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On January 4, 2007, pursuant to H. Res. 7, Chairman Nick J. Rahall, II of West Virginia was elected to the Committee.

On January 10, 2007, pursuant to H. Res. 45, the Minority (Republican) Members were elected to the Committee.

On January 18, 2007, pursuant to H. Res. 75, the Majority (Democrat) Members were elected to the Committee.

On April 19, 2007, Hilda L. Solis of California resigned from the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

On April 25, 2007, Rick Renzi of Arizona resigned from the Committee.

On May 11, 2007, Ken Calvert of California resigned from the Committee.

On May 11, 2007, pursuant to H. Res. 323, Mary Fallin of Oklahoma and Kevin McCarthy of California were elected to the Committee.

On October 2, 2007, Kevin McCarthy of California resigned from the Committee.

On January 15, 2008, Bobby Jindal of Louisiana resigned from the Committee.

On February 25, 2008, Dean Heller of Nevada resigned from the Committee.

On February 25, 2008, pursuant to H. Res. 998, Adrian Smith of Nebraska and Robert J. Wittman of Virginia were elected to the Committee.

On May 14, 2008, pursuant to H. Res. 1196, Steve Scalise of Louisiana was elected to the Committee.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
January 2, 2009.

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 110th 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 7, 2007, for an organizational meeting of the 110th Congress under the direction of Chairman Nick J. Rahall, II. The Committee Membership was 49 Members with 27 Democrats and 22 Republicans.

The Committee established five subcommittees: Energy and Mineral Resources (Jim Costa, Chairman); Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans (Madeleine Bordallo, Chairwoman); Insular Affairs (Donna M. Christensen, Chairwoman); National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (Raul 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	795
Total number of meeting days:	
Full Committee (58)	
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources (20)	
Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans (48)	
Subcommittee on Insular Affairs (18)	
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (43)	
Subcommittee on Water and Power (28)	
Total	215
Total number of bills ordered reported from Committee	143
Total number of reports filed	141
Total number of bills referred to/discharged by Committee on Natural Resources and passed by the House of Representatives	217
Total number of public laws	26
Total number of bills enacted into law*	101

* Includes House and Senate Resolutions.

FULL COMMITTEE

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. *Legislative and Administrative Hearings and Markups*

February 7, 2007—Full Committee met to organize for the 110th Congress.

March 7, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 162, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros; H.R. 285, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania; H.R. 309, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes; H.R. 319, to establish the Journey through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska; and H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River Valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes.

March 14, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1328, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

April 18, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 65, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1294, 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 25, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 65, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; H.R. 1294, 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; and H.R. 1328, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

May 2, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 359, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; H.R. 487, to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 505, 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. 713, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 986, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1080, to modify the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes; H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1114, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 1140, 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; and H.R. 1595, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission.

May 23, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2337, to promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes.

June 6, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 2337, to promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes.

June 7, 2007—Markup continued on H.R. 2337, to promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes.

June 13, 2007—Markup concluded on H.R. 2337, to promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes; Hearing held on H.R. 673, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Indian Tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 1575, to reaffirm and clarify the Federal relationship of the Burt Lake Band as a distinct federally recognized Indian Tribe, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2120, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian Tribe.

June 28, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects; H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; H.R. 189, to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey; H.R. 465, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; H.R. 716, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan; H.R. 761, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc., certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail; H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and

Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1205, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; H.R. 1239, to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1285, to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of National Forest System land in Kittitas County, Washington, to facilitate the construction of a new fire and rescue station, and for other purposes; H.R. 1337, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District; H.R. 1388, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail; H.R. 1503, 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; H.R. 1526, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project; H.R. 1834, to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and H.R. 2400, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an integrated Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes.

July 11, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1696, 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; H.R. 2863, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; H.R. 2952, to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; and S. 375, to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian Tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

July 18, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 673, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Indian Tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 1696, 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; H.R. 2120, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit

of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian Tribe; H.R. 2863, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; H.R. 2952, to authorize the Siginow Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; and S. 375, A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

September 26, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3058, to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local government in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

October 3, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2837, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, and for other purposes.

October 10, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and/or other purposes; H.R. 135, to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs; H.R. 523, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district; H.R. 664, to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California; H.R. 767, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes; H.R. 783, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 830, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska; H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir; H.R. 1528, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R.

2094, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes; H.R. 2197, to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3111, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

October 18, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 2262, 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.

October 23, 2007—Markup continued on H.R. 2262, 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; and a Markup held on H.R. 900, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico.

October 31, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2801, to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuges and Wilderness in the State of Alaska and for the granting of a right-of-way for safe and reliable access for the Native Village of King Cove, Alaska, and for other purposes.

November 7, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 1497, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protections to plants illegally harvested outside of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 1662, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities; H.R. 2246, to validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads, and for other purposes; H.R. 3079, to amend the Joint Resolution Approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3998, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures.

November 8, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 3994, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; H.R. 2445, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek as a Native village, and for other purposes; H.R. 3350, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of lands to Alaska Native veterans; H.R. 3351, to adapt the lessons of foreign aid to underdeveloped economies to the provision of Federal economic development assistance to similarly situated remote Native American communities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3560, to provide for the completion of certain land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

November 14, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2445, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek as a Native village, and for other purposes; H.R. 3350, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allot-

ment of lands to Alaska Native veterans; H.R. 3351, to adapt the lessons of foreign aid to underdeveloped economies to the provision of Federal economic development assistance to similarly situated remote Native American communities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3560, to provide for the completion of certain land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

November 15, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration; H.R. 2085, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes; H.R. 3739, to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings; and H.R. 4074, to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement, and for other purposes.

February 6, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

February 13, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 816, to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project; H.R. 1143, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility; H.R. 1922, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R. 3473, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

March 12, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 1187, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary; H.R. 2016, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2342, to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2515, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 2675, 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; H.R. 3352, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 3651, 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; H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and H.R. 4933, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

April 2, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 831, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska; H.R. 3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes.

April 9, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, and for other purposes; H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes; H.R. 5608, to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, to strengthen the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes; H.R. 5680, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans to make certain adjustments, and for other purposes; and S. 2457, a bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe.

April 10, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 5541, to provide 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; and H.R. 5648, to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to establish

a Federal wildland fire emergency suppression fund to facilitate accountable fire suppression activities by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to unanticipated large fire events, to encourage enhanced management efficiencies and cost controls of wildland fire suppression, and to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire to communities, and for other purposes.

April 17, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 1575, 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. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, and for other purposes; H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes; H.R. 5541, to provide 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; and S. 2457, a bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe.

April 23, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 2801, to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuges and Wilderness in the State of Alaska and for the granting of a right-of-way for safe and reliable access for the Native Village of King Cove, Alaska, and for other purposes.

April 30, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 1464, 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; H.R. 1771, 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; H.R. 2649, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; H.R. 3323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and for other purposes; H.R. 3667, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3930, to provide for a land exchange involving State land and Bureau of Land Management land in Chavez and Dona Ana Counties, New Mexico, and to establish the Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 4841, to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the

Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 5540, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; and H.R. 5618, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

May 7, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 3094, to establish in the Treasury of the United States a fund which shall be known as the National Park Centennial Fund, and for other purposes.

May 14, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 554, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 3022, to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3682, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5680, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

June 5, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 2306, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 18 and 188, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3699, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in *Minnesota Chippewa Tribe v. United States*, Docket Nos. 19 and 188, United States Court of Federal Claims.

June 11, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 1423, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter County, Indiana, and for other purposes; H.R. 2964, 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; H.R. 3702, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery; H.R. 3981, to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 4199, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 5511, 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; H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5741, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnu-

son-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

June 25, 2008—A Committee Resolution dealing with an emergency withdrawal of certain federal lands near Grand Canyon National Park; and a markup held on H.R. 415, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers; H.R. 1210, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes; H.R. 1286, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail; H.R. 1907, to authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, and for other purposes; H.R. 3227, 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; and H.R. 6041, to redesignate the Rio Grande American Canal in El Paso, Texas, as the “Travis C. Johnson Canal.”

July 16, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 160, 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; H.R. 2535, to direct 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 California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes; H.R. 2933, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 3299, 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; H.R. 3336, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a historic district to the Camp Hale on parcels of land in the State of Colorado; H.R. 3437, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado; H.R. 3849, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; H.R. 4828, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, and for other purposes; H.R. 5293, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes; H.R. 5350, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 5751, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to

jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6176, to authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes.

July 23, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 1847, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes; H.R. 5335, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 5853, to expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett’s Farm, and for other purposes; H.R. 6159, 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; and H.R. 6177, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE FULL COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

A. Oversight Hearings

February 16, 2007—Oversight hearing on Reports, Audits and Investigations by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Regarding the Department of the Interior.

February 28, 2007—Oversight hearing on the Evolving West.

May 9, 2007—Oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act Implementation: Science or Politics?

June 1, 2007—Oversight field hearing in Lower Brule, South Dakota, on The Needs and Challenges of Tribal Law Enforcement on Indian Reservations.

July 25, 2007—Oversight hearing on The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977: A 30th Anniversary Review.

July 31, 2007—Oversight hearing on Crisis of Confidence: The Political Influence of the Bush Administration on Agency Science and Decision-Making.

September 19, 2007—Oversight hearing on Diversifying Native Economies.

December 12, 2007—Oversight hearing on New Fees for Filming and Photography on Public Lands.

February 14, 2008—Oversight hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior.

February 20, 2008—Oversight field hearing in Miami, Oklahoma on Oklahoma Indian Issues: Proposed Regulations Governing Economic Development.

February 27, 2008—Oversight hearing on the Department of Interior’s Recently Released Guidance on Taking Land into Trust for Indian Tribes and its Ramifications.

March 5, 2008—Oversight hearing on Poaching American Security: Impacts of Illegal Wildlife Trade.

May 21, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Danger of Deception: Do Endangered Species Have a Chance?

June 19, 2008—Oversight hearing on Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings and Markups

July 26, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2262, 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.

August 21, 2007—Field hearing in Elko, Nevada on H.R. 2262, 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.

October 2, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2262, 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.

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

A. Oversight Hearings

February 24, 2007—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands in Tucson, Arizona, on Our National Forests at Risk: The 1872 Mining Law and its Impact on the Santa Rita Mountains of Arizona.

February 27, 2007—Oversight hearing on The Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 Budget for the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Energy and Minerals Programs, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), the Minerals and Geology Program of the Forest Service, and the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

March 20, 2007—Oversight hearing on Towards a Clean Energy Future: Energy Policy and Climate Change on Public Lands.

April 17, 2007—Oversight hearing on the Implementation of Title III, the Oil and Gas provisions, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

April 19, 2007—Oversight hearing on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on Federal Lands: Review of Title II, Subtitle B—Geothermal Energy of EPAct; and other renewable programs and proposals for public resources.

April 24, 2007—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on the Outer Continental Shelf.

April 26, 2007—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands on Land-use Issues Associated with Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Development.

May 1, 2007—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands on The Future of Fossil Fuels: Geological and Terrestrial Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide.

June 28, 2007—Oversight hearing on The Minerals Management Service's Proposed 2007–2012 Program for Oil and Gas Leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf.

February 28, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Fiscal Year 2009 Budget for the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Energy and Minerals programs, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), the Minerals and Geology Program of the Forest Service, and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), except for the activities and programs of the Water Resources Division.

March 11, 2008—Oversight hearing on Getting Royalties Right: Recent Recommendations for Improving the Federal Oil & Gas Royalty System.

March 28, 2008—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands in Flagstaff, Arizona, on Community Impacts of Proposed Uranium Mining near Grand Canyon National Park.

April 12, 2008—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs in Frederikstead, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, on Charting a Clean Energy Future for the Insular Areas.

April 15, 2008—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands on The West-wide Energy Corridor Process: State and Community Impacts.

May 22, 2008—Oversight hearing on The United States Geological Survey's Earthquake Hazards Program—Science, Preparation, and Response.

June 10, 2008—Oversight hearing on How Should the Federal Government Address the Health and Environmental Risks of Coal Combustion Waste?

June 12, 2008—Oversight hearing on Spinning Straw Into Black Gold: Enhanced Oil Recovery Using Carbon Dioxide.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND OCEANS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings and Markups

March 6, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1205, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation act of 2000, and for other purposes.

March 13, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; and H.R. 465, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

March 22, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; H.R. 465, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; and H.R. 1205, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

April 26, 2007—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.

June 5, 2007—Hearing held on H. Con. Res. 147, Recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies, and for other purposes; H. Res. 186, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and recognizing the consid-

erable value of American beaches and their role in American culture; H.R. 1834, to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and H.R. 2400, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an integrated Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes.

June 19, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 1834, to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and H.R. 2400, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an integrated Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes.

June 21, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 767, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes.

July 12, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2010, to provide the necessary authority to the Secretary of Commerce for the establishment and implementation of a regulatory system for offshore aquaculture in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone, and for other purposes.

July 26, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 767, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes.

August 2, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1769, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia Salmon, and for other purposes.

September 6, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1464, 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; H.R. 1771, 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; H.R. 1913, to assist in the conservation of great cats by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of great cats and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of great cats.

October 4, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 1464, 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; and H.R. 1771, 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.

October 16, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1497, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protections to plants illegally harvested outside of the United States, and for other purposes.

October 24, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1187, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary; H.R. 1907, to authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3352, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

February 13, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 1187, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary; H.R. 1907, to authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, and for other purposes; H.R. 2342, to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3352, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and H.R. 4933, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

February 28, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 3223, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a grant program to ensure coastal access for commercial and recreational fishermen and other water-dependent coastal-related businesses, and for other purposes; H.R. 5451, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and for other purposes; H.R. 5452, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to coastal States to support State efforts to initiate and complete surveys of coastal State waters and Federal waters adjacent to a State's coastal zone to identify potential areas suitable or unsuitable for the exploration, development, and production of renewable energy, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5453, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize assistance to coastal states to develop coastal climate change adaptation plans pursuant to approved management programs approved under section 306, to minimize contributions to climate change, and for other purposes.

March 11, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 2964, 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; and H.R. 5534, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protections to bears illegally harvested for their viscera in the same manner as with respect to prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

April 3, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 5618, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

April 16, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 5741, 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.

April 23, 2008—Markup 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; and H.R. 5618, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

April 24, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 3639, to establish a program of research and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter; and H.R. 5350, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes.

May 8, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 3840, to prohibit commercial fishing of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in inland, State, and Federal waters along the Atlantic coast of the United States, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3841, to prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone.

June 4, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 2964, 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; H.R. 5350, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 5451, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5741, 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.

June 24, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 4455, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide international wildlife management and conservation programs through the Wildlife Without Borders Program in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and for other purposes.

June 26, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 6311, to prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or human or animal species' health, and for other purposes.

July 24, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 6204, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve and for other purposes; and H.R. 6537, to reauthorize and amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to establish a National Marine Sanctuary System, to strengthen and clarify management authorities, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND OCEANS

A. Oversight Hearings

February 27, 2007—Oversight hearing on The Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

March 29, 2007—Oversight hearing on Ocean Policy Priorities in the United States.

April 17, 2007—Oversight hearing on Wildlife and Oceans in a Changing Climate.

April 24, 2007—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on the Outer Continental Shelf.

May 1, 2007—Oversight hearing on Gone with the Wind: Impacts of Wind Turbines on Birds and Bats.

May 3, 2007—Oversight hearing on The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as a precursor to the Conference of the Parties that will be held in June.

May 24, 2007—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, on No Child Left Inside: Reconnecting Kids with the Outdoors.

June 26, 2007—Oversight hearing on The Birds and the Bees: How Pollinators Help Maintain Healthy Ecosystems.

July 14, 2007—Oversight field hearing in South Padre Island, Texas on Vanishing Beaches: Coastal Erosion and its Impact on Coastal Communities.

September 27, 2007—Oversight hearing on Aquatic Nuisance Species and Activities of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

October 9, 2007—Oversight hearing on Implementation of the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act: Has the Promise Been Fulfilled?

November 3, 2007—Oversight field hearing in Santa Barbara, California, on Reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

December 5, 2007—Oversight hearing on Rebuilding Overfished Fisheries under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Act.

February 26, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

April 16, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Implementation of the Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing Provisions of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act.

April 28, 2008—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands in Brownsville, Texas, on Walls and Waivers: Expedited Construction of the

Southern Border Wall and the Collateral Impacts on Communities and the Environment.

May 15, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Management of West Coast Salmon Fisheries.

June 10, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Annual International Whaling Commission (IWC) Meeting that will be held in Santiago, Chile, from June 23–27, 2008.

June 18, 2008—Oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

June 24, 2008—Oversight hearing on Planning for a Changing Climate and its Impacts on Wildlife and Oceans: State and Federal Efforts and Needs.

July 10, 2008—Oversight hearing on Going, Going, Gone? An Assessment of the Global Decline in Bird Populations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSULAR AFFAIRS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. *Legislative Hearings and Markups*

March 22, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 900, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico; and H.R. 1230, to recognize the right of the People of Puerto Rico to call a Constitutional Convention through which the people would exercise their natural right to self-determination, and to establish a mechanism for congressional consideration of such decision.

April 25, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 900, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico; and H.R. 1230, to recognize the right of the People of Puerto Rico to call a Constitutional Convention through which the people would exercise their natural right to self-determination, and to establish a mechanism for congressional consideration of such decision.

July 9, 2007—Field hearing in St. John, United States Virgin Islands on H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and for other purposes; and H.R. 59, to convey certain submerged lands to the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

August 15, 2007—Field hearing in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on H.R. 3079, to amend the Joint Resolution Approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

September 20, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSULAR AFFAIRS

A. *Oversight Hearings*

February 27, 2007—Oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

April 19, 2007—Oversight hearing on Current Economic, Social and Security Conditions of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

July 24, 2007—Oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

August 13, 2007—Oversight field hearing in Mangilao, Guam, on U.S. Military Buildup on Guam and Challenges Facing the Community.

February 22, 2008—Oversight field hearing in Mapusaga, American Samoa, on The Economic Effects of the Recently Increased Minimum Wage.

February 28, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for the Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

April 12, 2008—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources in Frederikstead, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, on Charting a Clean Energy Future for the Insular Areas.

May 21, 2008—Joint oversight hearing with the Committee Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives on Disparate Treatment of the U.S. Territories by the Census Bureau and the Unavailability of Current and Reliable Data of These Areas.

June 10, 2008—Oversight hearing on Implementation of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia.

June 12, 2008—Oversight hearing on Implementation of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of Palau.

July 17, 2008—Oversight hearing on Successes and Challenges of the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings and Markups

March 15, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 713, to establish the Niagara Falls National Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 754, to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States; and H.R. 929, to establish the Land Between the Rivers National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

March 29, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 189, to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey; H.R. 359, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; and H.R. 1080, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

April 17, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 554, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 986, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to

designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1285, to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of the National Forest System land in Kittitas County, Washington, to facilitate the construction of a new fire and rescue station, and for other purposes.

April 19, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 359, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; H.R. 713, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 986, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1080, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes; H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H. Con. Res. 116, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States.

May 10, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 523, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district; and H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes.

May 15, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1239, to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1388, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail; H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1528, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

June 7, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2016, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

June 14, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 442, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 761, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretative Trail and Visitor Cen-

ter Foundation, Inc., certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail; H.R. 1625, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 1835, to provide for a resource study of the area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting resources of the corridor, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2197, to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes.

July 12, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 105, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Northern Neck National Heritage Area in Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1083, to amend the Act establishing the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area in order to include Butler County, Pennsylvania, within the boundaries of that heritage area; H.R. 1145, to establish the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in the State of Alabama, and for other purposes; H.R. 1297, to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and for other purposes; H.R. 1815, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey; and H.R. 1885, to establish the Santa Cruz National Heritage Area in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

July 19, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 783, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1266, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a resource study along the "Ox-Bow Route" of the Butterfield Overland Trail in the States of Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1674, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the site of the Battle of Camden in South Carolina, as unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

July 26, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 3058, to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local governments in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

August 2, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2959, to establish a fund for the National Park Centennial Challenge, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3094, to establish in the Treasury of the United States a fund which shall be known as the National Park Centennial Fund, and for other purposes.

September 27, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 830, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska; H.R. 2094, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3111, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Parks System and for other purposes.

October 18, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1975, to designate certain National Forest System lands and public lands under the ju-

risdiction 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.

October 23, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 816, to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project; H.R. 1311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment center; H.R. 1922, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2246, to validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads, and for other purposes.

October 30, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 415, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 1143, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1286, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail; H.R. 1545, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of Fort San Geronimo and other related resources in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion in the National Park System as part of the San Juan National Historic Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 1836, to amend the acquisition authority for land for the development of visitor and administrative facilities at Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut; H.R. 3022, to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3120, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Stranahan House in Broward County, Florida, and for other purposes; H.R. 3265, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site, in Lamar, Missouri, and for other purposes; H.R. 3473, to provide for a land exchange with the city of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 3616, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3821, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites and resources at Matewan, West Virginia, associated with the Battle of Matewan to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic areas as a unit of the National Park System.

November 1, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 3301, to authorize and direct the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in Southeast Arizona.

November 13, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2334, to designate as wilderness certain land within the Rocky Mountain National Park and to adjust boundaries of the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Arapaho National Recreation Area of the Arapaho National Forest in the State of Colorado; H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico; H.R. 3287, to expand the Pajarita Wilderness and designate the Tumacacori Highland Wilderness in Coronado National Forest, Arizona; H.R. 3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers; and H.R. 3682, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument.

February 26, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the state of West Virginia, and for other purposes.

March 6, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 877, to amend the Adams National Historical Park Act of 1998 to include the Quincy Homestead within the boundary of the Adams National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1423, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter County, Indiana, and for other purposes; H.R. 1693, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia at Constitution Gardens previously approved to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution; H.R. 2675, 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; H.R. 3651, 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; and H.R. 3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the state of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.

April 24, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 859, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 3227, 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; H.R. 3667, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for

potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System; H.R. 3930, to provide for a land exchange involving State land and Bureau of Land Management land in Chavez and Dona Ana Counties, New Mexico, and to establish the Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 3981, to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5540, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network.

June 5, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 573, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the establishment of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes” to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of lands that are contiguous to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes; H.R. 3702, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery; H.R. 3809, to amend the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 regarding the local coordinating entity of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes; H.R. 4199, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 4828, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5583, 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 10, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 160, 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; H.R. 1847, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2933, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 3299, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance 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; H.R. 3336, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a historic district to the Camp Hale on parcels of land in the state of Colorado; H.R. 3849, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; H.R. 5263, to encourage the collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes on Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service through a joint Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 5751, to direct the Secretary

of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6177, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River.

July 15, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 2297, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail; H.R. 2299, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, and for other purposes; H.R. 5335, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 5671, to amend the laws establishing the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area and the Columbia River National Gorge National Scenic Area, units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to retain and utilize special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the operation of marinas in the recreation area and the operation of the Multnomah Falls Lodge in the scenic area, and for other purposes; H.R. 5853, to expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett's Farm, and for other purposes; H.R. 6159, 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; H.R. 6176, to authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6305, to clarify the authorization for the use of certain National Park Service properties within Golden Gate National Parks and San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, and for other purposes.

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

A. Oversight Hearings

February 24, 2007—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources in Tucson, Arizona, on Our National Forests at Risk: The 1872 Mining Law and its Impact on the Santa Rita Mountains of Arizona.

February 27, 2007—Oversight hearing on The Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service (FS).

March 20, 2007—Oversight hearing on Yellowstone National Park Bison.

April 26, 2007—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on Land-use Issues Associated with Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Development.

May 1, 2007—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on The Future of Fossil Fuels: Geological and Terrestrial Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide.

May 24, 2007—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans on No Child Left Inside: Reconnecting Kids with the Outdoors.

June 19, 2007—Oversight hearing on Wildfire Preparedness: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure.

June 28, 2007—Oversight hearing on Management by Exclusion: The Forest Service Use of Categorical Exclusions from NEPA.

September 18, 2007—Oversight hearing on Management of the Statue of Liberty National Monument.

February 27, 2008—Oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Requests for the National Park Service, Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

March 13, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Impacts of Unmanaged Off-Road Vehicles on Federal Land.

March 28, 2008—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources in Flagstaff, Arizona, on Community Impacts of Proposed Uranium Mining near Grand Canyon National Park.

April 15, 2008—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on The West-wide Energy Corridor Process: State and Community Impacts.

April 28, 2008—Joint oversight field hearing with the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans in Brownsville, Texas, on Walls and Waivers: Expedited Construction of the Southern Border Wall and the Collateral Impacts on Communities and the Environment.

May 20, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Future of the National Mall.

June 18, 2008—Oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Power on Paying to Play: Implementation of Fee Authority on Federal Lands.

July 24, 2008—Oversight hearing on Expanding Access to Federal Lands for People with Disabilities.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings and Markups

March 1, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 24, The San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act.

April 19, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 487, to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 1114, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 1140, 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; H.R. 1337, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District; H.R. 1662, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities.

April 26, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir.

May 17, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration; H.R. 716, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan; H.R. 1503, 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; and H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project.

May 24, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects; and H.R. 1526, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes.

June 12, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects; H.R. 716, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan; H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir; H.R. 1503, 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; H.R. 1526, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and

Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project.

July 24, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 1970, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87-483 to authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2515, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

September 18, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 2733, to establish the Trinity River Restoration Fund, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2085, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

September 25, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 2498, to provide for a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide by which those counties use as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner; and H.R. 2535, to direct 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 California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes.

October 16, 2007—Markup held on H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration; H.R. 2085, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2498, to provide for a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide by which those counties use as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner.

October 24, 2007—Hearing held on H.R. 496, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation

Project in Deschutes County, Oregon; H.R. 3323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and for other purposes; H.R. 3437, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 3739, to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings.

March 13, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 317, to authorize the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 4841, to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5293, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes.

April 23, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 2649, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; H.R. 3323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4841, to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes.

May 8, 2008—Hearing held on H.R. 155, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River; H.R. 5511, 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; and H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes.

May 22, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 5511, 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; and H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes.

July 15, 2008—Markup held on H.R. 2535, to direct 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 California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes; H.R. 3437, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch reha-

bilitation project in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 5293, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

A. *Oversight Hearings*

March 8, 2007—Oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the Bureau of Reclamation, the Federal Power Marketing Administrations, and the Water Resources Division of the United States Geological Survey.

April 10, 2007—Oversight field hearing in Pomona, California on Sustainable Water Supplies for The West: Part I—Protecting Groundwater Resources.

June 1, 2007—Oversight field hearing in Pueblo, Colorado on The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project at 45: Sustainable Water for the 21st Century.

July 2, 2007—Oversight field hearing in Vallejo, California on Extinction is not a Sustainable Water Policy: The Bay-Delta Crisis and the Implications for California Water Management.

January 29, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Immediate Federal and State Role in Addressing Uncertain Water Deliveries for California and the Impacts on California Communities.

February 26, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Requests for the Bureau of Reclamation, the Federal Power Marketing Administrations, and the Water Resources division of the United States Geological Survey.

April 16, 2008—Oversight hearing on Indian Water Rights Settlements.

June 12, 2008—Oversight hearing on Hydropower: Providing 75% of America's Current Renewable Energy. Exploring its Role as a Continued Source of Clean, Renewable Energy for the Future.

June 18, 2008—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands on Paying to Play: Implementation of Fee Authority on Federal Lands.

June 24, 2008—Oversight hearing on The Silent Invasion: Finding Solutions to Minimize the Impacts of Invasive Quagga Mussels on Water Rates, Water Infrastructure and the Environment.

July 21, 2008—Oversight field hearing in Fresno, California, on The Federal Response to the California Drought Emergency.

APPENDIX I

PRINTED HEARINGS

110-1—Oversight hearing on Reports, Audits and Investigations by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Regarding the Department of the Interior. February 16, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-2—Joint oversight field hearing on Our National Forests at Risk: The 1872 Mining Law and its Impact on the Santa Rita Mountains of Arizona. February 24, 2007, Tucson, Arizona. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources; and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-3—Oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. February 27, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-4—Oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget for the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Energy and Minerals programs, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), the Minerals and Geology Program of the Forest Service, and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), except for the activities and programs of the Water Resources Division. February 27, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-5—Oversight hearing on the Evolving West. February 28, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-6—Hearing on H.R. 24, to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement. March 1, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-7—Oversight hearing on Yellowstone National Park Bison. March 20, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-8—Hearing on H.R. 900, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico; and H.R. 1230, to recognize the right of the People of Puerto Rico to call a Constitutional Convention through which the people would exercise their natural right to self-determination, and to establish a mechanism for congressional consideration of such decision. March 22, 2007 and April 25, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-9—Oversight hearing on Royalties at Risk. March 28, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-10—Oversight hearing on Ocean Policy Priorities in the United States; and Hearing 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. March 29, 2007 and

April 26, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-11—Oversight field hearing on Sustainable Water Supplies for the West: Part 1—Protecting Groundwater Resources. April 10, 2007, Pomona, California. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-12—Oversight hearing on Wildlife and Oceans in a Changing Climate. April 17, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-13—Oversight hearing on Toward a Clean Energy Future: Energy Policy and Climate Change on Public Lands. March 20, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-14—Hearing on H.R. 554, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 986, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; H.R. 1285, to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of National Forest System land in Kittitas County, Washington, to facilitate the construction of a new fire and rescue station, and for other purposes. April 17, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-15—Oversight hearing on Implementation of Title III, the Oil and Gas provisions, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. April 17, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-16—Hearing on H.R. 65, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1294, 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 18, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-17—Oversight hearing on Current Economic, Social, and Security Conditions of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. April 19, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-18—Oversight hearing on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on Federal Lands: Review of Title II, Subtitle B—Geothermal Energy of EPAct; and other renewable programs and proposals for public resources. April 19, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-19—Joint oversight hearing on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on the Outer Continental Shelf. April 24, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans; and Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-20—Hearing on H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir. April 26, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-21—Joint oversight hearing on Land-use Issues Associated with Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Development. April 26, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands; and Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-22—Oversight hearing on Gone with the Wind: Impacts of Wind Turbines on Birds and Bats. May 1, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-23—Joint oversight hearing on The Future of Fossil Fuels: Geological and Terrestrial Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide. May 1, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources; and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-24—Oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act Implementation: Science or Politics? May 9, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-25—Hearing on H.R. 523, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district; and H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes. May 10, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-26—Joint oversight hearing on No Child Left Inside: Reconnecting Kids with the Outdoors. May 24, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans; and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands)

110-27—Oversight field hearing on The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project at 45: Sustainable Water for the 21st Century. June 1, 2007, Pueblo, Colorado (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-28—Oversight field hearing on The Needs and Challenges of Tribal Law Enforcement on Indian Reservations. June 1, 2007, Brule, South Dakota. (Full Committee)

110-29—Hearing held on H.R. 2016, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. June 7, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-30—Oversight hearing on Wildfire Preparedness: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure. June 19, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-31—Oversight hearing on Management by Exclusion: The Forest Service Use of Categorical Exclusions from NEPA. June 28, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-32—Oversight hearing on The Minerals Management Service's Proposed Five-Year Program for Oil and Gas Leasing on the

Outer Continental Shelf. June 28, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-33—Oversight field hearing on Extinction is not a Sustainable Water Policy: The Bay-Delta Crisis and the Implications for California Water Management. July 2, 2007, Vallejo, California. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-34—Field hearing on H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and for other purposes. July 9, 2007, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-35—Hearing on H.R. 2515, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1970, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87-483 to authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water, and for other purposes. July 24, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-36—Oversight hearing on The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977: A 30th Anniversary Review. July 25, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-37—Hearing on H.R. 2262, 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 26, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-38—Oversight hearing on Crisis of Confidence: The Political Influence of the Bush Administration on Agency Science and Decision-Making. July 31, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-39—Hearing on H.R. 3094, to establish in the Treasury of the United States a fund which shall be known as the National Park Centennial Fund, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2959, to establish a fund for the National Park Centennial Challenge, and for other purposes. August 2, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-40—Oversight field hearing on the U.S. Military Buildup on Guam and Challenges Facing the Community. August 13, 2007, Mangilao, Guam. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-41—Field hearing on H.R. 3079, to amend the Joint Resolution Approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. August 15, 2007, Saipan, CNMI. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-42—Field hearing on H.R. 2262, 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. August 21, 2007, Elko, Nevada. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-43—Oversight hearing on Management of the Statue of Liberty National Monument. September 18, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-44—Oversight hearing on Diversifying Native Economies. September 19, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-45—Hearing on H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 2498, to provide for a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide which those counties use as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner; and H.R. 2535, to direct 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 California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes. September 25, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-46—Hearing on H.R. 2262, 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. October 2, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-47—Hearing on H.R. 2837, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, and for other purposes. October 3, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-48—Oversight hearing on Implementation of the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act: Has the Promise Been Fulfilled? October 9, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-49—Hearing on H.R. 1497, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protections to plants illegally harvested outside of the United States, and for other purposes. October 16, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-50—Hearing on H.R. 1975, 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. October 18, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-51—Hearing on H.R. 2801, to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuges and Wilderness in the State of Alaska and for the granting of a right-of-way for safe and reliable access for the Native Village of King Cove, Alaska, and for other purposes. October 31, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-52—Hearing on H.R. 3301, to authorize and direct the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in Southeast Arizona. November 1, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-53—Hearing on H.R. 3994, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes. November 8, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-54—Hearing on H.R. 2334, to designate as wilderness certain land within the Rocky Mountain National Park and to adjust the boundaries of the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Arapaho National Recreation Area of the Arapaho National Forest in the State of Colorado; H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico; H.R. 3287, to expand the Pajarita Wilderness and designate the Tumacacori Highland Wilderness in Coronado National Forest, Arizona; H.R. 3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers; and H.R. 3682, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. November 13, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-55—Hearing on H.R. 2445, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek as a Native village, and for other purposes; H.R. 3350, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of lands to Alaska Native veterans; H.R. 3351, to adapt the lessons of foreign aid to underdeveloped economies to the provision of Federal economic development assistance to similarly situated remote Native American communities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3560, to provide for the completion of certain land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes. November 14, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-56—Oversight hearing on New Fees for Filming and Photography on Public Lands. December 12, 2007, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-57—Hearing on H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. February 6, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-58—Oversight field hearing on The Economic Effects of the Recently Increased Minimum Wage. February 22, 2008, American Samoa. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-59—Hearing on H.R. 5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the state of West Virginia, and for other purposes. February 26, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-60—Oversight hearing on Department of the Interior's Recently Released Guidance on Taking Land into Trust for Indian Tribes and its Ramifications. February 27, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-61—Hearing on H.R. 3223, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a grant program to ensure coastal access for commercial and recreational fishermen and other water-dependent coastal-related businesses, and for other purposes; H.R. 5451, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and for other purposes; H.R. 5452, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to coastal States to support State efforts to initiate and complete surveys of coastal State waters and Federal waters adjacent to a State's coastal zone to identify potential areas suitable or unsuitable for the exploration, development, and production of renewable energy, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5453, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize assistance to coastal states to develop coastal climate change adaptation plans pursuant to approved management programs approved under section 306, to minimize contributions to climate change, and for other purposes. February 28, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-62—Oversight hearing on Poaching American Security: Impacts of Illegal Wildlife Trade. March 5, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-63—Hearing on H.R. 2964, 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; and H.R. 5534, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protections to bears illegally harvested for their viscera in the same manner as with respect to prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes. March 11, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-64—Oversight hearing on Getting Royalties Right: Recent Recommendations for Improving the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty System. March 11, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-65—Hearing on H.R. 5608, to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, to strengthen the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes; H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes; H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, and for other purposes; S. 2457, A bill to pro-

vide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe; and H.R. 5680, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes. April 9, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-66—Joint oversight field hearing on Charting a Clean Energy Future for the Insular Areas. April 12, 2008, Frederikstead, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs; and Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-67—Oversight hearing on Indian Water Rights Settlements. April 16, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-68—Joint oversight field hearing on Walls and Waivers: Expedited Construction of the Southern Border Wall and Collateral Impacts to Communities and the Environment. April 28, 2008, Brownsville, Texas. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands; and Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-69—Hearing on H.R. 155, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River; H.R. 5511, 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; and H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes. May 8, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-70—Oversight hearing on Management of West Coast Salmon Fisheries. May 15, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-71—Oversight hearing on The Future of the National Mall. May 20, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-72—Oversight hearing on The Danger of Deception: Do Endangered Species Have a Chance? May 21, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-73—Joint oversight hearing on Census Data: Special Issues Related to U.S. Territories. May 21, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs; and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives)

110-74—Oversight hearing on How Should the Federal Government Address the Health and Environmental Risks of Coal Combustion Waste? June 10, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-75—Oversight hearing on Spinning Straw Into Black Gold: Enhanced Oil Recovery Using Carbon Dioxide. June 12, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

110-76—Oversight hearing on Hydropower: Providing 75% of America's Current Renewable Energy. Exploring Its Role as a Continued Source of Clean, Renewable Energy for the Future. June 12, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-77—Joint oversight hearing on Paying to Play: Implementation of Fee Authority on Federal Lands. June 18, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands; and Subcommittee on Water and Power)

110-78—Oversight hearing on the Utah Navajo Trust Fund. June 19, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-79—Oversight hearing on Planning for a Changing Climate and its Impacts on Wildlife and Oceans; and Hearing held on H.R. 4455, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide international wildlife management and conservation programs through the Wildlife Without Borders Program in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and for other purposes. June 24, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-80—Hearing on H.R. 6311, to prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or human or animal species' health, and for other purposes. Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-81—Oversight hearing on the Successes and Challenges of the Interagency Group on Insular Areas. July 17, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-82—Oversight hearing on Expanding Access to Federal Lands for People with Disabilities. July 24, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-83—Hearing on H.R. 6537, to reauthorize and amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to establish a National Marine Sanctuary System, to strengthen and clarify management authorities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6204, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve and for other purposes. July 24, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-84—Oversight hearing on Impacts that U.S. Consumer Demand is Having on the Illegal and Unsustainable Trade of Wildlife Products, and Ongoing and Proposed Efforts to Increase Public Awareness About These Impacts. September 16, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

110-85—Oversight hearing on The Piñeros: Reviewing the Welfare of Workers on Federal Lands. September 16, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

110-86—Oversight hearing on Recent Interior Department Inspector General Investigations on Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Collections. September 18, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

110-87—Oversight hearing on Identifying Labor Solutions for the Guam Military Buildup. September 23, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Insular Affairs)

110-88—Oversight hearing on Recent Trends Concerning Annual Budgets for the National Wildlife Refuge System and Implications for Management Activities. September 24, 2008, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans)

APPENDIX II

LEGISLATION PASSED HOUSE

BILLS PASSED HOUSE BY DATE

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

01/05/2007—S. 159, to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the “Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area”. Passed House without objection. (*Public Law 110-1*)

01/17/2007—H.R. 57, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 110-40*)

01/18/2007—H.R. 6*, to reduce our Nation’s dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 264–163. (*Public Law 110-140*) [See also H.R. 3221, *Public Law 110-289*]

02/06/2007—H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 419–0.

02/06/2007—H.R. 235, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/06/2007—H.R. 356, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District’s ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States. Passed House by voice vote.

02/06/2007—H.R. 386, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District. Passed House by vote of 417–0.

02/06/2007—H.R. 512, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/07/2007—H.R. 482, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 425–0.

03/05/2007—H.R. 122, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional

recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 110-161*)

03/05/2007—H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives. Passed House by voice vote.

03/05/2007—H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/05/2007—H.R. 299, to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/05/2007—H.R. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/05/2007—H.R. 467, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho. Passed House by voice vote.

03/05/2007—H.R. 497, to authorize the Marion Park Project, a committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion. Passed House by vote of 390-0.

03/05/2007—H.R. 807, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House by voice vote.

03/05/2007—H.R. 903, to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/05/2007—H.R. 995, to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Passed House by vote of 390-0. (*Public Law 110-106*)

03/05/2007—H.R. 1047, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House by voice vote.

03/19/2007—H. Res. 138, recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on its 175th anniversary. Passed House by vote of 399-0.

03/19/2007—H.R. 658, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 390–10.

03/19/2007—H.R. 838, to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/19/2007—H.R. 839, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized. Passed House by vote of 394–1.

03/19/2007—H.R. 902, to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources. Passed House by voice vote.

03/19/2007—H.R. 1006, 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.

03/19/2007—H.R. 1021, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

03/20/2007—H.R. 759, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”. Passed House by vote of 420–1.

04/17/2007—H. Res. 217, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the 50th anniversary of the flooding of Celilo Falls. Passed house by voice vote.

04/17/2007—H.R. 309, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

04/17/2007—H.R. 609, 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.

04/17/2007—H.R. 786, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

04/17/2007—H.R. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard. Passed House by voice vote.

04/17/2007—H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska. Passed House by voice vote.

04/17/2007—H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

04/17/2007—H.R. 1191, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park. Passed House by voice vote.

04/26/2007—H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros. Passed House by vote of 277–137.

05/07/2007—H.R. 30, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project. Passed House by voice vote.

05/07/2007—H.R. 407, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 294–80.

05/07/2007—H.R. 487, to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

05/07/2007—H.R. 1025, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas. Passed House by vote of 370–1.

05/07/2007—H.R. 1080, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

05/07/2007—H.R. 1114, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

05/07/2007—H.R. 1140, 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 voice vote.

05/07/2007—H.R. 1737, 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 permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California. Passed House by voice vote.

05/08/2007—H.R. 1294, 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 by voice vote.

05/08/2007—H.R. 1595, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission. Passed House as amended by vote of 288–133.

05/23/2007—H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 268–150.

06/05/2007—H. Con. Res. 54, expressing the support of Congress for the creation of a National Hurricane Museum and Science Center in Southwest Louisiana. Passed House by voice vote.

06/05/2007—H. Con. Res. 94, encouraging the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in commercial fishing fleets worldwide and that lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

06/05/2007—H. Con. Res. 116, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the “National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States”. Passed House by voice vote.

06/05/2007—H. Res. 341, supporting the goals and ideals of “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. Passed House by voice vote.

06/05/2007—H.R. 361, 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.

06/05/2007—H. Res. 390, recognizing the importance of the Ouachita National Forest on its 100th anniversary. Passed House by voice vote.

06/05/2007—H. Res. 401, supporting the goals and ideals of National Trails Day. Passed House by voice vote.

06/05/2007—H.R. 1139, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

06/05/2007—H.R. 1175, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project. Passed House by voice vote.

06/05/2007—H.R. 1736, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah. Passed House by voice vote.

06/07/2007—H.R. 65, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 256–128.

06/27/2007—H. Res. 186, supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and recognizing the considerable value

of American beaches and their role in American culture. Passed House without objection.

06/27/2007—S. 277*, a bill to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes. Passed House without objection. (*Public Law 110-47*)

07/10/2007—H.R. 359, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/10/2007—H. Res. 483, recognizing the 63rd Anniversary of Big Bend National Park, established on June 12, 1944. Passed House by voice vote.

07/10/2007—H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project. Passed House by voice vote.

07/10/2007—H.R. 1904, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

07/10/2007—H.R. 2121, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior. Passed House by voice vote.

07/10/2007—H.R. 2381, 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 voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 110-132*)

07/23/2007—H.R. 465, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 110-133*)

07/23/2007—H.R. 495, to update the management of Oregon water resources, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 716, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 761, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 1239, to bill to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to authorize additional funding to carry out the Act, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 1285, to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of National Forest System land in Kittitas County, Washington,

to facilitate the construction of a new fire and rescue station, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 1388, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 1503, 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 as amended by voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 1526, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/23/2007—H.R. 2400, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an integrated Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/30/2007—H. Res. 16, recognizing Virginia's James River as "America's Founding River". Passed House without objection.

07/30/2007—H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects. Passed House by unanimous consent.

07/30/2007—S. 375*, a bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes. Passed House without objection. (*Public Law 110-78*)

07/30/2007—H.R. 673, to a bill 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 without objection.

07/30/2007—H.R. 1696, 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 without objection.

07/30/2007—H.R. 2107, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes. Passed House without objection.

07/30/2007—H.R. 2120, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe. Passed House without objection.

07/30/2007—H.R. 2863, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe. Passed House without objection. (*Public Law 110-75*)

07/30/2007—H.R. 2952, to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe. Passed House without objection. (*Public Law 110-76*)

07/30/2007—H.R. 2963, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House without objection. (*Public Law 110-383*)

07/30/2007—H.R. 3006*, to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 110-77*)

07/31/2007—H.R. 986, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 253-172.

08/04/2007—H.R. 3221*, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation. Passed House by vote of 241-172. (*Public Law 110-289*) [*See also H.R. 6, Public Law 110-140*]

09/18/2007—H. Res. 326*, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

09/24/2007—H. Con. Res. 186, honoring the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Passed House by voice vote.

09/24/2007—H. Res. 634, encouraging participation in hunting and fishing, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Hunting and Fishing Day and the efforts of hunters and fishermen toward the scientific management of wildlife and conservation of the natural environment. Passed House by voice vote.

10/15/2007—H. Con. Res. 25*, expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber. Passed House by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 189, a bill to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 256-122.

10/22/2007—H.R. 523, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district. Passed House by vote of 377–0.

10/22/2007—H.R. 767, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 783, to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 813, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 830, a bill to authorize the exchange of certain interests in land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 1205, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 1337, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 1803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 1855, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 2094, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Com-

mission, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/22/2007—H.R. 2197, to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

10/23/2007—H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

10/24/2007—H.R. 505, 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 by vote of 261–153.

10/24/2007—H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 291–122.

11/01/2007—H.R. 2262, 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. Passed House by vote of 244–166.

11/13/2007—H. Con. Res. 229, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should seek a review of compliance by all nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendations for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and should pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

11/13/2007—H.R. 2614, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California. Passed House by voice vote.

11/13/2007—H.R. 2627, to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site. Passed House by voice vote.

12/04/2007—H.R. 1662, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

12/04/2007—H.R. 2246, a bill to provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

12/04/2007—H.R. 3998, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures. Passed House as amended by vote of 326–79.

12/05/2007—H. Con. Res. 147, recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship

of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 414–0.

12/05/2007—H.R. 236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration. Passed House as amended by vote of 358–55.

12/11/2007—H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

12/11/2007—H.R. 3079, to amend the joint resolution that approved the covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

12/11/2007—H.R. 3739, to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 110–148*)

01/29/2008—H.R. 1528, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 261–122.

02/12/2008—H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/12/2008—H. Con. Res. 209, expressing the sense of Congress that the Museum of the American Quilter’s Society, located in Paducah, Kentucky, should be designated as the “National Quilt Museum of the United States”. Passed House by voice vote.

02/12/2008—H. Res. 868, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the declaration of Muir Woods National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt. Passed House voice vote.

02/12/2008—H.R. 2251, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/12/2008—H.R. 3332, to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

02/14/2008—H.R. 1834*, to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Passed House by vote of 352–49.

03/04/2008—H. Res. 698, commemorating the 200th anniversary of Congressional Cemetery. Passed House by voice vote.

03/04/2008—H. Res. 807, honoring the life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, champion of the Florida Everglades and founder of Florida’s environmental movement. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/04/2008—H.R. 816, to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the

construction and maintenance of a flood control project. Passed House by vote of 375–0.

03/04/2008—H. Res. 845, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/04/2008—H.R. 1143, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 378–0.

03/04/2008—H.R. 1311, to provide for the conveyance of the Alta-Hualapai Site to the Nevada Cancer Institute, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 377–0.

03/04/2008—H.R. 1922, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/04/2008—H.R. 3111, 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 voice vote.

03/04/2008—H.R. 3473, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/04/2008—H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/05/2008—H.R. 4191, to redesignate the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in the State of Ohio as the “Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park”, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 407–4.

03/31/2008—H.R. 1187, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/31/2008—H.R. 2342, to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/31/2008—H.R. 2515, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/31/2008—H.R. 2675, 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 as amended by vote of 370–2.

03/31/2008—H.R. 3352, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 308–60.

03/31/2008—H.R. 3651, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to sup-

port the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/31/2008—H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

03/31/2008—H.R. 4933, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

04/09/2008—H.R. 2016, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 278–140.

04/22/2008—H.R. 831, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska. Passed House as amended by vote of 382–0.

04/22/2008—H.R. 3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

04/22/2008—H.R. 3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

04/22/2008—H.R. 5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 368–17.

04/29/2008—H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

04/29/2008—H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 110-236*)

04/29/2008—H. Res. 1043, Honoring the life and legacy of Chief Standing Bear, a pioneer in civil rights for Native Americans, on the 100th anniversary of Chief Standing Bear's death. Passed House by voice vote.

04/29/2008—S. 2457*, a bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe. (*Public Law 110-228*)

04/29/2008—S. 2739*, a bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and

the Department of Energy, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 291–117. (*Public Law 110–229*)

05/13/2008—H.R. 6022*, to suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 385–25. (*Public Law 110–232*)

05/20/2008—H.R. 1464, 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 294–119.

05/20/2008—H.R. 2649, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992. Passed House as amended by vote of 374–39.

05/21/2008—H.R. 1771, 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 as amended by vote of 304–18.

05/21/2008—H.R. 3323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

05/21/2008—H.R. 4841, to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 110–297*)

05/21/2008—H. Con. Res. 300, recognizing the necessity for the United States to maintain its significant leadership role in improving the health and promoting the resiliency of coral reef ecosystems, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

05/21/2008—H. Con. Res. 325, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

05/21/2008—H. Res. 1074, honoring the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the carving of the Crazy Horse Memorial. Passed House by voice vote.

05/21/2008—S.J. Res. 17*, a joint resolution directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 110–243*)

06/05/2008—H.R. 5540, 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 321–86.

06/09/2008—H. Res. 1158, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Ozark National Forest in Arkansas. Passed House by voice vote.

06/09/2008—H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

06/09/2008—H.R. 3022, to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

06/09/2008—H.R. 3682, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

06/17/2008—H.R. 2964, 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 as amended by vote of 302–96.

06/17/2008—H.R. 3702, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery. Passed House as amended by vote of 396–0.

06/18/2008—H. Res. 1199, commending the Orange County Water District and its employees for their sound financial management and innovative groundwater management, water quality, water efficiency, and environmental programs, on its 75th anniversary. Passed House by voice vote.

06/18/2008—H. Res. 1247, supporting the goals and ideals of “American Eagle Day,” and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

06/18/2008—H.R. 5680, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

06/19/2008—H.R. 5511, 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.

06/19/2008—H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 301–124.

07/08/2008—H.R. 1423, 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 as amended by vote of 376–11.

07/08/2008—H.R. 3981, to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 360–23.

07/08/2008—H.R. 4199, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 368–18.

07/08/2008—H.R. 5741, 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 as amended by voice vote.

07/09/2008—H. Res. 1322, commending the firefighters from California and throughout the United States for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires. Passed House by voice vote.

07/09/2008—H.R. 5541, 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 as amended by voice vote.

07/10/2008—H.R. 1286, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. Passed House by vote of 345–69.

07/14/2008—H.R. 1714, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL–64P. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 110–419*)

07/14/2008—H.R. 3227, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/14/2008—H.R. 5618, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

07/16/2008—H.R. 415, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passed House by vote of 242–175.

09/10/2008—H.R. 3667, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passed House by vote of 299–118.

09/16/2008—H.R. 6899, to advance the national security interests of the United States by reducing its dependency on oil through renewable and clean, alternative fuel technologies while building a bridge to the future through expanded access to Federal oil and natural gas resources, revising the relationship between the oil and gas industry and the consumers who own those resources and deserve a fair return from the development of publicly owned oil and gas, ending tax subsidies for large oil and gas companies, and facilitating energy efficiencies in the building, housing, and transportation sectors, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 236–189.

09/17/2008—H.R. 2535, to direct 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 California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/17/2008—H.R. 3437, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

09/17/2008—H.R. 5293, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

09/17/2008—H.R. 5350, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes. Passed as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 110-393*)

09/22/2008—H. Res. 1374, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Grand Coulee Dam and recognizing its critical role in the national and economic security of the United States and the contributions of hydroelectric power to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2008—H.R. 1907, to authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 313-59.

09/22/2008—H.R. 3299, 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.

09/22/2008—H.R. 3336, a bill 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.

09/22/2008—H.R. 3849, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

09/22/2008—H.R. 5335, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

09/22/2008—H.R. 5853, to expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett's Farm, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2008—H.R. 6159, 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.

09/22/2008—H.R. 6176, to authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/22/2008—H.R. 6685, 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 302–72.

09/24/2008—H.R. 160, 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.

09/24/2008—H.R. 2933, 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.

09/24/2008—H.R. 4828, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

09/29/2008—H. Res. 1474, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the first vertical ascent of the face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park and honoring the historic climbing feat of the original climbing team. Passed House by unanimous consent.

09/29/2008—H.R. 2963, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes. House agreed to the Senate amendments and passed by unanimous consent.

09/29/2008—H.R. 5350, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes. House agreed to the Senate amendment and passed by unanimous consent.

09/29/2008—H.R. 5618, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. House agreed to the Senate amendment and passed by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 110–394*)

09/29/2008—H.R. 7017, to amend Public Law 100–573 to extend the authorization of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission. Passed House by unanimous consent.

09/29/2008—S. 1193*, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes. Passed House with an amendment by unanimous consent.

09/29/2008—S. 1582*, a bill to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes. Passed House with an amendment by unanimous consent.

09/29/2008—S. 3128*, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project. Passed House with an amendment by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 110-390*)

09/29/2008—S. 3550*, an original bill to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the “John W. Warner Rapids”. Passed House by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 110-418*)

BILLS WHICH FAILED TO PASS HOUSE BY DATE

06/05/2008—H.R. 3058, to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local government in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes. Failed House under suspension of the rules by vote of 218-193, 2 Present.

06/25/2008—H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community. Failed House by vote of 121-298.

06/26/2008—H.R. 6251, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new Federal oil and gas leases to holders of existing leases who do not diligently develop the lands subject to such existing leases or relinquish such leases, and for other purposes. Failed House under suspension of the rules as amended by vote of 223-195.

07/17/2008—H.R. 6515, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious environmentally responsible program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, and for other purposes. Failed House under suspension of the rules by vote of 244-173.

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 110-1: S. 159 (H.R. 48)
Public Law 110-40: H.R. 57 (S. 279*)
Public Law 110-47: S. 277 (H.R. 1080)
Public Law 110-75: H.R. 2863 (S. 1286)
Public Law 110-76: H.R. 2952
Public Law 110-77: H.R. 3006 (H.R. 2732; S. 1325*; S. 1764*)
Public Law 110-78: S. 375 (H.R. 679)
Public Law 110-106: H.R. 995 (S. 824*)
Public Law 110-114: H.R. 1495*
Public Law 110-132: H.R. 50 (H.R. 465)
Public Law 110-133: H.R. 465 (H.R. 50)
Public Law 110-140: H.R. 6 (H. Con. Res. 25; H.R. 1267)
Public Law 110-148: H.R. 3739
Public Law 110-161: H.R. 2764* (H.R. 122; H.R. 771; H.R. 783; H.R. 1091; H.R. 1918; H.R. 3858; H.R. 4028)
Public Law 110-228: S. 2457
Public Law 110-229: S. 2739* (H.R. 886; H.R. 247; H.R. 276; H.R. 1922; H.R. 815; H.R. 658; H.R. 1100; H.R. 299; H.R. 161; H.R. 2251; H.R. 376; H.R. 1047; H.R. 442; H.R. 807; H.R. 359; H.R. 1021; H.R. 1835; H.R. 497; H.R. 2094; H.R. 512; H. Con. Res. 209; H. Con. Res. 116; H.R. 759; H.R. 1388; H.R. 761; H.R. 3616; H.R. 986; H.R. 830; H.R. 1239; H.R. 1191; H.R. 319; H.R. 713; H.R. 1625; H.R. 1483; H.R. 1083; H.R. 1815; H.R. 407; H.R. 1114; H.R. 235; H.R. 482; H.R. 839; H.R. 1904; H.R. 386; H.R. 1736; H.R. 467; H.R. 495; H.R. 1025; H.R. 30; H.R. 1526; H.R. 1662; H.R. 902; H.R. 1462; H.R. 1337; H.R. 3079; H.R. 3616)
Public Law 110-232: H.R. 6022
Public Law 110-234: H.R. 2419* (H.R. 1497)
Public Law 110-236: H.R. 3522
Public Law 110-243: S.J. Res. 17
Public Law 110-281: H.R. 3891
Public Law 110-297: H.R. 4841 (H.R. 1276)
Public Law 110-383: H.R. 2963 (H.R. 28)
Public Law 110-386: S. 1582* (H.R. 3352, S. 1584*)
Public Law 110-390: S. 3128 (H.R. 6754)
Public Law 110-393: H.R. 5350
Public Law 110-394: H.R. 5618 (S. 3160*)
Public Law 110-398: H.R. 6849*
Public Law 110-418: S. 3550 (H.R. 7031)
Public Law 110-419: H.R. 1714
Public Law 110-453: S. 1193 (H.R. 5680)

APPENDIX IV
COMMITTEE PRINTS

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

House Report 110–89 (H.R. 886), to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

House Report 110–90 (H.R. 309), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes. (Amended)

House Report 110–91 (H.R. 865), to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska.

House Report 110–92 (H.R. 285), to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania. (Amended)

House Report 110–93 (H.R. 249), to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.

House Report 110–94 (H.R. 162), to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

House Report 110–95 (H.R. 319), to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes. (Amended)

House Report 110–124 (H.R. 1294), 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 110–125 (H.R. 1140), 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.

House Report 110–126 (H.R. 1114), to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

House Report 110–127 (H.R. 1080), to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

House Report 110–128 (H.R. 487), to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage result-

ing from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-129 (H.R. 1595), to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission.

House Report 110-157 (H.R. 1100), to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes. (Amended)

House Report 110-164 (H.R. 65), to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes. (Amended)

House Report 110-219 (H.R. 713), to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-220 (H.R. 986), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-221 (H.R. 1337), to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

House Report 110-222 (H.R. 1725), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project.

House Report 110-223 (H.R. 359), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement.

House Report 110-243 (H.R. 31), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects.

House Report 110-244 (H.R. 50), to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

House Report 110-245 (H.R. 465), to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

House Report 110-246 (H.R. 716), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan.

House Report 110-247 (H.R. 761), to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail.

House Report 110-248 (H.R. 1239), to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide ad-

ditional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-249 (H.R. 1285), to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of National Forest System land in Kittitas County, Washington, to facilitate the construction of a new fire and rescue station, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-250 (H.R. 1388), to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

House Report 110-251 (H.R. 1503), 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.

House Report 110-252 (H.R. 1526), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-253, Part 1 (H.R. 2400), to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an integrated Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the Continental Shelf of the United States, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-271 (H.R. 673), to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-272 (H.R. 1696), 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.

House Report 110-273 (H.R. 2120), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe.

House Report 110-274 (H.R. 2863), to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

House Report 110-275 (H.R. 2952), to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

House Report 110-276 (S. 375), to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-296, Part 1 (H.R. 2337), to promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-310 (H.R. 189), to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey.

House Report 110-311, Part 1 (H.R. 1834), to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea re-

search program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

House Report 110-315, Part 1 (H.R. 1011), to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-388 (H.R. 1483), to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-389 (H.R. 505), 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 110-391 (H.R. 2197), to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-392 (H.R. 2094), to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-393 (H.R. 1462), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir.

House Report 110-394, Part 1 (H.R. 1205), to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-395 (H.R. 830), to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska.

House Report 110-396 (H.R. 783), to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-397 (H.R. 767), to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-398 (H.R. 523), to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district.

House Report 110-399 (H.R. 53), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-412 (H.R. 2262), 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.

House Report 110-458 (H.R. 236), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration.

House Report 110-459 (H.R. 1662), to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities.

House Report 110-460 (H.R. 2085), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-461 (H.R. 2246), to validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-462 (H.R. 3998), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures.

House Report 110-469, Part 1 (H.R. 3079), to amend the Joint Resolution Approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-483 (H.R. 123), to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund.

House Report 110-484 (H.R. 3739), to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings.

House Report 110-502 (H.R. 1528), to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-503, Part 1 (H.R. 29), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-504, Part 1 (H.R. 135), to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs.

House Report 110-505, Part 1 (H.R. 3058), to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local government in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-506, Part 1 (H.R. 3111), to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-511, Part 1 (H.R. 664), to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water

District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California.

House Report 110-531 (H.R. 816), to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project.

House Report 110-532 (H.R. 1143), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-533 (H.R. 1311), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility.

House Report 110-534 (H.R. 3473), to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-536, Part 1 (H.R. 1922), to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-541, Part 1 (H.R. 2176), to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

House Report 110-542, Part 1 (H.R. 4115), to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

House Report 110-551 (H.R. 4933), to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-552 (H.R. 3891), to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

House Report 110-553 (H.R. 2675), 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.

House Report 110-554 (H.R. 3651), 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.

House Report 110-555 (H.R. 2515), to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-556 (H.R. 3352), to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-557 (H.R. 1187), to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary.

House Report 110-558, Part 1 (H.R. 2342), to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-561 (H.R. 2016), to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-564, Part 1 (H.R. 1328), to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

House Report 110-591 (H.R. 3513), to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-592 (H.R. 831), to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska.

House Report 110-593 (H.R. 3734), to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-597 (H.R. 900), to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico.

House Report 110-598, Part 1 (H.R. 5151), to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-609 (H.R. 3490), to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-610 (H.R. 3522), to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-611 (S. 2457), to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe.

House Report 110-631 (H.R. 3323), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-632 (H.R. 3930), to provide for a land exchange involving State land and Bureau of Land Management land in Chavez and Dona Ana Counties, New Mexico, and to establish the Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-633 (H.R. 4074), to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-634 (H.R. 2649), to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992.

House Report 110-635 (H.R. 1771), 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.

House Report 110-649 (H.R. 4841), to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-657 (H.R. 1464), 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.

House Report 110-667 (H.R. 5540), to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network.

House Report 110-668 (H.R. 3667), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

House Report 110-668, Part 2 (H.R. 3667), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

House Report 110-670, Part 1 (H.R. 554), to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-692 (H.R. 5680), to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-693 (H.R. 3682), to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-694 (H.R. 3022), to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-695 (H.R. 2632), to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-701, Part 1 (H.R. 5618), to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-704, Part 1 (H.R. 5541), to provide 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.

House Report 110-712 (H.R. 2964), to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provi-

sions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-713 (H.R. 3702), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery.

House Report 110-714 (H.R. 5710), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-715 (H.R. 5511), 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.

House Report 110-735 (H.R. 415), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

House Report 110-736 (H.R. 1286), to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.

House Report 110-737 (H.R. 1423), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter County, Indiana, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-738 (H.R. 3981), to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-739 (H.R. 4199), to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-740 (H.R. 5741), 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 Report 110-756 (H.R. 3227), 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.

House Report 110-790 (H.R. 3849), to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah.

House Report 110-791 (H.R. 4828), to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-792 (H.R. 2933), to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-793 (H.R. 3299), 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.

House Report 110-794 (H.R. 1575), to reaffirm and clarify the Federal relationship of the Burt Lake Band as a distinct federally recognized Indian Tribe, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-795 (H.R. 3094), to establish in the Treasury of the United States a fund which shall be known as the National Park Centennial Fund, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-796 (H.R. 160), 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.

House Report 110-797 (H.R. 6176), to authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-798 (H.R. 3336), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a historic district to the Camp Hale on parcels of land in the State of Colorado.

House Report 110-799 (H.R. 5751), to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-811 (H.R. 1907), to authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-812 (H.R. 2535), to direct 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 California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-813 (H.R. 3437), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado.

House Report 110-814 (H.R. 6041), to redesignate the Rio Grande American Canal in El Paso, Texas, as the "Travis C. Johnson Canal".

House Report 110-815 (H.R. 5293), to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-822, Part 1 (H.R. 5350), to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-838 (H.R. 6177), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River.

House Report 110-839 (H.R. 5853), to expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett's Farm, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-840 (H.R. 5335), to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-841 (H.R. 1847), to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes.

House Report 110-861 (H.R. 6159), 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.

House Report 110-882 (H.R. 1497), to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protections to plants illegally harvested outside of the United States, 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 ongoing 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.

Economic Development Non-Gaming: The Committee examined what is needed to spur development on Indian reservations, especially the need to ensure strong, stable tribal government structures that are prepared to operate business development and foster relationships with outside businesses for the betterment of all involved.

Cultural and Sacred Land Protection: The Committee continued its efforts to protect Native American cultural and sacred lands. Each year sites that are integral to the practice of Native American religions are defaced or destroyed. Oversight activities included exploring the rights of tribes to collect needed berries, fruits, and fauna, as well as special access to eagles if needed and the protection of and access to cultural and sacred sites.

Law Enforcement and Personal Safety Issues: The Committee examined the problems that result from funding shortages that cause some tribal police forces to severely restrict activities part way through the fiscal year. In addition, the issue of gangs on reservations and how to address the violence they bring was reviewed. The Committee examined the problems that have arisen from drug dealers who are aliens or non-Indians and who have found undeveloped Indian lands to be a safe haven from which to peddle their poison.

Detention Centers: The Committee examined the status of detention facilities throughout Indian Country. In September of 2004, the DOI Office of Inspector General (IG) released a report entitled, *Neither Safe nor Secure—an Assessment of Indian Detention Facilities*. This report found longstanding neglect and BIA indifference

toward safety and security concerns at the detention centers. Oversight activities included a review of BIA's response to the report, including what improvements have been made since 2004.

Native Hawaiians: The Committee carried out oversight of the trust responsibility that the federal government established under the Hawaii Statehood Act. This included House passage of the Hawaiian Homelands Act, and a review of the distribution of Hawaiian homelands and status of infrastructure on those lands.

Rights of Way: The Department of the Interior released a congressionally mandated report on what authority Indian tribes should have over utility rights-of-way that cross Indian lands. The Committee held a hearing on the findings of that report.

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.

Federal Oil and Natural Gas Royalty Program: The Committee performed rigorous and comprehensive oversight of the federal on-shore and offshore oil and natural gas royalty program managed by the Minerals Management Service. A series of reports and investigations conducted by the Interior Department's Inspector General (IG), the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and by the media paint a picture of gross mismanagement of the royalty compliance and collection program, including under-reporting of royalty payments, inadequate auditing, and outright fraud. In particular, the Committee focused on:

(1) *Deepwater Oil and Gas Royalty Relief Act of 1995*—Under this law, leases in the Gulf of Mexico issued during 1998–1999 are considered flawed because they allowed waivers of royalty payments even when energy prices are high. The Committee examined ways to address these potential multi-billion dollar losses to the taxpayers.

(2) *Royalty Audit and Inspection*—The Committee reviewed the management of this program. According to an Interior Department IG report, MMS is now auditing less than 10% of lessees. In addition, there have been several highly critical GAO, IG and media reports on the consistent under-performance of the MMS audit and its enforcement functions.

(3) *Oil and Gas Royalty Rates*—The Committee reviewed results of a GAO study into royalty rates (requested by Senator Bingaman and Chairman Rahall) that found that states generally charge higher royalty rates than the federal government. In addition, industry analysts estimate that the U.S. "government take" on oil and gas is lower than most other countries in the world.

(4) *Necessity of Royalty Relief*—The Committee reviewed the efficacy of royalty relief. Additionally, the Committee examined the various "royalty relief" provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), including enhanced relief for deep water leases in the Gulf of Mexico, new relief for "marginal wells," and new provisions added for deep drilling on previously issued "shallow" water gas leases in the Gulf and for future leases in the Alaska OCS.

(5) *Royalty In-Kind (RIK)*—Despite Congressional concerns, MMS undertook a pilot RIK program through which companies pay royalties in the form of oil or gas instead of the more traditional cash payments. The RIK program continued to expand over the years until 2005, when the program was made permanent as part of the EPO Act. This action ignored a series of reports and investigations, including one in 1998 by GAO, requested by Chairman Rahall, which concluded the RIK program was unlikely to succeed. The Committee closely investigated the management of the program, including the findings of a September 2008 report released by the Department of the Interior Inspector General that revealed significant ethical and criminal violations by certain employees of the RIK program.

Reform of the 1872 Mining Law: The Mining Law of 1872 is a relic of 19th century land law that is greatly in need of reform and revision to bring it in line with modern-day land use and hard rock mining practices. Under this law, valuable hard rock minerals such as gold, silver, and copper are mined on public domain lands in the western states without the payment of a royalty. Further, these lands can be patented (fee simple title) by holders of mining claims for \$2.50 or \$5.00 an acre, depending on the type of claim (an annual appropriations bill provision has temporarily halted this practice). The Committee conducted a full range of hearings and field inspections. As a result the House passed reform legislation that addressed such problems as: the lack of no royalty or production fee, patchwork environmental protection, the inadequacy of bonding, and abandoned hard rock mines.

Implementation of Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPO Act): The Committee conducted oversight into a number of implementation issues related to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, including: the availability of oil and gas resources, the designation of western energy corridors, alternative renewable energy OCS projects, and split-estate lands and energy development.

Multiple Use Mandate and Energy Development: The Committee performed oversight into the way BLM has allowed its oil and gas program to dominate other public land uses to the detriment of BLM's other management responsibilities.

Regulation of Coal Ash Placement: EPA is promulgating regulations to govern the disposal of coal combustion waste in landfills, surface impoundments, and mines. This is critical in view of the growing body of data that indicates increasing threats to health and the environment from unregulated disposal of coal combustion waste. The question of coal waste management, whether regulated by EPA or the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, was reviewed by the Committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND OCEANS

Department of Commerce—National Marine Fisheries Service

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

Recommendations of the Joint Ocean Commissions Initiative (JOCI): In 2003 and 2004, two major, national, bipartisan commis-

sions—the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy (established by federal law) and the Pew Oceans Commission—released reports making recommendations for improving federal policies related to the management and conservation of fisheries, other ocean resources, and the marine environment generally. In late 2004, the two commissions formed one entity, the Joint Ocean Commissions Initiative, to pursue these recommendations. The Committee held hearings on JOCI's findings and recommendations, prior to considering legislation implementing appropriate recommendations.

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. These changes required federal agencies and regional fishery management councils to change their operations. The Committee conducted oversight to ensure that changes to the law are implemented as Congress intended. The Committee also examined the appropriate levels of funding needed to implement the law effectively.

Administration of the Endangered Species Act (ESA): The ESA provides for the conservation and management of threatened and endangered species. The Secretary of Commerce, through NMFS, is charged with implementing this law for marine species. The Committee held oversight hearings on the status of listed marine species and prospects for recovery, as well as on the agency's implementation of the Act and funding levels.

Overfishing on the High Seas: The Committee held oversight hearings on incentives to reduce overfishing in international waters and eliminate bycatch, including gear modification to reduce seabird, sea turtle and shark bycatch.

Invasive Species: The Committee examined the impact that invasive species have on the marine and aquatic environments, and ways to address this growing national problem.

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.

National Marine Sanctuaries Act: There are 13 marine sanctuaries nationwide, in addition to the new monument in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands. The Committee examined opportunities to improve the law.

Ocean Health: The Committee held oversight hearings on issues affecting the health of our oceans, such as coral degradation, acidification, marine debris, dead zones, and red tides. The Committee also examined the science surrounding these issues and opportunities to improve ocean health.

Coastal Zone Management in the 21st Century: In 2006, NOAA, through its National Ocean Service and in consultation with the Coastal States Organization, initiated a visioning process to engage stakeholders on the federal, state, and local levels in redefining our national approach to managing the Nation's coastal zone. The Committee held oversight hearings on their findings and gathered insights into potential amendments to the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Department of the Interior—Fish and Wildlife Service

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

Endangered Species Act Implementation: The Committee held oversight hearings examining the science behind decisions to list, not list, and delist endangered and threatened species. The Committee also examined the appropriate levels of funding needed to implement the law effectively.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act Enforcement and Bird and Bat Mortality: The Committee held oversight hearings on enforcement of incidental take of birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, particularly the impacts that wind turbine development has had on bird and bat mortality.

National Wildlife Refuge Operations and Maintenance Backlog: The Committee examined how the operations and maintenance backlog is impacting the public's use of wildlife refuges.

Lacey Act Enforcement: The Lacey Act, enacted in 1900 and subsequently amended over the last century, was the first federal law to control trade in wildlife and wildlife products. The Committee examined the adequacy of this venerable Act's existing authority to control the burgeoning multibillion dollar trade of threatened and endangered or otherwise illegal wildlife into and out of the United States.

Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) Development: Under the 1997 National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service is required to develop CCPs for all refuges no later than October 9, 2012. The Committee examined the status of CCP development and the resources and strategies that might be employed to meet this critical conservation requirement.

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species: About 169 countries are party to this international agreement providing for the worldwide protection of endangered plants and animals by ensuring that trade does not threaten their survival. The Committee held hearings on changes proposed by the United States and other countries, and examined strategies the United States intends to pursue to achieve and promote species conservation.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSULAR AFFAIRS

Budget Overview: The Committee reviewed that portion of the President's budget which relates to the insular areas of the United States, including five principal U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and three freely associated states (Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau).

Regulation Reform: 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 of the United States.

Normalizing Immigration and Border Security: The Committee recognizes that U.S. territories are also U.S. borders and that certain U.S. territories are viewed as more strategic and vital to the

defense of the U.S. because of their locations. The Committee reviewed and developed legislation to normalize immigration and protect sensitive U.S. territorial borders.

Puerto Rico Self-Determination: The Committee held extensive hearings on proposals to resolve Puerto Rico's political status and developed legislation that was reported to the House.

General Oversight: The Committee reviewed fundamental issues facing each of the territories and the freely associated states. Some of these issues have been researched by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) in two December 2006 reports: *Compacts of Free Association—Micronesia and the Marshall Islands Face Challenges in Planning for Sustainability, Measuring Progress, and Ensuring Accountability and U.S. Insular Areas—Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Accountability Challenges.*

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 (P.L. 108–188). Additionally, Public Law 99–658, which established the free association relationship between the United States and the Republic of Palau, contemplates a review of the terms and related agreements of the Compact in the fifteenth year of the political relationship. The Committee helped oversee formal negotiations leading up to the fifteenth anniversary between the United States and the Republic of Palau.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

U.S. Forest Service

Budget Oversight: The Committee reviewed the President's budget request for the programs and activities of the Forest Service.

Forest Planning and NEPA: The announcement by the Administration to exempt national forest plans from NEPA was one in a series of administrative moves to scale back or exclude the public from Forest Service planning. The Committee examined these changes and their impact on our natural resources and the public's right to know about and participate in the management of our national forests.

Hazardous Fuel Costs: Both the GAO and the USDA Inspector General have issued reports documenting problems with the Forest Service's handling of the hundreds of millions of dollars they have received for hazardous fuels reduction. The Committee examined the issues identified in these reports, including agency failures to control costs, prioritize projects, and deliver value in its hazardous fuels program, and developed legislation, which passed the House, to help address these problems.

Healthy Forest Act Implementation: In 2003, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management were given significant new authority to expedite the removal of dead and dying timber from national forests and public lands. The Committee examined the agencies' use of this new authority.

Campground Closures: The Forest Service ordered a nationwide assessment of all national forest campgrounds. In some areas, they proposed to shut down or scale back one-third or more of all camp-

grounds. The Committee examined the potential impact this assessment could have on public recreation in our national forests.

Bureau of Land Management

Budget Oversight: The Committee reviewed the President's budget request for programs and activities of the Bureau of Land Management.

Oil and Gas Development Impacts on Public Lands: The current Administration has fast-tracked the extraction of oil and gas from public lands, with thousands of new drilling permits issued annually. This development has, in certain places, negatively impacted the natural, scenic, historical, cultural, and recreational resources that exist on public lands. The Committee undertook an extensive review of this matter.

Wild Horse and Burro Program: With the repeal of the prohibition on the sale and commercial slaughter of wild horses and burros, public attention has been focused on the many problems with the BLM's administration of the program. The Committee examined the program and the House passed legislation to prohibit the slaughter of these symbols of the American West.

National Landscape Conservation System: In the late 1990s, the National Landscape Conservation System was established within the Bureau of Land Management to pull together under one umbrella the national monuments, national conservation areas, wilderness, and other conservation units administered by the BLM. Many of these conservation units were established only in the past decade and their management plans are new or in the process of being finalized. The Committee examined the agency's management of the system and the numerous significant resources the system contains and developed legislation, which passed the House, to legislatively establish the National Landscape Conservation System.

National Park Service

Budget: The Committee examined the President's budget request for the programs and activities of the National Park Service.

Yellowstone Bison: After six years and millions of dollars, implementation of the 2000 Yellowstone Bison Management Plan has not proceeded beyond the first phase of the plan. Thousands of bison have been slaughtered under the plan and the Committee explored ways to protect and properly manage these living symbols of America.

Centennial Challenge: In August 2006, President Bush called on Americans to enhance our national parks and directed the NPS to come up with a plan to achieve this, which became known as the "Centennial Challenge". The Committee examined the program to determine how the Administration is meeting its responsibility as the steward of some of the most important elements of our national heritage and developed legislation to implement the proposed program.

Recreation Fees: On January 1, 2007 federal agencies rolled out a new "America the Beautiful Pass." That pass replaced others that were less costly to visitors to our National Parks and public lands attractions. The result is that individuals who want to continue to

enjoy these American treasures have to pay 23% to 60% more than in the past to do so. The National Park Service is the largest collector of recreation fees but the Committee examined the fee programs of all agencies to see where, why, and how such fees are being collected and used.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Budget Reviews: The Committee held 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.

Water Recycling: Congress, in 1992, provided the Bureau of Reclamation with broad authority and specific direction to create a comprehensive water recycling program to serve communities in the 17 western states and the Insular Areas. Unfortunately, the executive branch generally has not been responsive to "Title XVI" water recycling initiatives and has resisted full implementation of the authorized water recycling program. Committee hearings examined various proposals to reform the Title XVI water recycling program, the Office of Management and Budget's "PART" reviews, and new membrane technologies for recycling and desalination.

Sustainable Water Supplies and the Bureau of Reclamation: The Committee held hearings to explore the 21st century federal role in providing assistance for drought protection and water supply development to communities, agricultural water users, and state governments. Additionally, the Committee considered groundwater supplies and how the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Reclamation might more effectively assist state, tribal, and local governments to study, develop, and conserve groundwater supplies for agricultural, municipal, and environmental uses.

Changing Conditions Affecting Western Water Supplies: The Committee held hearings to consider how state and local water managers are dealing with drought planning and water supply variability, and how the Bureau of Reclamation and the Geological Survey are responding to the changing water supply picture. Hearings also considered the impact on agency programs of increased presence of nanoparticles and pharmaceutical chemicals in Bureau-administered water supply systems.

Klamath River, California and Oregon: The Klamath River is heavily impacted by a Bureau of Reclamation irrigation project and federally-licensed hydropower projects. Salmon populations of vital importance to Indian Tribes and non-Indian fisheries have reached historically low levels. The river has been the source of controversy for years. Affected interests and the governors of California and Oregon have worked toward settlement of river management disputes. The Committee conducted hearings on this matter and considered, among other things, the relationship of a Klamath River settlement to other fishery restoration and river management initiatives in the region.

CALFED, OCAP, and the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan: The severe decline in the ecological health of California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta has not been corrected. The Committee conducted oversight on the California Bay-Delta Program (CALFED), the

Central Valley Project Operations Criteria and Plan (OCAP), and the newer Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

Lower Colorado River Basin Operation and Management: Committee oversight activities included an examination of the fiscal and environmental impacts of operating the Yuma Desalting Plant and the impact of its operation on the Cienega de Santa Clara in Mexico; drought and water supply variability in the Basin; the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program; transboundary water supplies and issues with the Government of Mexico; implementation plans for lining the All-American Canal and constructing new regulated storage at or near the All-American Canal; and the potential for adverse effects on water supplies from proposed new and widespread uranium development in the Basin. The Committee also considered how California's changing administration of its share of the Colorado River will affect the agriculture-dependent communities and coastal urban areas that are dependent on or expect to use Colorado River water, and the relationship of those uses to federal and state efforts to protect and restore the environmental values of the Salton Sea.

Indian Water Settlements: Indian water settlements will play a crucial role in shaping the future of tribal and non-Indian communities throughout the West. The Committee examined the current status of Indian water settlement negotiations, how settlements should be structured in light of increasingly uncertain and variable water supplies, the impact of federal water projects on tribal resources, and whether a permanent funding source for Indian water settlements is appropriate.

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 mostly to publicly and cooperatively owned utilities that, in turn, sell the electricity to retail consumers. Committee hearings reviewed the PMAs' existing authorities and considered ways in which the PMAs might provide additional assistance and incentives to encourage utilities to reduce energy demand and increase the percentage of renewable energy in their portfolios, as has been successfully demonstrated in the Pacific Northwest. The Committee also examined the PMAs' role in improving the nation's transmission infrastructure and current policies for siting transmission corridors on public lands and Indian reservations.