passing. Passed House by voice vote.

04/29/2010—H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 223–169.

05/18/2010—H. Con. Res. 211, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the East Bay Regional Park District in California, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

05/18/2010—H. Res. 1327, honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Floyd Dominy. Passed House by vote of 390–0.

05/18/2010—H.R. 2288, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 264–122.

05/18/2010—H.R. 4491, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

06/08/2010—H. Res. 518, honoring the life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 354–0.

06/08/2010—H.R. 1061, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 347–0. (*Public Law 111–323*)

06/08/2010—H.R. 2008, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/08/2010—H.R. 4349, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/23/2010—H.R. 5481, to give subpoena power to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 420–1, 2 present.

06/29/2010—S.J. Res. 33\*, a joint resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–194*)

06/30/2010—H.R. 1554, to take certain property in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, into trust for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 421–1.

06/30/2010—H.R. 4445, to amend Public Law 95–232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 411–0. (*Public Law 111–xxx*)

07/01/2010—H.R. 2340, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other

public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 410–0.

07/13/2010—H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes. House agreed to the Senate amendment under suspension of the rules by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–206*)

07/13/2010—H.R. 3923, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/13/2010—H.R. 3967, to amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015. Passed House by voice vote.

07/13/2010—H.R. 3989, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House by voice vote.

07/13/2010—H.R. 4438, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 264–114.

07/13/2010—H.R. 4514, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 350–26.

07/13/2010—H.R. 4686, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/13/2010—H.R. 4773, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 379–0.

07/13/2010—H.R. 4973, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111–xxx*)

07/14/2010—H.R. 2864, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 420–0.

07/21/2010—H.R. 725, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes. House agreed to the Senate amendment by vote of 326–92. (*Public Law 111–211*)

07/21/2010—S. 1053\*, A bill to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-222*)

07/21/2010—H.R. 5716\*, to provide for enhancement of existing efforts in support of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities to advance technologies for the safe and environmentally responsible exploration, development, and production of oil and natural gas resources. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/26/2010—H. Con. Res. 304, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 725. House agreed to the resolution without objection.

07/29/2010—H.R. 2476\*, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/30/2010—H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 209-193, 1 Present.

09/22/2010—H. Con. Res. 294, Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2010—H.R. 1454\*, to provide for the issuance of a Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-241*)

09/22/2010—H. Res. 1503, expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Estuaries Day, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2010—H. Res. 1508, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of John James Audubon in Henderson, Kentucky. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2010—H.R. 4195, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/22/2010—H.R. 4347, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/22/2010—H.R. 5152, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2010—H.R. 5194, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2010—H.R. 5494, to direct the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain properties to the District of Columbia. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/22/2010—H.R. 5811, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe. Passed House by voice vote.

09/28/2010—H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes. House agreed to the Senate amendments, under suspension of the rules, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-261*)

09/28/2010—H. Res. 1378, condemning the theft from the Mojave National Preserve of the national Mojave Cross memorial honoring American soldiers who died in World War I. Passed House by voice vote.

09/28/2010—H. Res. 1636, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Hoover Dam. Passed House by voice vote.

09/30/2010—S. 3802\*, a bill to designate a mountain and icefield in the State of Alaska as the “Mount Stevens” and “Ted Stevens Icefield”, respectively. Passed House, without objection, by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 111-284*)

09/30/2010—H.R. 3940, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam. House agreed to the Senate amendments, under suspension of the rules, by vote of 386-5. (*Public Law 111-244*)

12/14/2010—H.R. 1061, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes. House agreed to the Senate amendments, under suspension of the rules, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-323*)

12/14/2010—S. 1405\*, a bill to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the “Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site”. Passed House by vote of 364-0. (*Public Law 111-333*)

12/14/2010—S. 1448\*, a bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribe to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-334*)

12/14/2010—S. 1609\*, a bill to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-335*)

12/14/2010—S. 2906\*, a bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-336*)

12/20/2010—H.R. 81, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks. House agreed to the Senate amendment, under suspension of the rules, by voice vote. (*Public Law 111-xxx*)

12/22/2010—S. 3903, A bill to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. Passed House by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 111-xxx*)

## BILLS WHICH FAILED TO PASS HOUSE BY DATE

*01/20/2010*—H.R. 3538, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. Failed to pass House under suspension of the rules, as amended, by vote of 225–191.

*06/09/2010*—H. Res. 989, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt national policies and pursue international agreements to prevent ocean acidification, to study the impacts of ocean acidification, and to address the effects of ocean acidification on marine ecosystems and coastal economies. Failed to agree to the resolution by vote of 241–170.

*09/22/2010*—H.R. 5131, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes. Failed to pass House, as amended, by vote of 215–174.

*09/23/2010*—H.R. 4823, to establish the Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area in the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes. Failed to pass House, as amended, by vote of 258–160.

*09/23/2010*—H.R. 5110, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes. Failed to pass House, as amended, by vote of 244–174.



## APPENDIX III

### LIST OF PUBLIC LAWS

[Asterisk (\*) denotes bills that were not referred to the Committee on Natural Resources but contain legislation that was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources]

Public Law 111–11: H.R. 146 (\*S. 22), Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (H.R. 38; H.R. 75; H.R. 76; H.R. 88; H.R. 89; H.R. 102; H.R. 165; H.R. 166; H.R. 169; H.R. 170; H.R. 171; H.R. 172; H.R. 222; H.R. 234; H.R. 279; H.R. 280; H.R. 283; H.R. 284; H.R. 285; H.R. 286; H.R. 316; H.R. 318; H.R. 328; H.R. 337; H.R. 338; H.R. 348; H.R. 351; H.R. 352; H.R. 365; H.R. 366; H.R. 367; H.R. 368; H.R. 369; H.R. 371; H.R. 372; H.R. 376; H.R. 383; H.R. 397; H.R. 401; H.R. 404; H.R. 405; H.R. 408; H.R. 410; H.R. 419; H.R. 437; H.R. 438; H.R. 453; H.R. 454; H.R. 455; H.R. 480; H.R. 488; H.R. 530; H.R. 545; H.R. 548; H.R. 551; H.R. 552; H.R. 567; H.R. 602; H.R. 604; H.R. 763; H.R. 920; H.R. 921; H.R. 922; H.R. 923; H.R. 924; H.R. 925; H.R. 926; H.R. 928; H.R. 1007; H.R. 1373; H.R. 1435)

Public Law 111–18: S. 39, A bill to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze” (H.R. 1762)

Public Law 111–33: H.J. Res. 40, Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009

Public Law 111–53: H.R. 1275, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009

Public Law 111–84: \*H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (H.R. 1044; H.R. 2689; H.R. 2990)

Public Law 111–88: \*H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 1404)

Public Law 111–90: \*S. 1818, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009 (H.R. 1035)

Public Law 111–148: \*H.R. 3590, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 2708)

Public Law 111–149: H.R. 3433, To amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes

Public Law 111–167: H.R. 1121, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009

Public Law 111–168: H.R. 1442, To provide for the sale of the Federal Government’s reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909

Public Law 111-169: H.R. 2802, To provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes

Public Law 111-194: \*S.J. Res. 33, A joint resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law

Public Law 111-205: \*H.R. 4213, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010 (H.R. 3759; H.R. 4060)

Public Law 111-206: H.R. 689, Shasta-Trinity National Forest Administrative Jurisdiction Transfer Act

Public Law 111-211: H.R. 725, Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2010, Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010

Public Law 111-222: S. 1053, A bill to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date

Public Law 111-241: H.R. 1454, Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2010

Public Law 111-244: H.R. 3940, To clarify the availability of existing funds for political status education in the Territory of Guam, and for other purposes

Public Law 111-261: H.R. 714, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes

Public Law 111-270: H.R. 3689, To provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, and for other purposes

Public Law 111-284: S. 3802, Mount Stevens and Ted Stevens Icefield Designation Act (H.R. 6197)

Public Law 111-291: \*H.R. 4783, Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (H.R. 845; H.R. 1065; H.R. 3254; H.R. 3342; H.R. 3563)

Public Law 111-323: H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act

Public Law 111-333: S. 1405, Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site Designation Act (H.R. 6203)

Public Law 111-334: S. 1448, A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribe to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land (H.R. 4010; H.R. 4916)

Public Law 111-335: S. 1609, Longline Catcher Processor Subsector Single Fishery Cooperative Act (H.R. 3910)

Public Law 111-336: S. 2906, A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes (H.R. 4401)

Public Law 111-xxx: H.R. 81\*, International Fisheries Agreement Clarification Act, Shark Conservation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4369)

Public Law 111-xxx: H.R. 4445\*, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act

Public Law 111-xxx: H.R. 4973\*, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act of 2010

Public Law 111-xxx: \*S. 3903\*, A bill to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo (H.R. 4276)

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APPENDIX IV  
COMMITTEE PRINTS



## APPENDIX V

### COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

*House Report 111-103 (H.R. 31)*, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of Carolina, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-104 (H.R. 1385)*, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

*House Report 111-108 (H.R. 689)*, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-175 (H.R. 556)*, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter.

*House Report 111-176 (H.R. 934)*, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

*House Report 111-177 (H.R. 1018)*, to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-178 (H.R. 762)*, to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-179 (H.R. 1275)*, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-196 (H.R. 860)*, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-197 (H.R. 129)*, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.

*House Report 111-198 (H.R. 1442)*, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909.

*House Report 111-199 (H.R. 409)*, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-200 (H.R. 509)*, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004.

*House Report 111-201 (H.R. 2188)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service,

to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-227 (H.R. 1121)*, to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-228 (H.R. 1080)*, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-229 (H.R. 1376)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas.

*House Report 111-258 (H.R. 2265)*, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-259 (H.R. 2522)*, to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-260 (H.R. 2741)*, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-261 (H.R. 2802)*, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-262 (H.R. 3113)*, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-267 (H.R. 685)*, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States Civil Rights Trail, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-268 (H.R. 2442)*, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-269 (H.R. 2950)*, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

*House Report 111-270 (H.R. 905)*, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-271 (H.R. 1771)*, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-272, Part 1 (H.R. 1053)*, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the

Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-290 (H.R. 481)*, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-291 (H.R. 1593)*, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

*House Report 111-292 (H.R. 1641)*, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail.

*House Report 111-293 (H.R. 2806)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-294 (H.R. 2499)*, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico.

*House Report 111-296 (H.R. 3433)*, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-297 (H.R. 3537)*, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

*House Report 111-306 (H.R. 1061)*, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-307 (H.R. 1471)*, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-308 (H.R. 2008)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

*House Report 111-309 (H.R. 2489)*, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs.

*House Report 111-310 (H.R. 715)*, to expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-312, Part 1, (H.R. 1612)*, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service.

*House Report 111-334 (H.R. 86)*, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-335 (H.R. 118)*, to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park.

*House Report 111-336 (H.R. 2781)*, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-337 (H.R. 2888)*, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-354 (H.R. 1672)*, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-355 (H.R. 2062)*, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-356 (H.R. 3603)*, to rename the Ocmulgee National Monument.

*House Report 111-357 (H.R. 3940)*, to amend Public Law 96-597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States.

*House Report 111-358, Part 1 (H.R. 1454)*, to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

*House Report 111-359, Part 1 (H.R. 3388)*, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-360, Part 1 (H.R. 3804)*, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-390, (H.R. 3342)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque.

*House Report 111-391, (H.R. 1065)*, to resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-392 (H.R. 3644)*, to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish education and watershed programs which advance environmental literacy, including preparedness and adaptability for the likely impacts of climate change in coastal watershed regions.

*House Report 111-393 (H.R. 3726)*, to establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-394 (H.R. 3759)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant economy-related contract extensions of a certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-395 (H.R. 3254)*, to approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-397, Part 1 (H.R. 725)*, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-398 (H.R. 3538)*, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-412 (H.R. 2314)*, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

*House Report 111-433 (H.R. 4252)*, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-434 (H.R. 1769)*, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-435 (H.R. 2788)*, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

*House Report 111-436 (H.R. 4003)*, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-437 (H.R. 4192)*, to designate the Stornetta Public Lands as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-438 (H.R. 4395)*, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-480 (H. Res. 1254)*, directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the Secretary's Treasured Landscape Initiative, potential designation of National Monuments, and High Priority Land-Rationalization Efforts.

*House Report 111-481 (H.R. 2288)*, to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.

*House Report 111-482 (H.R. 4491)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating

and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-483 (H.R. 3511)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and operate a visitor facility to fulfill the purposes of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-484 (H.R. 4493)*, to provide for the enhancement of visitor services, fish and wildlife research, and marine and coastal resource management on Guam related to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-500 (H.R. 2889)*, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-501, (H.R. 4438)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a non-profit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-502 (H.R. 4349)*, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-510 (H. Res. 1406)*, directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the potential designation of National Monuments.

*House Report 111-513 (H.R. 1554)*, to take certain property in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, into trust for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-514 (H.R. 2340)*, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

*House Report 111-515 (H.R. 4445)*, to amend Public Law 95-232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico.

*House Report 111-525 (H.R. 3923)*, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-526, Part 1, (H.R. 3967)*, to amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015.

*House Report 111-527 (H.R. 4514)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-528 (H.R. 4686)*, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating pre-historic, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

*House Report 111-529 (H.R. 3989)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System.

*House Report 111-530 (H.R. 4773)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-531 (H.R. 4973)*, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-532 (H.R. 2864)*, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

*House Report 111-533, Part 1, (H.R. 2476)*, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-575, Part 1, (H.R. 3534)*, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-575, Part 2, (H.R. 3534)*, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. (Supplemental Report)

*House Report 111-595 (H.R. 5194)*, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-596 (H.R. 5131)*, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-597 (H.R. 3785)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundary of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

*House Report 111-598 (H.R. 5110)*, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-599 (H.R. 4823)*, to establish the Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area in the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-600 (H.R. 3914)*, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-601 (H.R. 5388)*, to expand the boundaries of the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico.

*House Report 111-602 (H.R. 4195)*, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-603 (H.R. 4347)*, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-604 (H.R. 4888)*, to revise the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as it applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-605 (H.R. 5494)*, to direct the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain properties to the District of Columbia.

*House Report 111-606 (H.R. 5152)*, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-650 (H.R. 4416)*, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes.

*House Report 111-651 (H.R. 5479)*, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide for use of excess funds available under that Act to provide for certain benefits, and for other purposes.

## APPENDIX VI

### OVERSIGHT SUMMARY

Under clause 2 of Rule X of the House of Representatives, each standing committee of the House has general oversight responsibilities to determine whether laws and programs addressing subjects within its jurisdiction are being implemented in accordance with the intent of Congress and to determine whether they should be continued, curtailed or eliminated. The Committee on Natural Resources had an extensive schedule of oversight hearings and carried out an on-going program of review of the laws and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction. The following is a summary of the Committee's oversight activities (a listing of the specific oversight hearings is found in the overview section of this report):

#### NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES

*Budget Overview:* The Committee reviewed the President's budget request for programs and activities related to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other Department of the Interior agencies with tribal-related programs.

*Transportation:* The Committee reviewed the Indian Reservation Roads distribution formula to Indian tribes and received a briefing from Administration officials on the status of regulations concerning the classification of roads used to determine tribal allocations.

*Cultural Activities Protection:* The Committee continued its efforts to protect Native American cultural heritage and practices. In 1990, Congress enacted the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to provide for the disposition of certain Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony to Native Americans. Oversight activities included requesting a GAO Report on implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act by federal agencies. GAO found that after almost 20 years, most federal agencies have failed to fully implement NAGPRA. In addition, the Committee reviewed the goals of the Administration in the implementation of NAGPRA, reviewed operations of the Review Committee to determine if NAGPRA is operating effectively, and to determine barriers to the successful implementation of NAGPRA.

Oversight activities also included a review of eagle feather confiscations and regulations by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). A briefing was provided by USFWS Chief Law Enforcement Officer Benito Perez, after which the USFWS pledged to provide more outreach to Indian communities regarding their policies for owning and obtaining feathers from eagles and other protected birds.

*Education:* The Committee conducted a comprehensive examination of Indian education, which included tribal curriculum and funding needs for Head Start, elementary and secondary education, post-secondary education. The examination also included the status of school facilities and school construction funding needs.

*Indian Lands:* The Committee reviewed the effects of the Supreme Court's decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*. In February, 2009, the Supreme Court held that the Secretary of the Interior did not have authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes that were not under federal jurisdiction in 1934. The Committee examined the devastating effects that this decision has had on tribal cultures and economies, as well as on the inability of Indian tribes to reclaim land lost to past federal policies.

*Trust Responsibility:* In 1996, individual Indians initiated a class action lawsuit alleging mismanagement of Individual Indian Money accounts. The Court of Appeals found that the United States had breached its trust responsibility to Indians by mismanaging the accounts. The Committee examined the details of a proposed settlement between the parties of the *Cobell v. Salazar* litigation, which was ratified by Congress as part of P.L. 111-291 (Claims Resolution Act of 2010).

*Health Care:* The Committee conducted in-depth oversight of Alaska Native health facilities. Committee staff toured the Alaska Native Medical Center and learned about its system of care for rural Alaska Natives. The system includes regional and rural health facilities located throughout central and southern Alaska. Staff visited one regional Alaska Native health facility and three rural health facilities, which participate in the Alaska Native Medical Center system by sending their patients to the next level of care depending on health need. Oversight also included a tour of the Alaska Native Health Center and Tribal Health Consortium in Fairbanks and its system of care for Alaska Natives located in the northern part of Alaska.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

*Budget Oversight:* The Committee examined the budgets for energy and minerals related programs within the U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Minerals Management Service, Bureau of Land Management and the minerals and geology program of the Forest Service.

*Offshore Drilling:* The Committee performed rigorous and comprehensive oversight of the U.S. offshore oil and gas drilling program, conducting five hearings in early 2009 concerning the potential future of the program in the wake of the expiration of the Congressional and Executive moratoria on leasing in large portion of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), and conducting six days of hearings investigating the tragic explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon and the resultant oil spill. These hearings highlighted major shortcomings in the treatment of safety and environmental issues under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), and formed the basis for the extensive amendments to the OCSLA that would pass the House on July 30, 2010, as part of the Committee-drafted Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act of 2010.

*Unconventional Fuels:* The Committee explored the potential of unconventional fuels to contribute to future U.S. oil and natural gas reserves. Shale gas deposits, in particular, are already driving a natural gas boom in the lower 48 states, and are responsible for increasing U.S. natural gas proved reserves up 11% in 2009, to their highest levels since 1971. However, with the increase in shale gas drilling activity (particularly in the eastern states) come concerns about the impact of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water supplies, and the Committee looked at the balance between resource production and environmental protection. Methane hydrates have the further potential to provide vast quantities of natural gas, particularly from Alaska and the OCS, but additional research is needed to make their production economic.

*Renewable Energy:* The Committee conducted oversight over ongoing efforts to site renewable energy generation and transmission facilities on federal lands. Until late in the 111th Congress, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had not approved any permit applications for solar energy facilities on its lands, and had a backlog of over 100 pending applications. The Committee examined the conflicts involved in attempting to find environmentally appropriate locations to place large-scale solar structures on BLM-managed land, and also explored different state and regional initiatives that could inform and advance federal renewable energy siting and new transmission.

*Geospatial Data Management:* The Committee examined the efforts of the federal government to reduce duplication in geospatial data collection gathering, and also how to improve coordination and cooperation in data sharing between different agencies of the federal government, and between the government and other stakeholders.

*Helium:* The Committee examined the status and future of the Federal Helium Program, managed by the Bureau of Land Management. A recent report by the National Research Council, "Selling the Nation's Helium Reserve," urges Congress to re-evaluate portions of the Helium Privatization Act of 1996, which mandates the selling of the federal Helium stockpile.

*Abandoned Mines:* The Committee reviewed the scope and severity of California's abandoned mine and mercury contamination problems, and solicited recommendations for research and remediation from three panels of witnesses, representing federal, state, industry, county, and nonprofit experience. The toxic legacy of gold and mercury mining in California is considered by some experts to be one of the most neglected environmental problems in the state.

*Energy Outlooks:* The Committee held an oversight hearing on recent publications from the Energy Information Administration and the International Energy Agency regarding the role that federal lands and waters could play in meeting the United States' energy needs in both the short-term and long-term.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSULAR AFFAIRS, OCEANS AND WILDLIFE

##### *Insular Affairs*

*Budget Overview:* The Committee examined the portions of the President's budgets for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 pertaining to

existing needs in the insular areas, including the five principal U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands) and the three freely associated states (Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau).

*Regulation Reform and Federal Workforce in the Territories:* The Committee examined the need for, and advisability of, reducing or enhancing those federal rules and regulations falling within its jurisdiction which relate to the insular areas. In particular, the Committee also monitored the implementation of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 (NAREA), which extended locality pay to the U.S. territories in addition to the States of Alaska and Hawaii effective January 1, 2010, and which provides for the eventual discontinuation of the nonforeign area Cost-of-Living Allowances for all General Schedule (GS) employees in these jurisdictions.

*General Oversight:* The Committee reviewed fundamental governance and financial management challenges facing each of the territories and the freely associated states, as well as challenges facing the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) at the Department of the Interior.

*Presidential Executive Orders/Interagency and Intergovernmental Relations:* The Committee monitored reorganization and reforms made by the President and within the Executive Branch toward improving federal interagency coordination on policy affecting the insular areas.

*Puerto Rico Self-Determination:* The Committee continued its work from the 110th Congress to solicit a full range of views on proposals relating to Puerto Rico's political status. The Committee reported favorably legislation, H.R. 2499, that was subsequently passed by the full House of Representatives to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico.

*Guam Political Status Education:* To further the opportunities for self-determination for the people of Guam, the Committee held a hearing and later reported out legislation, H.R. 3940, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend assistance for political status public education programs in Guam. This legislation was passed by the House of Representatives and enacted into law in amended form.

*Virgin Islands Fifth Proposed Constitution:* The Committee exercised its authority to consider a proposed fifth United States Virgin Islands constitution upon its submission to Congress by the President of the United States on March 1, 2010. The full House of Representatives passed and the President later signed Senate Joint Resolution 33, which provided for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the United States Constitution and federal law.

*Implementation of Federal Immigration in the Northern Mariana Islands:* The Committee held oversight hearings and monitored the implementation of Title VII of U.S. Public Law 110-229, which took effect in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

(CNMI) on November 28, 2009. The law applies federal immigration policy in the CNMI through a five-year transition period. The Committee monitored the process and progress of the Administration to promulgate rules necessary for full implementation, including rules providing for a nonimmigrant investor visa and a transitional worker visa strictly pertaining to the CNMI as authorized by Congress. The Committee also reviewed public input, particularly from community leaders in Guam and the CNMI, in the rule-making process for implementing the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program and worked toward ensuring implementation of the authorized program conforms to Congressional intent. The Committee also remained cognizant in its oversight and especially attentive to the status of previously CNMI government permitted alien workers in the CNMI who remain there in the transition period.

*Guam/CNMI Military Build-Up:* The Committee monitored and conducted general oversight on the October 29, 2005 renewal of the Government of the United States and the Government of Japan's Security Consultative Agreement that calls for a major realignment of the U.S.-Japan strategic alliance including the relocation of 8,000 or more U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam. In particular, the Committee monitored the Department of the Navy's preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) examining alternatives for decisions to execute this military realignment on Guam and in the CNMI and related proposed actions.

*Energy Efficiency:* The Committee monitored the work of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas in facilitating interagency cooperation and federal partnership with each territory and freely associated state to gain financial, engineering and policy expertise for reducing dependency on imported fossil fuels and toward identifying, developing and bringing to market alternative, clean and indigenous sources of energy, as well as to improve the overall efficiency and reliability of their respective energy infrastructure.

*Compacts of Free Association:* The Committee exercised its oversight authority of funding and program assistance to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia in accordance with the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003. Additionally, the Committee monitored the process of the Executive Branch to review the terms of Public Law 99-658, which formalized federal support for the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of Palau. The Committee also reviewed the adequacy of federal response to the impacts of migration from the freely associated states on U.S. jurisdictions.

*Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation:* The Committee reviewed activities across the Executive Branch and the insular areas, including the freely associated states, to improve emergency preparedness and natural hazard mitigation. The Committee exerted particular emphasis in examining the federal response to the September 29, 2009, earthquake of a magnitude 8.0 that occurred approximately 120 miles southwest of American Samoa and that generated a tsunami resulting in lost lives and significant destruction in the territory. The Committee also examined progress with federal support to undertake coastal inundation mapping in the

territories and certify communities as tsunami ready, as well as the merits of a proposal for the establishment of a Caribbean Tsunami Warning Center in partnership with the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez to service Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

#### OCEANS AND WILDLIFE

##### *Department of Commerce—National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)*

*Budget Oversight:* The Committee reviewed the President's budget request for relevant programs and activities of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

*Captive Marine Mammals:* Under the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is the agency charged with issuing take or import permits for the public display of marine mammals. Permits are supposed to be granted only if the organization offers an education or conservation program based on professionally recognized standards. Regulations delineating the standards for such programs have never been promulgated. The Committee held hearings in anticipation of a proposed rule to revise the permit requirements for public display.

*Catch Shares:* With NMFS implementing a new catch share policy and actively promoting the use of catch shares in fisheries around the country, the Committee held two hearings to investigate the design and implementation considerations that would increase the effectiveness of catch share programs as a conservation and management tool while avoiding unintended consequences for fishing communities.

*Endocrine Disruption Compounds:* The Committee investigated the impact of endocrine disruption compounds (EDCs) in our water resources and natural environment on the nation's fish and wildlife species, including masculinization and feminization of fish, birds, and mammals; abnormal thyroid function in birds; decreased hatching success in fish, birds, and turtles; and decreased fertility.

*Implementation of 2006 Amendments to the Magnuson Act:* In 2006, Congress reauthorized the Magnuson Act, adopting the first substantive changes to the law in more than a decade. The Committee held hearings to explore the progress made by NMFS and the Regional Fishery Management Councils in implementing annual catch limits and accountability measures to end overfishing and rebuild overfished fish stocks by the statutory deadlines.

##### *Department of Commerce—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*

*Budget Oversight:* The Committee reviewed the President's budget request for relevant programs and activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

*Offshore Energy Development:* The Committee conducted oversight hearings regarding the relationship between offshore energy development and healthy, productive oceans. The Committee reviewed environmental issues that arise from oil and gas production in the oceans, including a discussion of the lingering effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill of March 24, 1989.

*NOAA Fisheries Enforcement Programs:* On January 21, 2010 the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Commerce released the results and recommendations of a review of the NOAA Fisheries Enforcement Programs and Operations. The Committee held hearings to examine the recommendations of the OIG report and highlight further action necessary to correct the issues facing law enforcement programs and operations.

*International Whaling Commission:* In advance of the 61st Annual International Whaling Commission (IWC) Meeting, held in Portugal in June of 2009, the Committee held hearings to review issues facing whale populations globally, the U.S. position on the moratorium on all forms of commercial whaling, and the future of the IWC.

*Offshore Aquaculture:* As many capture fisheries peak, and the demand for seafood continues to rise, aquaculture is becoming a more important means to boost per capita fish supply. Sustainability of both the emerging offshore aquaculture industry and the marine environment will be dependent on the certainty provided by a national framework to guide offshore aquaculture operations. The Committee held hearings to investigate the need for a comprehensive federal permitting and regulatory system for offshore aquaculture, the necessary components of such a system, and the implications of a more piecemeal approach envisioned by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council plan, which took effect on September 3, 2009.

*Deepwater Horizon Disaster:* In the wake of the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010, the Committee held a number of hearings to investigate the short and long-term effects of the oil spill on fisheries, birds and other wildlife, marine mammals, tribal resources, and trust resources. In addition, the Committee reviewed the response resources available to NOAA and investigated what additional resources, data and preparedness plans might make response efforts more effective.

*Department of the Interior—Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)*

*Budget Oversight:* The Committee reviewed the President's budget request for the programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

*Managing Wildlife Resources in a Dynamic Environment:* The Committee held hearings to investigate challenges facing the conservation of our wildlife and ocean resources, including climate change, energy development, the economic downturn, and federal budget deficits, and to establish priorities for wildlife and ocean conservation.

*Invasive Species (joint with Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands):* The Committee examined the impact of invasive species in fragile ecosystems, such as in Everglades National Park where Burmese pythons have destroyed habitat and threatened native species in spite of widespread efforts to manage the population. The Committee investigated the impact of invasive species on the economy, the environment, and human health.

*White-Nose Syndrome (joint with Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands):* Bats provide an important ecosystem service in controlling insect populations across the country.

An emergent and disturbing threat to bats known as “white-nose syndrome” was first identified in New York in 2006, and has since spread to nine states and killed an estimated one million bats. The Committee investigated what is known about this disease and federal actions needed to further comprehend and contain this crisis.

*Deepwater Horizon Disaster:* In response to the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010, the Committee conducted extensive investigations into the state of fish and wildlife habitats, the health of birds and other wildlife impacted by the spill, and the resources available to the FWS for cleanup, recovery, and assessment of damages.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

##### *National Park Service*

*Impacts of Climate Change on NPS Resources:* The Committee examined the impacts of climate change on national parks and heard testimony regarding National Park Service and Administration strategies to address these impacts. The Committee also explored ideas for comprehensive landscape management programs for public lands, wildlife corridors and ecosystem planning, and considered how to implement conservation strategies across jurisdictional boundaries, especially with the contradicting mandates and cultures of the federal land management agencies.

*The Second Century of the National Park Service:* In 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its centennial anniversary. The Committee examined some of the challenges the National Park System faces as it nears its second century, including chronic underfunding, crumbling infrastructure, and declining visitation at many units and among many demographic segments of American society. The hearing also covered threats that arise outside parks’ borders, including air and water pollution, invasive species, climate change, growing urbanization and resource development on adjacent lands.

*NPS Partnerships:* The National Park Service has long enjoyed the support of many partners, public and private, who have contributed to individual parks and the park system in a wide variety of ways. Park partners have helped acquire land, build visitor centers and other facilities, protect resources, expand scientific research, and reach out to new constituencies. Over the years, parks throughout the system have become dependent on their partners, and, while most of those partnerships have been entirely beneficial, occasionally some partnership agreements have resulted in added financial burdens or liability risks. The Committee examined both the benefits and the risks of these partnerships.

##### *U.S. Forest Service*

*Quincy Library Group:* The timber wars of the 1990’s and the resulting economic hardships in communities adjacent to forest lands in the Pacific Northwest led to the creation of the Quincy Library Group (QLG), a controversial partnership between environmental groups, timber managers, and local businesses. The Committee explored the effects of the pilot projects funded through the QLG and

whether the pilot projects should be extended or modified to be more limited in scope.

#### *Multiple Bureaus*

*Federal Land and Climate Change:* The Committee heard testimony focusing on public lands managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and government's role in helping to combat and adapt to the affects of climate change. Areas of increased erosion along shore lines, recurring drought situations, expanding areas of pest infestation, as well as the negative impact to wildlife were explored.

*Restoring the Federal Land Management Workforce:* The Committee examined issues affecting the morale, recruitment, retention, and effectiveness of U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service employees.

*White Nose Syndrome (joint with Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Wildlife and Oceans):* White-nose Syndrome (WNS), a new and recent threat to bats, was first identified in February 2006 and has since spread to nine states, killing hundreds of thousands of bats. There are 45 species of bats in the continental United States, which are mainly insectivorous, providing an important ecosystem service in the control of beetles, moths, aquatic flies, and mosquitoes, as well as agricultural pests. The Committee examined the potential impact of WNS on the nation's forests and croplands and the current research on the maladies and efforts to stop it.

*Bark Beetle Impacts (joint with Subcommittee on Water and Power):* The Committee heard testimony on developing policies to appropriately mitigate the damage to ecosystems and to communities from the ongoing Mountain Pine Bark Beetle infestation affecting public and private land throughout the Inter-mountain West.

*Chesapeake Bay (joint with Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Wildlife and Oceans):* In the last two years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has taken steps to address the effects of global climate change on the Chesapeake Bay environment and the 13 National Wildlife Refuges and 59 National Park Service units that are within its watershed. This builds on nearly three decades of work to help remedy the effects of overfishing, polluted runoff, and fragmented habitat. Past degradation of the Bay costs local businesses over \$100 million per year as well as nearly 5,000 jobs. The Committee conducted oversight regarding the effect that rising tides and changing weather patterns will have on the environment and businesses throughout the region.

*Invasive Snakes (joint with Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Wildlife and Oceans):* Non-native Burmese pythons were first known to be established in Everglades National Park in the mid-1990s; the wild population in and around the park is now thought to be well into the thousands. The voracious predators eat a wide variety of mammals and birds, threatening already rare species such as the American alligator, the endangered wood stork and Key Largo wood rat. The Fish and Wildlife Service predicts pythons are also likely to out-compete native predators such as the endangered Florida panther, eastern indigo snake, native boas and hawks. Further, federal and state agencies believe the snake is

likely to spread well beyond South Florida. The Committee heard testimony on the current situation and on what state and federal agencies are doing to control the spread of the python.

*Challenges Facing the Grand Canyon (joint with Subcommittee on Water and Power):* The Grand Canyon watershed is made up of an astonishingly vast system of springs and tributaries that feed the Colorado River. The watershed is facing increasing threats brought on by a recent boom in the demand for uranium and by the Forest Service's 2007 unilateral decision to allow uranium exploration within miles of the South Rim of the Canyon. The park's river system is also threatened by operations of the Glen Canyon Dam, which stores water pursuant to the Colorado River Compact, treaty requirements with Mexico, and generates power for many communities in the Southwest. The Committee explored water and water quality issues, including protecting the park and its watershed from pollution from uranium mining, resource management, research, monitoring and mitigation and adaptive management, and the effect of operations of the Glen Canyon Dam.

*Buffelgrass Infestation:* The buffelgrass invasion has fundamentally changed the Sonoran Desert landscape in southern Arizona. It has dramatically altered the fragile ecosystem, fueling wildfires, once infrequent and limited in scope, and threatening the existence of iconic native desert species like the ocotillo and the saguaro cactus. The Committee explored current efforts to control buffelgrass and highlighted successful efforts on public and private lands by local volunteer groups.

*Rural Voices:* Small communities throughout the western United States are relying on collaborative projects between private and government entities, helping rebuild jobs while achieving conservation goals. Witnesses provided the Committee with testimony on how federal projects have effectively helped local governments and small businesses develop healthy business environments in communities adjacent to public lands.

*Secure Rural Schools Program:* The enactment of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act helped to provide counties with a consistent and reliable source of funding following years of declining and chaotic fluctuations in timber revenues on public lands. The Committee explored the current payment system and the role of Resource Advisory Committees in determining project based spending.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

*Budget Reviews:* The Committee held oversight hearings to review the spending priorities of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Power Marketing Administrations. The hearings allowed for a discussion on the Administration priorities and how they were being addressed within the budget and programmatic efforts of the agencies.

*American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Bureau of Reclamation:* The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided the Bureau of Reclamation with \$1 billion dollars in ARRA funding. The Committee held three oversight hearings to discuss the expenditure of the ARRA funds. The first hearing ex-

amined the new borrowing authority of the Bonneville Power Administration. The second hearing addressed the reasoning, methodology and process used to identify and prioritize ARRA funding projects for the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey. At the third hearing the Committee reviewed the progress made by the Bureau of Reclamation in administering the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and how projects identified to receive ARRA funding helped Reclamation's mission.

*Data Management and the United States Geological Survey:* In the face of decreased runoff and climate variability, data management plays a crucial role. The Administration is implementing climate centers and river basin studies which are dependent on coordinated data analysis, and scientific study. The Committee explored the current status of water data management, the sharing of information between the agencies and the local water districts, and where improvements could be made to maximize data collection efforts. The Committee examined processes to protect scientific integrity in the collection, management, and analysis in water resource planning.

*Changing Conditions Affecting Western Water Supplies:* The Committee held hearings to consider how state and local water managers are dealing with drought challenges and water supply variability, and how the Bureau of Reclamation and the Geological Survey are responding to the overall picture of changing water supplies in the West. The Committee examined federal, state, and local entities support of agriculture in the South Platte Basin, and how southern California's water supply is impacted by statewide conditions. Of particular interest and concern is the increasing dependence on the use of groundwater.

*Sustainable Low Impact and Small Hydro Power Potential:* Sustainable, low-impact, small hydropower has shown significant potential as a new source of energy, while avoiding many of the adverse environmental impacts and prohibitive costs associated with conventional hydropower. The Committee examined potential growth opportunities for sustainable, low impact, small hydropower and reviewed the federal government's role in facilitating or inhibiting the development of these projects. The Committee reviewed the ongoing efforts by the Administration to facilitate the development of small hydropower and encourage hydropower efficiencies, along with reviewing the financial, environmental and regulatory obstacles to small hydropower expansion.

*Colorado River Basin Operation and Management:* The Committee conducted oversight on various issues associated with the operation and management of the Colorado River. The Committee examined how the ongoing collaboration process between the Colorado River Basin States and the federal government has been used to resolve past water supply conflicts and the role the federal government has had in helping stakeholders address future river basin challenges. The Committee also examined the operation and management of the Colorado River and the challenges associated with the operations of Glen Canyon Dam and its environmental and cultural impacts on Grand Canyon National Park and adjoining Indian reservations. Finally, the Committee examined the water

quality challenges along the lower Colorado River from Hoover Dam south to the international boundary with Mexico.

*Pine Beetle Impacts on Western Watersheds (joint with Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands):* The Committee examined the impact of the expanding pine beetle infestation in the West and the potential implications thereof on watershed integrity, water quality, and power transmission lines. The loss of tree cover in western watersheds increasing the likelihood of forest fires which lead to increased erosion and sediment flow into streams and rivers, impacted water quality conditions, impacts to water distribution, potential loss of power grid integrity as transmission lines are compromised, loss of aquatic integrity, and increased operation and maintenance costs.

*Power Marketing Administrations:* The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Army's Corps of Engineers generate electricity at hydropower plants located at major federal water projects. The Department of Energy's four Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs) generally sell this electricity in wholesale markets to publicly and cooperatively owned utilities that, in turn, sell the electricity to retail consumers. The Committee examined the new borrowing authority, as provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and heard testimony on the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) increased borrowing authority. The Committee also examined the PMAs' role in improving the nation's transmission infrastructure and challenges to the system.

