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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: 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 Resources during the 107th Congress.

Sincerely,

JAMES V. HANSEN, Chairman.
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Mr. HANSEN, from the Committee on Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

OVERVIEW

The Committee on Resources met on February 14, 2001, for an organizational meeting of the 107th Congress under the direction of Chairman James Hansen of Utah. The Committee Membership was 52 Members with 28 Republicans and 24 Democrats.

The Committee established five subcommittees: National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands (George Radanovich, Chairman); Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans (Wayne Gilchrest, Chairman); Energy and Mineral Resources (Barbara Cubin, Chairman); Water and Power (Ken Calvert, Chairman); and Forests and Forest Health (Scott McInnis, Chairman).

JURISDICTION

(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).

Source: Rule X(l) of the House of Representatives

ACTIVITIES REPORT

COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES STATISTICS

Total number of bills and resolutions referred .................................................... 647
Total number of meeting days:
  Full Committee (45) ..................................................................................... 227
  Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources (20) .................................... 193
  Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans (55) ................. 189
  Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health (28) ............................................ 187
  Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands (50) ................. 181
  Subcommittee on Water and Power (29) ....................................................... 128

  Total .......................................................................................................... 128

* Includes 3 House Resolutions, and all bills awaiting signature by the President.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total membership: 52 (28 Republicans; 24 Democrats)
Member States:
California 8 (4 Republicans; 4 Democrats)
Colorado 5 (4 Republicans; 1 Democrat)
Arizona 2 (2 Republicans)
Idaho 2 (2 Republicans)
Pennsylvania 2 (1 Republican; 1 Democrat)
Oregon 2 (1 Republican; 1 Democrat)
Alaska 1 (1 Republican)
Hawaii 1 (1 Democrat)
Maryland 1 (1 Republican)
Massachusetts 1 (1 Democrat)
Michigan 1 (1 Democrat)
Minnesota 1 (1 Democrat)
Montana 1 (1 Republican)
Nebraska 1 (1 Republican)
Nevada 1 (1 Republican)
New Mexico 1 (1 Democrat)

Delegates:
American Samoa 1 (1 Democrat)
Guam 1 (1 Democrat)

Number from far western United States: 30 (58%)
Number from coastal states: 27 (52%)
Number from Great Lakes states: 6 (12%)

FULL COMMITTEE

I. JURISDICTION

1. Measures and matters concerning the transportation of natural gas from or within Alaska and disposition of oil transported by the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.
2. Measures and matters relating to Alaska public lands, including forestry and forest management issues, and Federal reserved water rights.
3. Environmental and habitat measures and matters of general applicability.
4. Measures relating to the welfare of Native Americans, including management of Indian lands in general and special measures relating to claims which are paid out of Indian funds.
5. All matters regarding the relations of the United States with the Native Americans and the Native American tribes, including special oversight functions under clause 3(h) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.
6. All matters regarding Native Alaskans and Native Hawaiians.
7. All matters related to the Federal trust responsibility to Native Americans and the sovereignty of Native Americans.
8. All matters regarding insular areas of the United States.
9. All measures or matters regarding the Freely Associated States and Antarctica.
(10) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

(11) All measures and matters retained by the Full Committee under Committee rule 6(e).

(12) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Committee under House rule X.

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative and administrative hearings and markups

February 14, 2001—Full Committee met to organize for the 107th Congress.

March 28, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Falls Historic District in Paterson, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 182, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 309, to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax; H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management; H.R. 601, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands; and H.R. 642, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

May 16, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 37, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national trails and provide for possible additions to such trails; H.R. 617, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians, to provide a process for the reorganization of a Native Hawaiian government and the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian government; H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; H.R. 643, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act; H.R. 645, to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994; H.R. 700, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; H.R. 1000, to adjust the boundary of the William Howard Taft National Historic Site in the State of Ohio, to authorize an exchange of land in connection with the historic site; H.R. 1157, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho for salmon habitat res-
oration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages; H.R. 1661, to extend indefinitely the authority of the States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage a Dungeness crab fishery until the effective date of a fishery management plan for the fishery under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and H.R. 1791, to provide a land grant under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to assist in the development of a Millennium Cultural Cooperative Park in Youngstown, Ohio (this bill was tabled).

June 20, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 701, to use royalties from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas production to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; and H.R. 1592, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide greater protection of private property rights.

June 27, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 271, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the city of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; H.R. 427, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon; H.R. 434, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide for retention, maintenance, and operation, at private expense, of the 18 concrete dams and weirs located within the boundaries of the Emigrant Wilderness in the Stanislaus National Forest, California; H.R. 451, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area; H.R. 695, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area; H.R. 1628, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail; H.R. 1937, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to engage in certain feasibility studies of water resource projects in the State of Washington; and H.R. 2187, to amend title 10, United States Code, to make receipts collected from mineral leasing activities on certain naval oil shale reserves available to cover environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance costs incurred by the United States with respect to the reserves.

July 11, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 2436, to provide secure energy supplies for the people of the United States.

July 17, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 2436, to provide secure energy supplies for the people of the United States.

July 25, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 701, to use royalties from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas production to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people.

September 12, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 107, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; H.R. 1161, to authorize the Government of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia; H.R. 1230, to provide for the establishment of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in the State of Michigan; H.R. 1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Navajo Long Walk to Bosque Redondo as a national historic trail; H.R. 1456, to expand the boundary of
the Booker T. Washington National Monument; H.R. 1814, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Metacomet-Monadnock-Sunapee-Mattabesett Trail extending through western New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and central Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Trails System; H.R. 1989, to reauthorize various fishery conservation management programs; H.R. 2062, to extend the effective period of the consent of Congress to the interstate compact relating to the restoration of Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut River Basin and creating the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission; and H.R. 2385, to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property.

October 3, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 400, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site; H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1576, to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado; H.R. 1776, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas; H.R. 2488, to designate certain lands in the Pilot Range in the State of Utah as wilderness; H.R. 2924, to provide authority to the Federal Power Marketing Administrations to reduce vandalism and destruction of property; H.R. 2925, to amend the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992 in order to provide for the security of dams, facilities, and resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation, H.R. 2976, to provide for the issuance of a special entrance pass for free admission to any federally owned area which is operated and maintained by a federal agency and used for outdoor recreation purposes to the survivors, victims’ immediate families, and police, fire, rescue, recovery, and medical personnel directly affected by the September 11, 2001, terrorist hijackings and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; and consideration of a motion to authorize Chairman Hansen to issue a subpoena to Mr. Craig Rosebraugh to testify before the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.

October 17, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 483, regarding the use of the trust land and resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; H.R. 1491, to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, Utah; H.R. 1913, to require the valuation of nontribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation; H.R. 2115, 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 a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington; and H.R. 2585, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River, Oregon.
October 17, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1239, to establish a moratorium on approval by the Secretary of the Interior of relinquishment of a lease of certain tribal lands in California; and H.R. 2742, to authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

November 7, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 2828, to authorize refunds of amounts collected from Klamath Project irrigation and drainage districts for operation and maintenance of the Project’s transferred and reserved works for water year 2001; and H.R. 3208, to authorize funding through the Secretary of the Interior for the implementation of a comprehensive program in California to achieve increased water yield and environmental benefits, as well as improved water system reliability, water quality, water use efficiency, watershed management, water transfers, and levee protection.

November 28, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 38, to provide additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 1925, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1963, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System; H.R. 2234, to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona; H.R. 2238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Fern Lake and the surrounding watershed in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park; H.R. 2440, to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts; H.R. 2742, to authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; H.R. 3322, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct an education and administrative center at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Box Elder County, Utah; and H.R. 3334, to designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California.

February 27, 2002—Markup held on H. Con. Res. 275, expressing the sense of the Congress that hunting seasons for migratory mourning doves should be modified so that individuals have a fair and equitable opportunity to hunt such birds; H.R. 706, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico; H.R. 1712, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make minor adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park; H.R. 1870, to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the city of Fallon, Nevada; H.R. 1883, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon; and H.R. 3389, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act.
March 20, 2002—Markup held on H. Res. 261, recognizing the historical significance of the Aquia sandstone quarries of Government Island in Stafford County, Virginia, for their contributions to the construction of the Capital of the United States; H.R. 1448, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; H.R. 2109, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 2114, to amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the President of certain national monuments and to provide for public participation in the proclamation of national monuments; H.R. 2628, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in Alabama; H.R. 2880, to amend laws relating to the lands of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations, historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes; H.R. 2937, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a shooting range; H.R. 2963, to establish the Deep Creek Wilderness Area; H.R. 3421, to provide adequate school facilities within the Yosemite National Park; H.R. 3425, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor; H.R. 3480, 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; H.R. 3848, to provide funds for the construction of recreational and visitor facilities in Washington County, Utah; H.R. 3853, to make technical corrections to laws passed by the 106th Congress related to parks and public lands; H.R. 3909, to designate certain Federal lands in the State of Utah as the Gunn McKay Nature Preserve; H.R. 3955, to designate certain National Forest System lands in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; H.R. 3958, to provide a mechanism for the settlement of claims of the State of Utah regarding portions of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge located on the shore of the Great Salt Lake, Utah.

March 20, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 2829, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to give greater weight to scientific or commercial data that is empirical or has been field-tested or peer-reviewed; and H.R. 3705, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1073 to require the Secretary of the Interior to use the best sound science available in implementing the Endangered Species Act.

April 17, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 103, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to protect Indian tribes from coerced labor agreements; H.R. 3476, to protect certain lands held in fee by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians from condemnation until a final decision is made by the Secretary of the Interior regarding a pending fee to trust application for that land; and H.R. 3534, to provide for the settlement of certain land claims of Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations to the Arkansas Riverbed in Oklahoma.
April 24, 2002—Markup held on S. 506, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation; H.R. 1370, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System by lessees of such facilities; H.R. 1462, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate non-native weeds on public and private land; H.R. 1906, to amend the Act that established the Pu‘uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park to expand the boundaries of that park; H.R. 2643, to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon; H.R. 2818, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the State of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971; H.R. 3908, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; H.R. 3954, to designate certain waterways in the Caribbean National Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

May 22, 2002—Markup held on H. Con. Res. 352, expressing the sense of Congress that Federal land management agencies should fully implement the Western Governors Association “Collaborative 10-year Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment” to reduce the overabundance of forest fuels that place national resources at high risk of catastrophic wildfire, and prepare a National Prescribed Fire Strategy that minimizes risks of escape; H. Con. Res. 395, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; H.R. 521, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; H.R. 1606, to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for historically black colleges and universities, to decrease the matching requirement related to such appropriations; H.R. 2388, to establish the criteria and mechanism for the designation and support of national heritage areas; H.R. 2982, to authorize the establishment of a memorial within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area I” or “Area II” to the victims of terrorist attacks on the United States, to provide for the design and construction of such a memorial; H.R. 3307, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property known as Pemberton’s Headquarters and to modify the boundary of Vicksburg National Military Park to include that property; H.R. 3380, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; H.R. 3558, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats on Federal lands through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species; H.R. 3786, to revise the boundary
of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona; H.R. 3858, to modify the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River, West Virginia; H.R. 3936, to designate and provide for the management of the Shoshone National Recreation Trail; H.R. 3942, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site; H.R. 4103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain public lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop; H.R. 4129, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to clarify the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the Central Utah Project, to redirect unexpended budget authority for the Central Utah Project for wastewater treatment and reuse and other purposes, to provide for prepayment of repayment contracts for municipal and industrial water delivery facilities, and to eliminate a deadline for such prepayment; and H.R. 4609, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, located in Idaho and Washington.

June 5, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3048, to resolve the claims of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., to lands adjacent to the Russian River in the State of Alaska; H.R. 3148, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide equitable treatment of Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans; and H.R. 4734, to expand Alaska Native contracting of Federal land management functions and activities and to promote hiring of Alaska Natives by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska.

June 18, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 4840, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to ensure the use of sound science in the implementation of that Act.

June 19, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 4840, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to ensure the use of sound science in the implementation of that Act.

June 26, 2002—Markup held on H. Con. Res. 408, honoring the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and its accredited member institutions for their continued service to animal welfare, conservation education, conservation research, and wildlife conservation programs; H. Con. Res. 425, calling for the full appropriation of the State and tribal shares of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund; H.R. 2990, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2002 to authorize additional projects under that Act; H.R. 3048, to resolve the claims of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., to lands adjacent to the Russian River in the State of Alaska; H.R. 3223, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to construct the Jicarilla Apache Nation Municipal Water Delivery and Wastewater Collection Systems in the State of New Mexico; H.R. 3258, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under such Act to prevent unreasonable increases in certain costs in connection with the deployment of communications and other critical infrastructure; H.R. 3401, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service facilities and lands comprising the Five Mile Regional Learning Center in the State of California to the Clovis Unified School District, to author-
ize a new special use permit regarding the continued use of unconveyed lands comprising the Center; H.R. 3534, to provide for the settlement of certain land claims of Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations to the Arkansas Riverbed in Oklahoma; H.R. 3813, to modify requirements relating to allocation of interest that accrues to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund; H.R. 3815, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a Presidential National Historic Site, in Hope, Arkansas; H.R. 4638, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project; H.R. 4807, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Susquehanna National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 4870, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area; and H.R. 4883, to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998. Markup began on H.R. 4749, to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, but did not complete action.

**July 10, 2002**— Markup held on H. Con. Res. 419, requesting the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; H.R. 3476, to protect certain lands held in fee by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians from condemnation until a final decision is made by the Secretary of the Interior regarding a pending fee to trust application for that land; H.R. 3917, to reauthorize a national memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capital; H.R. 4620, to accelerate the wilderness designation process by establishing a timetable for the completion of wilderness studies on Federal lands; H.R. 4739, 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 a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas; H.R. 4749, to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; H.R. 4822, to clarify the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property; H.R. 4840, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to ensure the use of sound science in the implementation of that Act; S. 238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, Oregon; S. 356, to establish a National Commission on the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase; and S. 1057, to authorize the addition of lands to Pu‘uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii.

**July 17, 2002**—Hearing held on H.R. 2408, to provide equitable compensation to the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska for the loss of value of certain lands; H.R. 3407, to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program; and H.R. 4948, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study
to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska.

July 24, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 2099, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide adequate funding authorization for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve was ordered favorably reported to House, as amended, by unanimous consent; H.R. 2301, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California was ordered favorably reported to the House, as amended, by vote of 16 yeas and 14 nays; H.R. 2534, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds in the State of California was ordered favorably reported to House, amended, by unanimous consent; H.R. 2748, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America’s veterans was ordered favorably reported to House, amended, by unanimous consent; H.R. 3407, to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program was ordered favorably reported to House, amended, by unanimous consent; H.R. 3434, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System was ordered favorably reported to the House, as amended, by unanimous consent; H.R. 3449, to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument was ordered favorably reported to House without amendment by unanimous consent; H.R. 4622, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies was ordered favorably reported to the House, amended, by a voice vote; H.R. 4682, to revise the boundary of the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site was ordered reported to House without amendment by unanimous consent; H.R. 4708, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District was ordered favorably reported to House, amended, by unanimous consent; H.R. 4917, to provide for an exchange of lands with the United Water Conservation District of California to eliminate private inholdings in the Los Padres National Forest was ordered favorably reported to the House, as amended, by unanimous consent; H.R. 4919, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, further consideration was postponed; H.R. 4938, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska was ordered favorably reported to the House, without amendment, by unanimous consent; H.R. 4953, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to grant to Deschutes and
Crook Counties in the State of Oregon a right-of-way to West Butte Road was ordered favorably reported to the House, amended, by unanimous consent; H.R. 4968, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Utah, further consideration was postponed; H.R. 5039, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to certain irrigation project property in the Humboldt Project, Nevada, to the Pershing County Water Conservation District, Pershing County, Lander County, and the State of Nevada was ordered favorably reported to the House, amended, by unanimous consent; and S. 1105, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of State of Wyoming lands within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park was ordered favorably reported to the House, without amendment, by unanimous consent.

September 5, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 5214, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take actions to promptly address the risk of fire and insect infestation in National Forest System lands; H.R. 5309, to authorize the Regional Foresters to exempt tree-thinning projects, which are necessary to prevent the occurrence of wildfire likely to cause extreme harm to the forest ecosystem, from laws that give rise to legal causes of action that delay or prevent such projects; and H.R. 5319, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expeditiously address wildfire prone conditions on National Forest System lands and Department of the Interior lands that threaten communities, watersheds, and other at-risk landscapes through the establishment of expedited environmental analysis procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the establishment of a predecisional administrative review process for certain Forest Service projects.

September 12, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 282, to authorize the Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to soldiers who have lost their lives during peacekeeping operations, humanitarian efforts training, terrorist attacks, or covert operations; H.R. 464, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York; H.R. 635, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Park in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; H.R. 1811, to provide permanent funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program; H.R. 1946, to require the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System in the State of Montana, to offer to enter into an agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribe to plan, design, construct, operate, maintain and replace the Rocky Boy's Rural Water System, and to provide assistance to the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the noncore system; H.R. 2386, to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal lands by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such lands; H.R. 2408, to provide equitable compensation to the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska for the loss of value of certain lands; H.R. 2826, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 3148, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide equitable treatment of Alaska
Native Vietnam Veterans; H.R. 3630, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park; H.R. 3747, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the site commonly known as Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue in the State of Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 3765, to designate the John L. Burton Trail in the Headwaters Forest Reserve, California; H.R. 3802, to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act; H.R. 3896, to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102–562; H.R. 4141, to authorize the acquisition by exchange of lands for inclusion in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 4692, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Establishment of the Andersonville National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, to provide for the addition of certain donated lands to the Andersonville National Historic Site; H.R. 4734, to expand Alaska Native contracting of Federal land management functions and activities and to promote hiring of Alaska Natives by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska; H.R. 4830, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area in South Carolina; H.R. 4844, 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; H.R. 4853, to provide that land which is owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Tribe may be mortgaged, leased, or transferred by the Tribe without further approval by the United States; H.R. 4874, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey; H.R. 4910, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas; H.R. 4919, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona; H.R. 4944, to designate the Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove Plantation National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 4966, to improve the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources by reenacting and clarifying provisions of a reorganization plan authorizing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; H.R. 4968, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Utah; H.R. 5032, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest, California, to authorize the use of the proceeds from such conveyances for National Forest purposes; H.R. 5097, to adjust the boundaries of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve located in St. Croix, Virgin Is-
lands; H.R. 5099, to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins; H.R. 5108, to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on lands held in trust for the Yurok Tribe and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians; H.R. 5109, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma; H.R. 5125, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program; H.R. 5168, to provide a process for the establishment of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area in the State of North Carolina; H.R. 5180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain real property in the Dixie National Forest in the State of Utah; S. 434, to provide equitable compensation to the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska for the loss of value of certain lands; S. 491, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project; S. 691, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California; S. 941, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area; S. 1227, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York; S. 1240, to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah; S. 1894, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park; S. 1907, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon; and S. 1946, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail.

September 25, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 992, to provide grants to local governments to assist such local governments in participating in certain decisions related to certain Indian groups and Indian tribes; H.R. 2345, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Tribe, and the Nansemond Tribe; and H.R. 5155, to protect sacred Native American federal lands from significant damage.

October 8, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 2022, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the pertinent irrigation districts; H.R. 4601, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area;...
Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 4912, to increase the penalties to penalties to be imposed for a violation of fire regulations applicable to the public lands, National Park System lands, or National Forest System lands when the violation results in damage to public or private property, to specify the purpose for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes; H.R. 5200, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 5319, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expeditiously address wildfire prone conditions on National Forest System lands and other public lands that threaten communities, watersheds, and other at-risk landscapes through the establishment of expedited environmental analysis procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to establish a predecisional administrative review process for the Forest Service, to expand fire management contracting authorities, to authorize appropriations for hazardous fuels reduction projects, and for other purposes; and on H.R. 5399, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District.

III. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE FULL COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

A. Oversight hearings


May 23, 2001—Oversight hearing on Recreational Access to Public Lands.

June 6, 2001—Oversight hearing on National Energy Policy.

June 16, 2001—Oversight field hearing in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Water Management and Endangered Species Issues in the Klamath Basin.


March 6, 2002—Oversight hearing on Canada Lynx Interagency National Survey and Endangered Species Data Collection.


May 1, 2002—Oversight hearing on the Future of the United States Forest Service.


July 27, 2002—Oversight field hearing in Elko, Nevada, on the Jarbridge River Population of Bull Trout—Truly Threatened?

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS

I. JURISDICTION

(1) Measures and matters related to the National Park System and its units, including Federal reserve water rights.
(2) The National Wilderness Preservation System, except for wilderness created from forest reserves from the public domain.
(3) Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, national heritage areas and other national units established for protection, conservation, preservation or recreational development administered by the Secretary of the Interior, other than coastal barriers.
(4) Military parks and battlefields, national cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, parks in and within the vicinity of the District of Columbia and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.
(5) Federal outdoor recreation plans, programs and administration including the Land and Water Conservation Fund, except those in public forests.
(7) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain and other historic preservation programs and activities, including national monuments, historic sites and programs for international cooperation in the field of historic preservation.
(9) Public lands generally, including measures or matters relating to entry, easements, withdrawals, grazing and Federal reserved water rights.
(10) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.
(11) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.
(12) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative hearings and markups

March 8, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 107, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and re-
sources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; H.R. 400, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site; and H.R. 452, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to former President Ronald Reagan within the area of the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area 1", to provide for the design and construction such memorial.

March 13, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Falls Historic District in Paterson, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 182, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eight Mile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 601, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands.

March 22, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 107, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; H.R. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Falls Historic District in Paterson, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 182, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eight Mile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management; and H.R. 601, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands.

April 26, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 400, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site.

April 26, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 37, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails; H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; and H.R. 1000, to adjust the boundary of the William Howard Taft National Historic Site in the State of Ohio, to authorize an exchange of land in connection with the historic site.
May 8, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1161, to authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Navajo Long Walk to Bosque Redondo as a national historic trail.

May 17, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 1161, to authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Navajo Long Walk to Bosque Redondo as a national historic trail.

June 7, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1461, to amend the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 to remove the exemption for nonprofit organizations from the general requirement to obtain commercial use authorizations; and H.R. 1491, to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, Utah.

June 12, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 271, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the city of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1668, to authorize the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor former President John Adams and his family.

June 19, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 1668, to authorize the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor former President John Adams and his family.

June 19, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1462, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

June 26, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 271, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the city of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; H.R. 695, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area; H.R. 1491, to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, Utah; and H.R. 1628, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

July 17, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1518, to require the Secretary of the Interior to include on the National Register of Historic Places the Avery Point Lighthouse in Groton, Connecticut, and provide $200,000 for the restoration of that lighthouse; H.R. 1776, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas; and H.R. 2114, to amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the President of certain national monuments and to provide for public participation in the proclamation of national monuments.
July 24, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1456, to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument; and H.R. 1814, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Metacomet-Monadnock-Sunapee-Mattabesett Trail extending through western New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and central Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Trails System.

July 26, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 2385, to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property; and H.R. 2488, to designate certain lands in the Pilot Range in the State of Utah as wilderness.

July 31, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 1456, to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument; H.R. 1814, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Metacomet-Monadnock-Sunapee-Mattabesett Trail extending through western New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and central Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Trails System; H.R. 2114, to amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the president of certain national monuments and to provide for public participation in the proclamation of national monuments; and H.R. 2385, to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property.

September 25, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1776, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas.

October 4, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 38, to provide additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska; and H.R. 1925, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System.

October 16, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1963, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for the study for potential addition to the National Trails System.

November 1, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1606, to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for historically black colleges and universities, to decrease the matching requirement related to such appropriations; and H.R. 2388, to establish the criteria and mechanism for the designation and support of national heritage areas.

November 13, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 2234, to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona; and H.R. 2238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Fern Lakes and the surrounding watershed in the
States of Kentucky and Tennessee for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.

November 15, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 38, to provide additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 1925, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1963, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for the study for potential addition to the National Trails System; H.R. 2234, to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona; H.R. 2238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Fern Lakes and the surrounding watershed in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park; and H.R. 2440, to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as “Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts”.

December 13, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 2109, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 2748, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America’s veterans; H.R. 3421, to provide adequate school facilities within Yosemite National Park; and H.R. 3425, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor.

February 7, 2002—Hearing held on H. Res. 261, recognizing the historical significance of the Aquia sandstone quarries of Government Island in Stafford County, Virginia, for their contributions to the construction of the Capital of the United States; H.R. 2628, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in Alabama; and H.R. 2643, to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon.

February 14, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 1712, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make minor adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park; and H.R. 2937, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a shooting range.

March 7, 2002—Markup held on H. Res. 261, recognizing the historical significance of the Aquia sandstone quarries of Government Island in Stafford County, Virginia, for their contributions to the construction of the Capital of the United States; H.R. 1462, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land; H.R. 2628, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the
Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in Alabama; H.R. 2937, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a shooting range; H.R. 3421, to provide adequate school facilities within Yosemite National Park; H.R. 3425, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor; and H.R. 3853, to make technical corrections to laws passed by the 106th Congress relating to parks and public lands.

March 14, 2002—Joint hearing on H.R. 3558, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats on Federal lands through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, with Subcommittees on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, and Forests and Forest Health.

March 19, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 2982, to authorize the establishment of a memorial within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area I” or “Area II” to the victims of terrorist attacks on the United States, to provide for the design and construction of such a memorial, and H.R. 3380, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

April 11, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3258, to amend the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976 to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of right-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under such Act to prevent unreasonable increases in certain costs in connection with deployment of communications and other critical infrastructure; H.R. 3307, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property known as Pemberton’s Headquarters and to modify the boundary of Vicksburg National Military Park to include that property; and H.R. 3718, to authorize a right-of-way through Joshua Tree National Park.

April 16, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 1906, to amend the Act that established the Pu’uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park to expand the boundaries of that park; H.R. 2818, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the State of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971; and H.R. 3936, to designate and provide for the management of the Shoshone National Recreation Trail.

April 18, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 1906, to amend the Act that established the Pu’uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park to expand the boundaries of that park; H.R. 2388, to establish the criteria and mechanism for the designation and support of national heritage areas; H.R. 2643, to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon; and H.R. 2818, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the State of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971.

May 4, 2002—Field Hearing held in Casper, Wyoming, on H.R. 4103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain pub-
lic lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop.

May 7, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3786, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona; H.R. 3942, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site; and H.R. 4622, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies.

May 16, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 36, to amend the National Trails System Act to authorize an additional category of national trail known as a national discovery trail, to provide special requirements for the establishment and administration of national discovery trails, and to designate the cross country American Discovery Trail as the first national discovery trail; H.R. 3858, to modify the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River, West Virginia; and H.R. 4103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain public lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop.

June 6, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3815, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a Presidential National Historic Site, in Hope, Arkansas; H.R. 4141, to authorize the acquisition by exchange of lands for inclusion in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Clark County, Nevada; and H.R. 4620, to accelerate the wilderness designation process by establishing a timetable for the completion of wilderness studies on Federal lands.

June 13, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 2534, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds in the State of California; H.R. 4530, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Blue Ridge Heritage and Cultural Partnership Study Area in North Carolina; and H.R. 4822, to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property.

June 27, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 4968, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the State of Utah.

July 9, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 2099, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide adequate funding authorization for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve; H.R. 3917, to authorize a national memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capital; and H.R. 4874, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey.

July 16, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3434, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 3449, to revise the bound-
aries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument; and H.R. 4953, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to grant to Deschutes and Crook Counties in the State of Oregon a right-of-way to West Butte Road.

July 18, 2002—Markup on H.R. 2099, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide adequate funding authorization for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve; H.R. 2748, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America’s veterans; H.R. 3434, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 4622, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies; H.R. 4874, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey; and H.R. 4968, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Utah.

July 25, 2002—Joint hearing held with Subcommittees on Forests and Forest Health, and Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, on H.R. 1811, to provide permanent funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program; H.R. 2386, to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal lands by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such lands; and H.R. 5081, to provide full funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program for the next five fiscal years, to protect local jurisdictions against the loss of property tax revenues when private lands are acquired by a Federal land management agency.

September 5, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 282, to authorize the Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to soldiers who have lost their lives during peacekeeping operations, humanitarian efforts, training, terrorist attacks, or covert operations; H.R. 3747, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the site commonly known as Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue in the State of Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 4692, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Establishment of the Andersonville National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, to provide for the addition of certain donated lands to the Andersonville National Historic Site; and H.R. 5318, to provide for an exchange of certain private property in Colorado and certain Federal Property in Utah.

III. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS

A. Hearings

March 27, 2001—Oversight hearing on the Yosemite Valley Plan.
July 19, 2001—Oversight hearing on Mormon crickets and other destructive grasshoppers.


June 8, 2002—Oversight field hearing in Frenchglen, Oregon, on the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act.

July 20, 2002—Oversight field hearing in St. John, Virgin Islands, on Virgin Islands National Park and the Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument.


SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES CONSERVATION, WILDLIFE AND OCEANS

I. JURISDICTION

(1) Fisheries management and fisheries research generally, including the management of all commercial and recreational fisheries, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, interjurisdictional fisheries, international fisheries agreements, aquaculture, seafood safety and fisheries promotion.

(2) Wildlife resources, including research, restoration, refuges and conservation.

(3) All matters pertaining to the protection of coastal and marine environments, including estuarine protection.

(4) Coastal barriers.

(5) Oceanography.

(6) Ocean engineering, including materials, technology and systems.

(7) Coastal zone management.

(8) Marine sanctuaries.


(10) Sea Grant programs and marine extension services.

(11) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(12) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative hearings and markups


May 24, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 897, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

June 7, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 896, to ensure the safety of recreational fishermen and other persons who use motor vehicles to access beaches adjacent to the Brigantine Wilderness Area in the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, New Jersey, by providing a narrow transition zone above the mean high tide line where motor vehicles can be safely driven and parked; and H.R. 989, to reauthorize various fishery conservation management programs.


July 19, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 553, the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program Implementation Improvement Act of 2001.

August 2, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 1989, to reauthorize various fishery conservation management programs.

August 2, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1367, to provide for the conservation and rebuilding of overfished stocks of Atlantic highly migratory species of fish.

September 20, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1370, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System by lessees of such facilities.

November 8, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1071, to increase amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry out the National Sea Grant College Program Act.

December 6, 2001—Markup held on H. Con. Res. 275, expressing the sense of the Congress that hunting seasons for migratory mourning doves should be modified so that individuals have a fair and equitable opportunity to hunt such birds; H.R. 1370, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System by lessees of such facilities; and H.R. 3389, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act.

February 7, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 3577, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

March 14, 2002—Joint hearing held on H.R. 3558, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats on Federal lands through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, with Subcommittees on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, and Forests and Forest Health.

April 11, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3470, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit.
NC0907P; H.R. 3908, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; and H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

April 17, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 3558, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats on Federal lands through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species; H.R. 3908, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; and H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

May 16, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3937, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain property erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in California.

May 23, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 4749, to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

June 12, 2002—Hearing held on H. Con. Res. 408, Honoring the American Zoo and Aquarium Association for their continued service to animal welfare, conservation education, conservation research, and wildlife conservation programs; and H.R. 4807, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Susquehanna National Wildlife Refuge.


June 20, 2002—Markup held on H. Con. Res. 408, Honoring the American Zoo and Aquarium Association for their continued service to animal welfare, conservation education, conservation research, and wildlife conservation programs; H.R. 3937, to revoke a public order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California; H.R. 4807, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Susquehanna National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 4882, to revise and modernize the provisions of law governing the commissioned officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and H.R. 4883, to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998.

June 27, 2002—Markup held on H. Con. Res. 419, requesting the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

July 18, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 4722, to provide for the establishment of the Lake Erie Western Basin International Wildlife Refuge in the States of Ohio and Michigan.

July 25, 2002—Joint hearing held with Subcommittees on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, and Forests and Forest Health, on H.R. 1811, to provide permanent funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program; H.R. 2386, to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal lands by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such lands; and H.R. 5081, to provide full funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program for the next five fiscal years, to pro-
tect local jurisdictions against the loss of property tax revenues when private lands are acquired by a Federal land management agency.


September 26, 2002—Hearing held on H. Con. Res. 427, expressing the Sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic marlin adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries.

October 3, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 5498, to convey to the Board of Trustees of the California State University the balance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property known as the Tiburon Laboratory, located in Tiburon, California.

November 14, 2002—Joint hearing with the Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, on H.R. 5395, to establish marine and freshwater research, development, and demonstration programs to support efforts to prevent, control, and eradicate invasive species, as well as to educate citizens and stakeholders and restore ecosystems; and H.R. 5396, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

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

A. Hearings


April 19, 2001—Oversight field hearing in Cambridge, Maryland, on the Management of the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.


May 10, 2001—Oversight hearing on Federal Capacity Reduction Programs, Federal Investments in Fisheries and How These Programs Relate to the Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Management Act.


July 12, 2001—Joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Science, Subcommittees on Research, and Environment, Technology and Standards, on ocean exploration, and the development and implementation of coastal and ocean observing systems.


October 22, 2001—Oversight field hearing in Annapolis, Maryland, on Chesapeake Bay Oyster Restoration, Management and Research.

November 8, 2001—Oversight hearing on Draft Legislation on the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2001. (See H.R. 3389)

December 11, 2001—Oversight field hearing in Ocean City, Maryland, on Cooperative Research Issues as they affect the Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

February 13, 2002—Oversight hearing on Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQs).

March 7, 2002—Oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Marine Fisheries Service Budget Requests for FY03.


May 16, 2002—Joint Oversight Hearing with the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, on Chronic Wasting Disease.


May 23, 2002—Oversight Hearing on the use of Marine Protected Areas (MPA's) as a fisheries management tool.


July 11, 2002—Oversight hearing on the Developing Crisis Facing Wildlife Species due to Bushmeat Consumption.


October 3, 2002—Oversight Hearing on the Coastal America program.
I. JURISDICTION

(1) All measures and matters concerning the U.S. Geological Survey, except for the activities and programs of the Water Resources Division or its successor.
(2) All measures and matters affecting geothermal resources.
(3) Conservation of United States uranium supply.
(4) Mining interests generally, including all matters involving mining regulation and enforcement, including the reclamation of mined lands, the environmental effects of mining, and the management of mineral receipts, mineral land laws and claims, long-range mineral programs and deep seabed mining.
(5) Mining schools, experimental stations and long-range mineral programs.
(6) Mineral resources on public lands.
(7) Conservation and development of oil and gas resources of the Outer Continental Shelf.
(8) Petroleum conservation on the public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.
(9) Measures and matters concerning the transportation of natural gas from or within Alaska and disposition of oil transported by the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.
(10) Rights of way over public lands for underground energy-related transportation.
(11) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.
(12) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative hearings and markups

June 26, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 2187, to amend title 10, United States Code, to make receipts collected from mineral leasing activities on certain naval oil shale reserves available to cover environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance costs incurred by the United States with respect to the reserves.

September 13, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1913, to require the valuation of nontribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation.

October 11, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 2952, to ensure the orderly development of coal, coalbed methane, natural gas, and oil within a designated Dispute Resolution Area in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming.

July 25, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 5156, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to protect the economic and land use interests of the Federal Government in the management of outer continental shelf lands for energy-related and certain other purposes.
III. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

A. Hearings

March 15, 2001—Oversight hearing on Domestic Natural Gas Supply and Demand: the Contribution of Public Lands and the OCS.

March 22, 2001—Oversight hearing on Estimated Oil and Gas Resource Base on Federal Land and Submerged Land: How Much Oil and Gas can these Lands Produce?

March 29, 2001—Oversight hearing on Effect of Mining Claim Fees on Domestic Exploration: Are They Worth It?


April 20, 2001—Oversight field hearing in Reno, Nevada, on the Effect of Federal Mining Fees and Mining Policy Changes on State and Local Revenues and the Mining Industry.

April 25, 2001—Oversight hearing on BLM and Forest Service Oil and Gas Permitting.


May 14, 2001—Oversight field hearing in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Issues.


June 12, 2001—Oversight hearing on Collection and Disposition of Federal Oil and Gas Royalties taken in-kind.

September 6, 2001—Oversight hearing on the Orderly Development of Coalbed Methane Resources from Public Lands.


April 18, 2002—Oversight hearing on Oil and Gas Resource Assessment Methodology.

July 16, 2002—Oversight Hearing on the Growing Natural Gas Supply and Demand Imbalance: the Role that Public Lands and Federal Submerged Lands could play in the Solution.

July 23, 2002—Oversight Hearing on Availability of Bonds to Meet Federal Requirements for Mining, Oil and Gas Projects.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

I. JURISDICTION

(1) Generation and marketing of electric power from Federal water projects by Federally chartered or Federal regional power marketing authorities.

(2) All measures and matters concerning water resources planning conducted pursuant to the Water Resources Planning Act, water resource research and development programs and saline water research and development.
(3) Compacts relating to the use and apportionment of interstate waters, water rights and major interbasin water or power movement programs.

(4) All measures and matters pertaining to irrigation and reclamation projects and other water resources development and recycling programs, including policies and procedures.

(5) Indian water rights and settlements.

(6) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(7) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative hearings and markups

July 26, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1985, to authorize funding through the Secretary of the Interior for the implementation of a comprehensive program in California to achieve increased water yield and environmental benefits, as well as improved water system reliability, water quality, water use efficiency, watershed management, water transfers and levee protection; and H.R. 2404, to authorize Federal agency participation and financial assistance for programs and for infrastructure improvements for the purposes of increasing deliverable water supplies, conserving water and energy, restoring ecosystems, and enhancing environmental quality in the State of California.

September 13, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 1985, to authorize funding through the Secretary of the Interior for the implementation of a comprehensive program in California to achieve increased water yield and environmental benefits, as well as improved water system reliability, water quality, water use efficiency, watershed management, water transfers and levee protection.

October 2, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 2115, 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 a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington; and H.R. 2585, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River, Oregon.

December 10, 2001—Field hearing in Las Vegas, Nevada, on H.R. 706, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico; and H.R. 1870, to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the city of Fallon, Nevada.

February 14, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 1870, to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the city of Fallon, Nevada; and H.R. 706, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of
the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico.

March 7, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3480, 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 H.R. 3606, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon.

March 20, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3881, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to engage in studies relating to enlarging Pueblo Dam and Reservoir and Sugar Loaf Dam and Turquoise Lake, Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado.

April 10, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 2301, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California.

April 24, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 1946, to require the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System in the State of Montana, to offer to enter into an agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribe to plan, design, construct, operate, maintain and replace the Rocky Boy's Rural Water System, and to provide assistance to the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the noncore system; and H.R. 4129, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to clarify the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the Central Utah Project, to redirect unexpended budget authority for the Central Utah Project for wastewater treatment and reuse and other purposes, to provide for prepayment of repayment contracts for municipal and industrial water delivery facilities, and to eliminate a deadline for such prepayment.

May 3, 2002—Field hearing held in Brownsville, Texas, on H.R. 2990, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects under that Act.

May 15, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 2301, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California.

May 22, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3561, to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Policy Commission; and H.R. 4638, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project.

June 5, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 4638, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project.

June 5, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 2202, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project the pertinent irrigation districts; and H.R. 3223, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to construct the Jicarilla Apache Nation Municipal Water Delivery and Wastewater Collection Systems in the State of New Mexico.

July 9, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 4708, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District; H.R. 4739, 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 a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater with-
in and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas; and H.R. 5039, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to certain irrigation project property in the Humboldt Project, Nevada, to the Pershing County Water Conservation District, Pershing County, Lander County, and the State of Nevada.

July 25, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 4910, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas; and H.R. 5123, to address certain matters related to Colorado River water management and the Salton Sea by providing funding for habitat enhancement projects at the Salton Sea.

July 25, 2002—Markup held on H.R. 4910, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas; and began consideration of H.R. 5123, to address certain matters related to Colorado River water management and the Salton Sea by providing funding for habitat enhancement projects at the Salton Sea, but did not complete action.

III. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

A. Hearings

March 27, 2000—Oversight hearing on the Status of Federal Western Water Resources.

April 3, 2001—Oversight hearing on California Water—A Regional Perspective.

April 26, 2001—Oversight hearing on Maximizing Power Generation at Federal Facilities.


June 18, 2001—Oversight field hearing in Cerritos, California, on Southern California Water Security—Opportunities and Challenges.

June 30, 2001—Oversight field hearing in Modesto, California, on Central Valley Water Security—Opportunities and Challenges.

July 2, 2001—Oversight field hearing in San Jose, California, on Northern California Water Security—Opportunities and Challenges.


June 14, 2002—Oversight field hearing in LaQuinta, California, on implementation of the California plan for the Colorado River—Opportunities and Challenges.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND FOREST HEALTH

I. JURISDICTION

(1) Forest reservations, including management thereof, created from the public domain.
(2) Public forest lands generally, including measures or matters related to entry, easements, withdrawals and grazing.
(3) Federal reserved water rights on forest reserves.
(4) Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, national heritage areas and other national units established for protection, conservation, preservation or recreational development administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.
(5) Federal and non-Federal outdoor recreation plans, programs and administration in public forests.
(6) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.
(7) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

II. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings and Markups

April 25, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 427, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon; H.R. 434, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide for retention, maintenance, and operation, at private expense, of the 18 concrete dams and weirs located within the boundaries of the Emigrant Wilderness in the Stanislaus National Forest, California; and H.R. 451, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area.

June 19, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 2119, to establish a program to designate, restore, and sustain historic native forests on National Forest System lands.

June 21, 2001—Markup held on H.R. 427, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon; H.R. 434, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide for retention, maintenance, and operation, at private expense, of the 18 concrete dams and weirs located within the boundaries of the Emigrant Wilderness in the Stanislaus National Forest, California; and H.R. 451, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area.

July 26, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 1576, to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 1772, to provide for an exchange of certain property between the United States and Ephraim City, Utah.
October 16, 2001—Hearing held on H.R. 2963, to establish the Deep Creek Wilderness Area.

March 14, 2002—Joint hearing held with Subcommittees on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, and Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, on H.R. 3558, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats on Federal lands through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species.

April 10, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3401, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service facilities and lands comprising the Five Mile Regional Learning Center in the State of California to the Clovis Unified School District, to authorize a new special use permit regarding the continued use of unconveyed land comprising the Center; H.R. 3954, to designate certain waterways in the Caribbean National Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 3962, to limit the authority of the Federal Government to acquire land for certain Federal agencies in counties in which 50 percent or more of the total acreage is owned by the Federal Government and under the administrative jurisdiction of such agencies.

June 20, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 3902, to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act; H.R. 4870, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area; H.R. 4917, to provide for an exchange of lands with the United Water Conservation District of California to eliminate private inholdings in the Los Padres National Forest; H.R. 4919, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona; and H.R. 4952, to provide for the conveyance of the land containing the Mount Wilson Observatory in the Angeles National Forest, California, to the Mount Wilson Institute, the nonprofit organization operating the observatory.

July 25, 2002—Joint hearing held with Subcommittees on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, and Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, on H.R. 1811, to provide permanent funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program; H.R. 2386, to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal lands by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such lands; and H.R. 5081, to provide full funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program for the next five fiscal years, to protect local jurisdictions against the loss of property tax revenues when private lands are acquired by a Federal land management agency.

July 25, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 5032, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest, California, to authorize the use of the proceeds from such conveyances for National Forest purposes; and H.R. 5180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey real property in the Dixie National Forest in the State of Utah.

October 10, 2002—Hearing held on H.R. 5102, to expedite the process by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may utilize military aircraft to fight wildfires; H.R. 5185, to remove a restriction on the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into agree-
ments with any Federal agency to acquire goods and services directly related to improving or using the wildfire fighting capability of those agencies; and H.R. 5513, to authorize and direct the exchange of certain land in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership.

III. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND FOREST HEALTH

A. Hearings

March 8, 2001—Oversight hearing on the National Fire Plan Implementation.


April 3, 2001—Oversight hearing on Developing Economic Uses for Forest Fuels.


September 25, 2001—Oversight hearing on Permanent Extension of the Forest Service Recreation Fee Demonstration Program.

November 7, 2001—Oversight hearing on the Views and Vision of Mark Rey, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment.


February 12, 2002—Oversight hearing on Eco-terrorism and Lawlessness on the National Forests.

March 12, 2002—Oversight hearing on FY’03 Forest Service Program Budget.

April 25, 2002—Oversight hearing on Community-Based Land Management and Charter Forests.

May 16, 2002—Joint Oversight Hearing with the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, on Chronic Wasting Disease.


September 28, 2002—Oversight field hearing in Show Low, Arizona, on Interagency Cooperation in Wildland Fire Fighting.
APPENDICES

PRINTED HEARINGS


107–2—Hearing on H.R. 107, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; H.R. 400, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site; and H.R. 452, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to former President Ronald Reagan within the area of the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area I”, to provide for the design and construction of such memorial. March 8, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–4—Hearing on H.R. 146, to study designating the Great Falls Historic District in Paterson, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 182, to designate a segment of the Eight Mile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 601, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands. March 13, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–19—Hearing on H.R. 427, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon; H.R. 434, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide for retention, maintenance, and operation, at private expense, of the 18 concrete dams and weirs located within the boundaries of the Emigrant Wilderness in the Stanislaus National Forest, California; and H.R. 451, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area. April 25, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).


107–21—Hearing on H.R. 37, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails land provide for possible additions to such trails; H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; and H.R. 1000, to adjust the boundary of the William Howard Taft National Historic Site in the


107–25—Hearing on H.R. 1161, to authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Navajo Long Walk to Bosque Redondo as a national historic trail. May 8, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–34—Hearing on H.R. 1461, to amend the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 to remove the exemption for nonprofit organizations from the general requirement to obtain commercial use authorizations; and H.R. 1491, to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of National History, Salt Lake


107–37—Hearing on H.R. 271, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the city of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1668, to authorize the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor former President John Adams and his family. June 12, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–42—Hearing on H.R. 1462, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private lands. June 19, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–45—Hearing on H.R. 2187, to amend title 10, U.S.C., to make receipts collected from mineral leasing activities on certain naval oil shale reserves available to cover environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance costs in-


107–49—Hearing on H.R. 1518, to require the Secretary of the Interior to include on the National Register of Historic Places the Avery Point Lighthouse in Groton, Connecticut, and provide $200,000 for the restoration of that lighthouse; H.R. 1776, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas; and H.R. 2114, to amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the President of certain national monuments and to provide for public participation in the proclamation of national monuments. July 17, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–53—Hearing on H.R. 1985, to authorize funding through the Secretary of the Interior for the implementation of a comprehensive program in California to achieve increased water yield and environmental benefits, as well as improved water system reliability, water quality, water use efficiency, watershed management, water transfers and levee protection; and H.R. 2404, to authorize Federal agency participation and financial assistance for programs and for infrastructure improvements for the purposes of increasing deliverable water supplies, conserving water and energy, restoring ecosystems, and enhancing environmental quality in the State of California. July 26, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).
107–54—Hearing on H.R. 2385, to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property; and H.R. 2488, to designate certain lands in the Pilot Range in the State of Utah as wilderness. July 26, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–64—Hearing on H.R. 38, the Homestead National Monument of America Additions Act; and H.R. 1925, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System. October 4, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–68—Hearing on H.R. 1963, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for study for potential addition of the National Trails System. October 16, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

107–69—Hearing on H.R. 1239, to establish a moratorium on approval by the Secretary of the Interior of relinquishment of a lease of certain tribal lands in California; and H.R. 2742, to authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. October 17, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

107–70—Oversight field hearing on Chesapeake Bay oyster restoration, management and research. October 22, 2001, Annapolis, Maryland. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).


107–77—Field hearing on H.R. 706, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico; and H.R. 1870, to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the City of Fallon, Nevada. Decem-


107–80—Hearing on H.R. 2109, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 2748, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America’s veterans; H.R. 3421, to provide adequate school facilities within Yosemite National Park; and H.R. 3425, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor. December 13, 2001, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–82—Hearing on H. Res. 261, recognizing the historical significance of the Aquia sandstone quarries of Government Island in Stafford County, Virginia, for their contributions to the construction of the Capital of the United States; H.R. 2628, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in Alabama; and H.R. 2643, to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon. February 7, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–86—Hearing on H.R. 1712, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make minor adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the Islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park; and H.R. 2937, to provide for the conveyance of certain public lands in Clark County, Nevada. February 14, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–90—Hearing on H.R. 3480, 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 H.R. 3606, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon. March 7, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).


107–96—Hearing on H.R. 2982, to authorize the establishment of a memorial within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area I” or “Area II” to the victims of terrorist attacks on the United States, to provide for the design and construction of such a memorial; and H.R. 3380, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. March 19, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–98—Hearing on H.R. 2829, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to give
greater weight to scientific or commercial data that is empirical or has been field-tested or peer-reviewed; and H.R. 3705, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to use the best sound science available in implementing the Endangered Species Act. March 20, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).


107–101—Hearing on H.R. 3401, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service facilities and lands comprising the Five Mile Regional Learning Center in the State of California to the Clovis Unified School District, to authorize a new special use permit regarding the continued use of un conveyed lands comprising the Center; H.R. 3954, to designate certain waterways in the Caribbean National Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 3962, to limit the authority of the Federal Government to acquire land for certain Federal agencies in counties in which 50 percent or more of the total acreage is owned by the Federal Government and under the administrative jurisdiction of such agencies. April 10, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

107–102—Hearing on H.R. 3258, to amend the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976 to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of right-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under such Act to prevent unreasonable increases in certain costs in connection with deployment of communications and other critical infrastructure; H.R. 3307, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property known as Pemberton’s Headquarters and to modify the boundary of Vicksburg National Military Park to include that property; and H.R. 3718, to authorize a right-of-way through Joshua Tree National Park. April 11, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

107–103—Hearing on H.R. 3470, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit NC–07P; H.R. 3908, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; and H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria. April 11, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

107–104—Hearing on H.R. 1906, to amend the Act that established the Pu’uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park to expand the boundaries of that park; H.R. 2818, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the State of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971; and H.R. 3936, to

107–105—Hearing on H.R. 103, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to protect Indian tribes from coerced labor agreements; H.R. 3534, to provide for the settlement of certain land claims of Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations to the Arkansas Riverbed in Oklahoma; and H.R. 3476, to protect certain lands held in fee by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians from condemnation until a final decision is made by the Secretary of the Interior regarding a pending fee to trust application for that land. April 17, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).


107–107—Hearing on H.R. 1946, to require the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Rocky Boy’s/North Central Montana Regional Water System in the State of Montana, to offer to enter into an agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribe to plan, design, construct, operate, maintain and replace the Rocky Boy’s Rural Water System, and to provide assistance to the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the noncore system; and H.R. 4129, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to clarify the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the Central Utah Project, to redirect unexpended budget authority for the Central Utah Project for wastewater treatment and reuse and other purposes, to provide for prepayment of repayment contracts for municipal and industrial water delivery facilities, and to eliminate a deadline for such prepayment. April 24, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).


Hearing on H.R. 3786, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona; H.R. 3942, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site; and H.R. 4622, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies. May 7, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

Hearing on H.R. 521, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; and H.R. 791, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois. May 8, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

Hearing on H.R. 36, to amend the National Trails System Act to authorize an additional category of national trail known as a national discovery trails, to provide special requirements for the establishment and administration of national discovery trails, and to designate the cross country American Discovery Trail as the first national discovery trail; H.R. 3858, to modify the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River, West Virginia; and H.R. 4103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain public lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop. May 16, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


Hearing on H.R. 2202, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the pertinent irrigation districts; and H.R. 3223, to authorize the Secretary of the


107–123—Hearing on H.R. 3815, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a Presidential National Historic Site, in Hope, Arkansas; H.R. 4141, to authorize the acquisition by exchange of lands for inclusion in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Clark County, Nevada; and H.R. 4620, to accelerate the wilderness designation process by establishing a timetable for the completion of wilderness studies on Federal lands. June 6, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–127—Hearing on H.R. 2534, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds in the State of California; H.R. 4530, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Blue Ridge Heritage and Cultural Partnership Study Area in North Carolina; and H.R. 4822, to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property. June 13, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–132—Hearing on H.R. 3802, to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act; H.R. 4870, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area; H.R. 4917, Los Padres National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2002; H.R. 4919, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona; and H.R. 4952, to provide for the conveyance of the Mount Wilson Observatory in the Angeles National Forest, California, to the nonprofit organization currently operating the observatory under long-term lease. June 20, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).


107–135—Hearing on H.R. 4708, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District; H.R. 4739, 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 a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas; and H.R. 5039, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to certain irrigation project property in the Humboldt Project, Nevada, to the Pershing County Water Conservation District, Pershing County, Lander County, and the State of Nevada. July 9, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

107–136—Hearing on H.R. 2099, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide adequate funding authorization for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve; H.R. 3917, to authorize a national memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation’s Capital; and H.R. 4874, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey. July 9, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–139—Hearing on H.R. 3434, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 3449, to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument; and H.R. 4953, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to grant to Deschutes and Crook Counties in the State of Oregon a right-of-way to West Butte Road. July 16, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–141—Oversight hearing regarding negotiations on the extensions of funding, program assistance, and other provisions under the Compacts of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and hearing on H.R. 2408, to provide equitable compensation to the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska for the loss of value of certain lands; H.R. 3407, to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program; and H.R. 4938, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska. July 17, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).


107–145—Joint hearing on H.R. 2386, to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal lands by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such lands; H.R. 1811, to provide permanent funding for the pay-
ment in lieu of taxes program; and H.R. 5081, to provide full funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program for the next five fiscal years, to protect local jurisdictions against the loss of property tax revenues when private lands are acquired by a Federal land management agency. July 25, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittees on Forests and Forest Health; National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands; and Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

107–146—Hearing on H.R. 4910, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas; and H.R. 5123, to address certain matters related to Colorado River water management and the Salton Sea by providing funding for habitat enhancement projects at the Salton Sea. July 25, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittees on Forests and Forest Health; National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands; and Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

107–147—Hearing on H.R. 5180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain real property in the Dixie National Forest in the State of Utah; and H.R. 5032, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest, California, to authorize the use of the proceeds from such conveyances for National Forest purposes. July 25, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).


107–150—Hearing on H.R. 5214, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take actions to promptly address the risk of fire and insect infestation in National Forest System lands; H.R. 5309, to authorize the Regional Foresters to exempt tree-thinning projects, which are necessary to prevent the occurrence of wildfire likely to cause extreme harm to the forest ecosystem, from laws that give rise to legal causes of action that delay or prevent such projects; and H.R. 5319, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expeditiously address wildfire prone conditions on National Forest System lands and other public lands that threaten communities, watersheds, and other at-risk landscapes through the establishment of expedited environmental analysis procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to establish a predecisional administrative review process for the Forest Service, to expand fire management contracting authorities, to authorize appropriations for hazardous fuels reduction projects September 5, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

107–151—Hearing on H.R. 282, to authorize the Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to soldiers who have lost their lives during peacekeeping operations, humanitarian efforts, training, ter-
rorist attacks, or covert operations; H.R. 3747, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the site commonly known as Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue in the State of Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 4692, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Establishment of the Andersonville National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, to provide for the addition of certain donated lands to the Andersonville National Historic Site; and H.R. 5318, to provide for an exchange of certain private property in Colorado and certain Federal property in Utah. September 5, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).


107–153—Hearing on H.R. 992, to provide grants to local governments to assist such local governments in participating in certain decisions related to certain Indian groups and Indian tribes; H.R. 2345, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Tribe, and the Nansemond Tribe; and H.R. 5155, to protect sacred Native American Federal lands from significant damage. September 25, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).


107–156—Oversight hearing on the Coastal America program; and hearing on H.R. 5498, to convey to the Board of Trustees of the California State University the balance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property known as the Tiburon Laboratory, located in Tiburon, California. October 3, 2002, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

107–157—Hearing on H.R. 5102, to expedite the process by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may utilize military aircraft to fight wildfires; H.R. 5185, to remove a restriction on the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into agreements with any Federal agency to acquire goods and services directly related to improving or using the wildfire fighting capability of those agencies; and H.R. 5513, to authorize and direct the exchange of certain land in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and
Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership. October 10, 2002, Wash-
ington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

Joint hearing on H.R. 5395, to establish marine and fresh-
water research, development, and demonstration programs to sup-
sort efforts to prevent, control, and eradicate invasive species,
as well as to educate citizens and stakeholders and restore eco-
systems; and H.R. 5396, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nui-
sance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and im-
prove that Act. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, and Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards of the Committee on Science).

BILLS PASSED HOUSE BY DATE

2/28/01—H. Res. 54, commemorating African American pioneers in Colorado. Passed House by vote of 411–0. (Approved)
3/13/01—H.R. 223, to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act. Passed House by vote of 413–0. (Public Law 107–211)
3/13/01—H.R. 834, 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. Passed House by vote of 409–3.
3/13/01—H.R. 880, to provide for the acquisition of property in Washington County, Utah, for implementation of a desert tortoise habitat conservation plan. Passed House by voice vote.
5/1/01—H.R. 182, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eight Mile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–65)
5/1/01—H.R. 309, to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–212)
5/1/01—H.R. 601, to redesignate certain lands within the Craters of the Moon National Monument. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–213)
5/9/01—H.R. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Falls Historic District in Paterson, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 107–59)
5/9/01—H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior


6/6/01—H.R. 37, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

6/6/01—H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–236)

6/6/01—H.R. 1000, to adjust the boundary of the William Howard Taft National Historic Site in the State of Ohio, to authorize an exchange of land in connection with the historic site. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–60)

6/6/01—H.R. 1661, to extend indefinitely the authority of the States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage a Dungeness crab fishery until the effective date of a fishery management plan for the fishery under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Passed House by voice vote.


6/13/01—H.R. 1157, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho for salmon habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages. Passed House as amended by vote of 418–6.


6/25/01—H.R. 1668, to authorize the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor former President John Adams and his legacy. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–62)

7/23/01—H.R. 271, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the city of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–28)

7/23/01—H.R. 427, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–30)
7/23/01—H.R. 451, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–334)*

8/1/01—H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 240–189. *(Includes the text of H.R. 2436, to provide secure energy supplies for the people of the United States.)*

9/10/01—H.R. 695, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/10/01—H.R. 1628, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail. Passed House by voice vote.

9/10/01—H.R. 434, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide for retention, maintenance, and operation, at private expense, of the 18 concrete dams and weirs located within the boundaries of the Emigrant Wilderness in the Stanislaus National Forest, California. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/10/01—H.R. 1937, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to engage in certain feasibility studies of water resource projects in the State of Washington. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–142)*

10/2/01—H.R. 1161, to authorize the Government of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–61)*

10/2/01—H.R. 1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route in Arizona and New Mexico which the Navajo and Mescalero Apache Indian tribes were forced to walk in 1863 and 1864, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–214)*


10/2/01—H.R. 2385, to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–346)*

10/23/01—H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/23/01—H.R. 1814, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Metacomet-Monadnock-Mattabesett Trail extending through western New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and central Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Trails System. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–338)*

10/23/01—H.R. 2924, to provide authority to the Federal Power Marketing Administrations to reduce vandalism and destruc-
tion of property. Passed House as amended by vote of 418–0. (Public Law 107–78)

10/23/01—H.R. 2925, to amend the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992 in order to provide for the security of dams, facilities, and resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–69)

10/30/01—H.R. 483, regarding the use of the trust land and resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–102)

10/30/01—H.R. 1776, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–337)

10/30/01—H.R. 2585, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River, Oregon. Passed House by voice vote. (See Public Law 107–171)

10/30/01—H.R. 2559, to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance. Passed House by vote of 406–1. (Public Law 107–104)

11/13/01—H.R. 400, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–137)

11/13/01—H.R. 2828, to authorize refunds of amounts collected from Klamath Project irrigation and drainage districts for operation and maintenance of the Project’s transferred and reserved works for water year 2001. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–349)

11/13/01—H.R. 2976, to provide for the issuance of a special entrance pass for free admission to any federally owned area which is operated and maintained by a Federal agency and used for outdoor recreation purposes to the survivors, victims’ immediate families, and police, fire, rescue, recovery, and medical personnel directly affected by the September 11, 2001, terrorist hijackings and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Passed House by voice vote.

11/27/01—H. Con. Res. 270, expressing the sense of the Congress that Americans should take time during Native American Heritage Month to recognize the many accomplishments and contributions made by native peoples. Passed House by voice vote.


11/27/01—H.R. 1913, to require the valuation of nontribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–138)
12/5/01—H.R. 2115, 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 a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–344)

12/5/01—H.R. 2238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Fern Lake and the surrounding watershed in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical park. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

12/5/01—H.R. 3322, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct an education and administrative center at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Box Elder County, Utah. Passed House by voice vote.

12/11/01—H.R. 38, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–332)


12/11/01—H.R. 2742, to authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (See S. 2017, Public Law 107–331)


12/18/01—H.R. 107, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

12/18/01—H.R. 2187, to amend title 10, United States Code, to make receipts collected from mineral leasing activities on certain naval oil shale reserves available to cover environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance costs incurred by the United States with respect to the reserves. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–345)

12/18/01—H.R. 3334, to designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National
Wildlife Refuge, California. Passed House by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–130)*

12/18/01—S. 1389, to provide for the conveyance of certain real property in South Dakota to the State of South Dakota with indemnification by the United States Government. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(See H.R. 3338, Public Law 107–117)*

1/23/02—H.R. 2234, to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–218)*

3/6/02—S. 1857, to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims. Passed House by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–153)*

3/6/02—H.R. 1870, to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the city of Fallon, Nevada. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–339)*

3/6/02—H.R. 1883, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon. Passed House by voice vote. *(See S. 238, Public Law 107–237)*

3/6/02—H.R. 1963, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System. Passed House by voice vote.

3/6/02—H. Con. Res. 275, expressing the sense of the Congress that hunting seasons for migratory mourning doves should be modified so that individuals have a fair and equitable opportunity to hunt such birds. Passed House by voice vote.

3/19/02—H.R. 706, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–159)*

3/19/02—H.R. 1712, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–336)*

3/19/02—H.R. 3928, to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Passed House by voice vote. (See S. 1240, Public Law 107–329)

4/9/02—H.R. 2937, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a shooting range. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–350)

4/9/02—H.R. 3480, 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. Passed House by voice vote.

4/9/02—H.R. 3848, to provide funds for the construction of recreational and visitor facilities in Washington County, Utah. Passed House by voice vote.

4/9/02—H.R. 3958, to provide a mechanism for the settlement of claims of the State of Utah regarding portions of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge located on the shore of the Great Salt Lake, Utah. Passed House as amended by vote of 396–6.

4/30/02—H. Res. 261, recognizing the historical significance of the Aquia sandstone quarries of Government Island in Stafford County, Virginia, for their contribution to the construction of the Capital of the United States. (Approved)

4/30/02—H.R. 2109, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–343)

4/30/02—H.R. 2628, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in Alabama. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–348)

4/30/02—H.R. 3421, to provide adequate school facilities within Yosemite National Park. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

4/30/02—H.R. 3909, to designate certain Federal lands in the State of Utah as the Gunn McKay Nature Preserve. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–364)

5/7/02—H.R. 2818, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the State of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–361)


5/7/02—H.R. 3954, to designate certain waterways in the Caribbean National Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–365)

5/14/02—H.R. 1370, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Ref-
uge System by lessees of such facilities. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

5/14/02—H.R. 1925, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 107–341*)

5/14/02—H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

6/11/02—H.R. 2880, to amend laws relating to the lands of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations, historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See S. 2017, Public Law 107–331*)

6/17/02—H.R. 1906, to amend the Act that established the Pu‘uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park to expand the boundaries of that Park. Passed House as amended by vote of 407–2. (*Public Law 107–340*)

6/17/02—H.R. 3936, to designate and provide for the management of the James V. Hansen Shoshone National Trail. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

6/17/02—H.R. 4103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain public lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

6/19/02—H.R. 3389, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act. Passed House as amended by vote of 407–2. (*Public Law 107–299*)

6/24/02—H.R. 3937, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. Passed House as amended by vote of 375–0.

6/24/02—H.R. 3786, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona. Passed House as amended by vote of 374–0.

6/24/02—H.R. 3858, to modify the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River, West Virginia. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 107–356*)

7/9/02—H.R. 5017, to amend the Temporary Emergency Wildfire Suppression Act to facilitate the ability of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into reciprocal agreements with foreign countries for the sharing of personnel to fight wildfires. Passed House by voice vote.

7/10/02—H.R. 4609, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, located in Idaho and Washington. Passed House by vote of 340–9.

7/10/02—H.R. 3380, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 107–223*)
7/10/02—H.R. 2643, to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon. Passed House as amended by vote of 331–18. *(Public Law 107–221)*

7/15/02—H.R. 4807, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/15/02—H. Con. Res. 408, honoring the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and its accredited member institutions for their continued service to animal welfare, conservation education, conservation research, and wildlife conservation programs. Passed House by voice vote.

7/16/02—H. Con. Res. 395, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Passed House as amended by vote of 389–32, with 3 voting “present”.

7/22/02—H. Con. Res. 352, Expressing the sense of Congress that Federal land management agencies should fully support the “Collaborative 10-year Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment” as prepared by the Western Governors’ Association, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, and other stakeholders, to reduce the overabundance of forest fuels that place national resources at high risk of catastrophic wildfire, and prepare a national assessment of prescribed burning practices to minimize risks of escape. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/22/02—H.R. 3048, to resolve the claims of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., to lands adjacent to the Russian River in the State of Alaska. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–362)*

7/22/02—H.R. 4870, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/22/02—H.R. 3401, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service facilities and lands comprising the Five Mile Regional Learning Center in the State of California to the Clovis Unified School District, to authorize a new special use permit regarding the continued use of un conveyed lands comprising the Center. Passed House as amended by voice vote. *(Public Law 107–353)*

7/22/02—H.R. 3258, to amend the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976 to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under such Act to prevent unreasonable increases in certain costs in connection with the deployment of communications and other critical infrastructure. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/22/02—H.R. 3917, to authorize a national memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a
planned attack on our Nation’s Capital. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–226)


9/24/02—S. 1240, to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Includes the text of H.R. 3928, Salt Lake City Museum; and H.R. 5097, Salt River Bay St. Croix, Virgin Islands). (Public Law 107–329)

9/24/02—S. 1325, to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States of America to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–239)

9/24/02—S. 1175, to modify the boundary of Vicksburg National Military Park to include the property known as Pemberton’s Headquarters. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–238)

9/24/02—H.R. 5099, to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–375)

9/24/02—H.R. 5109, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma. Passed House as amended by voice vote.


9/24/02—H. Con. Res. 419, requesting the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Passed House by voice vote.

9/24/02—H.R. 4708, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Includes the text of H.R. 5039, Humboldt Water Project; H.R. 3223, Jicarilla Apache Reservation Water System; and H.R. 4910, Tom Green County Water Conveyance).

9/24/02—H.R. 4953, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to grant to Deschutes and Crook Counties in the State of Oregon a right-of-way to West Butte Road. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–374)

9/24/02—H.R. 4638, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–367)

9/24/02—H.R. 4938, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and
adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska. Passed House by voice vote. (See S. 2017, Public Law 107–331)

9/24/02—S. 238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–237)

9/24/02—H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Agreed to the Senate amendment by voice vote. (Public Law 107–236)

9/24/02—H.R. 4917, to provide for an exchange of lands with the United Water Conservation District of California to eliminate private inholdings in the Los Padres National Forest. Passed House by voice vote.

9/24/02—H.R. 4919, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Includes the text of H.R. 5032, Mendocino National Forest).

9/24/02—S. 1894, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Parks System as part of Biscayne National Park. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Includes the text of H.R. 4622, Gateway Communities Cooperation; H.R. 451, Mount Nebo Wilderness Boundary; and H.R. 3747, Bainbridge Island Japanese American Memorial).

9/24/02—S. 941, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Includes the Text of H.R. 3425, Golden Chain Highway; H.R. 3421, Yosemite National Park Educational Facilities; H.R. 3942, John Muir National Historic Site; and H.R. 2534, Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River Watersheds Study).

9/24/02—H.R. 4682, to revise the boundary of the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–369)

9/24/02—H.R. 1448, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/24/02—H.R. 2099, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide adequate funding authorization for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–342)

9/24/02—H.R. 1606, to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for historically black colleges and universities, to decrease the matching requirement related to such appropriations. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/25/02—H.R. 2982, to authorize the establishment of a memorial within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area I” or “Area II” to the victims of terrorist attacks on the United States, to provide for the design and construction of such a memorial. Passed House as amended by vote of 418–0.

10/01/02—H.R. 4968, to provide for the exchange of lands in Utah. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/01/02—H.R. 3813, to modify requirements relating to allocation of interest that accrues to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/01/02—S. 434, to provide equitable compensation to the Ute Nation of South Dakota and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska for the loss of value of certain lands. Passed House as amended by vote of 357–37. (Includes the text of H.R. 4103, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain public lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop).

10/01/02—H.R. 5460, to reauthorize and amend the Federal Water Project Recreation Act. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Includes the text of H.R. 4739, 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 a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas; and H.R. 4792, to reauthorize funding for the Water Desalination Act of 1996).

10/01/02—H.R. 4944, to designate the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–373)

10/01/02—H.R. 3802, to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act. Passed House by voice vote.

10/01/02—H.R. 4141, to authorize the acquisition by exchange of lands for inclusion in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Clark County, Nevada. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (See H.R. 5200, Public Law 107–282)

10/01/02—H.R. 5125, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–359)

10/01/02—H.R. 4129, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to clarify the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the Central Utah Project, to redirect unexpended budget authority for the Central Utah Project
for wastewater treatment and reuse and other purposes, to provide for prepayment of repayment contracts for municipal and industrial water delivery facilities, and to eliminate a deadline for such prepayment. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (Public Law 107–366)

10/01/02—H.R. 4874, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–371)

10/01/02—H. Con. Res. 425, calling for the full appropriation of the State and tribal shares of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund. Passed House by voice vote.

10/01/02—H.R. 4830, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area in South Carolina. Passed House by voice vote.

10/01/02—H.R. 4692, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Establishment of the Andersonville National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, to provide for the addition of certain donated lands to the Andersonville National Historic Site. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 107–357)

10/01/02—H.R. 3534, to provide for the settlement of certain land claims of Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations to the Arkansas Riverbed in Oklahoma. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (See S. 2017, Public Law 107–331)

10/10/02—H.R. 5316, to establish a user fee system that provides for an equitable return to the Federal Government for the occupancy and use of National Forest System lands and facilities by organizational camps that serve the youth and disabled adults of America, and for other purposes. Passed House by unanimous consent.

10/16/02—S. 1227, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 107–256)


11/14/02—H. Res. 591, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the National Park Service should form a committee for the purpose of establishing guidelines to launch a national design competition. (Approved)

11/14/02—H.J. Res. 117, approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President John Adams. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 107–315)
11/14/02—H.R. 3747, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the site commonly known as Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue in the State of Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 107–363)

11/14/02—H.R. 3955, to designate certain National Forest System lands in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Passed House as amended without objection.


11/14/02—H.R. 5097, to adjust the boundaries of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve located in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Passed House as amended without objection. (See S. 1240, Public Law 107–329)

11/14/02—H.R. 5512, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park. Passed House as amended without objection.

11/14/02—H.R. 5513, to authorize and direct the exchange of certain land in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership. Passed House as amended without objection.

11/14/02—S. 990, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs. Passed House as amended without objection. (Includes the text of H.R. 3322, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Visitor Center; H.R. 3958, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Settlement; H.R. 4044, Nutria Eradication; H.R. 4807, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Expansion and Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 3937, Ciobola Wildlife Refuge; and S. 2897, Conservation of Marine Turtles).

11/14/02—S. 1226, to require the display of the POW/MIA flag at the World War II memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 107–323)

11/14/02—S. 1907, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 107–324)

11/14/02—S. 1946, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail. Passed House without objection. (Public Law 107–325)

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11/14/02—H.R. 4750, to designate certain lands in the State of California as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Passed House as amended without objection.

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House Report 107–33 (H.R. 642) to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (amended).


House Report 107–47 (H.R. 146), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Falls Historic District in Paterson, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System.

House Report 107–48 (H.R. 309), to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax.

House Report 107–88 (H.R. 1000), to adjust the boundary of the William Howard Taft National Historic Site in the State of Ohio, to authorize an exchange of land in connection with the historic site.

House Report 107–89 (H.R. 37), to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails.

House Report 107–90 (H.R. 640), to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

House Report 107–91 (H.R. 1661), to extend indefinitely the authority of the States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage a Dungeness crab fishery until the effective date of a fishery management plan for the fishery under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.


House Report 107–95 (H.R. 1157), to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho for salm-
on habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages.


*House Report 107–122 (H.R. 271)*, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the city of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center.


*House Report 107–124 (H.R. 1628)*, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

*House Report 107–140 (H.R. 617)*, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States' relationship with Native Hawaiians, to provide a process for the reorganization of a Native Hawaiian government and the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian government, and for other purposes.

*House Report 107–150 (H.R. 451)*, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area.

*House Report 107–151 (pt. 1) (H.R. 427)*, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon.


*House Report 107–160 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2436)*, to provide secure energy supplies for the people of the United States.

*House Report 107–201 (H.R. 434)*, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide for retention, maintenance, and operation, at private expense, of the 18 concrete dams and weirs located within the boundaries of the Emigrant Wilderness in the Stanislaus National Forest, California.

*House Report 107–202 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2187)*, to amend title 10, United States Code, to make receipts collected from mineral leasing activities on certain naval oil shale reserves available to cover environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance costs incurred by the United States with respect to the reserves.

*House Report 107–215 (H.R. 2385)*, to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources.

*House Report 107–220 (H.R. 107)*, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War.

*House Report 107–221 (H.R. 1161)*, to authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia.
House Report 107–222 (H.R. 1384), to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Navajo Long Walk to Bosque Redondo as a national historic trail.


House Report 107–224 (H.R. 1814), to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Metacomet-Monadnock-Mattabesett Trail extending through western New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and central Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Trails System.


House Report 107–255 (H.R. 2585), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River, Oregon.

House Report 107–256 (H.R. 1776), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas.


House Report 107–267 (H.R. 1491), to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of National History, Salt Lake City, Utah.


House Report 107–269 (H.R. 2488), to designate certain lands in the Pilot Range in the State of Utah as wilderness.


House Report 107–274 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2062), to extend the effective period of the consent of Congress to the Interstate compact relating to the restoration of Atlantic salmon in the Connecticut River Basin and creating the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission.

House Report 107–284 (H.R. 2828), to authorize refunds of amounts collected from Klamath Project irrigation and drainage districts for operation and maintenance of the Project’s transferred and reserved works for water year 2001.

House Report 107–285 (H.R. 1913), to require the valuation of non-tribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation.

House Report 107–286 (H.R. 2976), to provide for the issuance of a special entrance pass for free admission to any federally owned area which is operated and maintained by a Federal agency and used for outdoor recreation purposes to the survivors, victims’ immediate families, and police, fire, rescue, recovery, and medical personnel directly affected by the Sep-
tember 11, 2001, terrorist hijackings and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

*House Report 107–302* (H.R. 2115), 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 a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington.

*House Report 107–314* (H.R. 2238), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Fern Lake and the surrounding watershed in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.

*House Report 107–315* (H.R. 3322), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct an education and administrative center at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Box Elder County, Utah.


*House Report 107–317* (H.R. 1925), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System.

*House Report 107–318* (H.R. 1963), to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System.

*House Report 107–319* (H.R. 3334), to designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California.

*House Report 107–325* (H.R. 38), to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska.

*House Report 107–326* (H.R. 2742), to authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.


*House Report 107–360* (pt. 1) (H.R. 3208), to authorize funding through the Secretary of the Interior for the implementation of a comprehensive program in California to achieve increased water yield and environmental benefits, as well as improved water system reliability, water quality, water use efficiency, watershed management, water transfers, and levee protection.

*House Report 107–362* (H. Con. Res. 275), expressing the sense of the Congress that hunting seasons for migratory mourning doves should be modified so that individuals have a fair and equitable opportunity to hunt such birds.
House Report 107–363 (H.R. 1883), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon.

House Report 107–366 (H.R. 1870), to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the city of Fallon, Nevada.

House Report 107–368 (H.R. 706), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico.


House Report 107–372 (H.R. 1712), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make minor adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park.

House Report 107–385 (H.R. 3848), to provide funds for the construction of recreational and visitor facilities in Washington County, Utah.

House Report 107–386 (H.R. 3958), to provide a mechanism for the settlement of claims of the State of Utah regarding portions of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge located on the shore of the Great Salt Lake, Utah.

House Report 107–387 (H.R. 2937), to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a shooting range.

House Report 107–388 (H.R. 3480), 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.

House Report 107–389 (H.R. 3853), to make technical corrections to laws passed by the 106th Congress related to parks and public lands.

House Report 107–390 (H.R. 2109), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System.

House Report 107–391 (H.R. 3425), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor.


House Report 107–398 (H.R. 2628), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in Alabama.

House Report 107–408 (H.R. 2114), to amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the President of certain national monuments and to provide for public participation in the proclamation of national monuments.


House Report 107–410 (pt. 1) (H.R. 3421), to provide adequate school facilities within Yosemite National Park.


House Report 107–434 (S. 506), to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation.

House Report 107–435 (H.R. 1906), to amend the Act that established the Pu‘uhonua O Hōnaunau National Historical Park to expand the boundaries of that park.

House Report 107–440 (H.R. 2818), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the State of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971.

House Report 107–441 (H.R. 3954), to designate certain waterways in the Caribbean National Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

House Report 107–442 (H.R. 4044), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

House Report 107–451 (pt. 1) (H.R. 1462), to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

House Report 107–455 (H.R. 1370), to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System by lessees of such facilities.

House Report 107–456 (H.R. 2643), to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon.

House Report 107–491 (H.R. 3380), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

House Report 107–492 (H.R. 4609), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum
Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, located in Idaho and Washington.

House Report 107–498 (H.R. 2388), to establish the criteria and mechanism for the designation and support of national heritage areas.

House Report 107–499 (H.R. 2880), to amend laws relating to the lands of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations, historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes.

House Report 107–500 (H.R. 4103), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain public lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop.


House Report 107–502 (pt. 1) (H. Con. Res. 352), expressing the sense of Congress that Federal land management agencies should fully implement the Western Governors Association “Collaborative 10-year Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fires Risks to Communities and the Environment” to reduce the over-abundance of forest fuels that place national resources at high risk of catastrophic wildfire, and prepare a National Prescribed Fire Strategy that minimizes risks of escape.

House Report 107–506 (H.R. 3936), to designate and provide for the management of the Shoshone National Recreation Trail.

House Report 107–508 (H.R. 3307), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property known as Pemberton's Headquarters and to modify the boundary of Vicksburg National Military Park to include that property.


House Report 107–512 (H.R. 3558), to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats on Federal lands through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species.


House Report 107–519 (H.R. 1606), to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for historically black colleges and universities, to decrease the matching requirement related to such appropriations.


House Report 107–524 (H.R. 2982), to authorize the establishment of a memorial within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area II” or “Area II” to the victims of terrorist attacks on the United States, to provide for the design and construction of such a memorial.

House Report 107–554 (H.R. 4129), to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to clarify the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the Central Utah
Project, to redirect unexpended budget authority for the Central Utah Project for wastewater treatment and reuse and other purposes, to provide for prepayment of repayment contracts for municipal and industrial water delivery facilities, and to eliminate a deadline for such prepayment.


*House Report 107–562 (H.R. 4807)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Susquehanna National Wildlife Refuge.

*House Report 107–563 (H.R. 3258)*, to amend the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976 to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under such Act to prevent unreasonable increases in certain costs in connection with the deployment of communications and other critical infrastructure.


*House Report 107–573 (H.R. 3048)*, to resolve the claims of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., to lands adjacent to the Russian River in the State of Alaska.

*House Report 107–574 (H.R. 3401)*, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service facilities and lands comprising the Five Mile Regional Learning Center in the State of California to the Clovis Unified School District, to authorize a new special use permit regarding the continued use of un conveyed lands comprising the Center.


*House Report 107–581 (H.R. 3815)*, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a Presidential National Historic Site, in Hope, Arkansas.


*House Report 107–597 (H.R. 3917)*, to authorize a national memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation’s Capital.

*House Report 107–598 (H. Con. Res. 419)*, requesting the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

House Report 107–613 (H.R. 4620), to accelerate the wilderness designation process by establishing a time-table for the completion of wilderness studies on Federal lands.


House Report 107–627 (H.R. 2099), to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide adequate funding authorization for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

House Report 107–628 (H.R. 2534), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds in the State of California.

House Report 107–629 (H.R. 3223), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey the Jicarilla Apache Nation Municipal Water Delivery and Wastewater Collection Systems in the State of New Mexico.


House Report 107–632 (H.R. 3534), to provide for the settlement of certain land claims of Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations to the Arkansas Riverbed in Oklahoma.


House Report 107–635 (H.R. 4739), 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 a project to reclaims and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas.

House Report 107–636 (H.R. 4917), to provide for an exchange of lands with the United Water Conservation District of California to eliminate private inholdings in the Los Padres National Forest.

House Report 107–637 (H.R. 4953), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to grant to Deschutes and Crook Counties in the State of Oregon a right-of-way to West Butte Road.

House Report 107–638 (S. 238), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin and Powder River Basin, Oregon.

House Report 107–639 (S. 1105), to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of State of Wyoming lands within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park.
House Report 107–641 (H.R. 4708), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District.

House Report 107–642 (H.R. 4822), to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property.

House Report 107–643 (H.R. 4938), to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska.

House Report 107–647 (H.R. 3813), to modify requirements relating to allocation of interest that accrues to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.

House Report 107–648 (H.R. 5039), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to certain irrigation project property in the Humboldt Project, Nevada, to the Pershing County Water Conservation District, Pershing County, Lander County, and the State of Nevada.

House Report 107–651 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2301), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California.

House Report 107–652 (H.R. 3434), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System.

House Report 107–653 (pt. 1) (H.R. 4622), to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies.

House Report 107–662 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2748), to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America’s veterans.

House Report 107–664 (S. 691), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California.

House Report 107–665 (H.R. 5180), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain real property in the Dixie National Forest in the State of Utah.

House Report 107–666 (S. 491), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project.

House Report 107–667 (S. 941), to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area.
House Report 107–668 (S. 1227), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York.

House Report 107–669 (S. 1240), to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah.

House Report 107–670 (S. 1946), to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail.

House Report 107–672 (H.R. 5099), to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

House Report 107–673 (H.R. 5109), to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma.

House Report 107–674 (H.R. 4919), to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona.

House Report 107–675 (H.R. 3630), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park.

House Report 107–676 (H.R. 4874), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey.

House Report 107–677 (H.R. 4910), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas.

House Report 107–678 (H.R. 5032), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest, California, to authorize the use of the proceeds from such conveyances for National Forest purposes.

House Report 107–679 (H.R. 5108), to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on lands held in trust for the Yurok Tribe and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians.

House Report 107–680 (S. 1907), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon.

House Report 107–688 (H.R. 1811), to provide permanent funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program.

House Report 107–689 (H.R. 2408), to provide equitable compensation to the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska for the loss of value of certain lands.

House Report 107–690 (H.R. 3747), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the site commonly known as Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue in the State of
Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

House Report 107–691 (H.R. 3896), to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102–562.

House Report 107–692 (H.R. 4853), to provide that land which is owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Tribe may be mortgaged, leased, or transferred by the Tribe without further approval by the United States.

House Report 107–698 (H.R. 3802), to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act.


House Report 107–705 (H.R. 4141), to authorize the acquisition by exchange of lands for inclusion in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Clark County, Nevada.

House Report 107–706 (S. 434), to provide equitable compensation to the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska for the loss of value of certain lands.

House Report 107–707 (H.R. 5097), to adjust the boundaries of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve located in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

House Report 107–708 (H.R. 3476), to protect certain lands held in fee by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians from condemnation until a final decision is made by the Secretary of the Interior regarding a pending fee to trust application for that land.

House Report 107–709 (H.R. 4968), to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Utah.

House Report 107–710 (H.R. 5125), to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program.

House Report 107–711 (H.R. 4830), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area in South Carolina.

House Report 107–712 (H.R. 4692), to amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Establishment of the Andersonville National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, to provide for the addition of certain donated lands to the Andersonville National Historic Site.

House Report 107–713 (H.R. 4944), to designate the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System.

House Report 107–715 (H.R. 1946), to require the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Rocky Boy’s/North Central Montana Regional Water System in the State of Montana, to offer to enter into an agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribe to plan, design, construct, operate, maintain and replace the Rocky Boy’s Rural Water System, and to provide assistance
to the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the noncore system.

House Report 107–719 (H.R. 282), to authorize the Pyramid of Rememberance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to soldiers who have lost their lives during peacekeeping operations, humanitarian efforts, training, terrorist attacks, or covert operations.

House Report 107–741 (H.R. 2826), to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.


House Report 107–750 (H.R. 5200), to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada.

House Report 107–751 (H.R. 4840), to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to ensure the use of sound science in the implementation of that Act.

House Report 107–752 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2386), to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal lands by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such lands.

House Report 107–758 (pt. 1) (H.R. 701), to use royalties from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas production to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people.

House Report 107–759 (pt. 1) (H.R. 4966), to improve the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources by reenacting and clarifying provisions of a reorganization plan authorizing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

House Report 107–760 (H.R. 2202), to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the pertinent irrigation districts.
House Report 107–761 (H.R. 4601), to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

House Report 107–762 (H.R. 5399), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District.

House Report 107–763 (pt. 1) (H.R. 4912), to increase the penalties to be imposed for a violation of fire regulations applicable to the public lands, National Park System lands, or National Forest System lands when the violation results in damage to public or private property, to specify the purpose for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes.

House Report 107–770 (pt. 1) (H.R. 5319), to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expeditiously address wildfire prone conditions on National Forest System lands and other public lands that threaten communities, watersheds, and other at-risk landscapes through the establishment of expedited environmental analysis procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to establish a predecisional administrative review process for the Forest Service, to expand fire management contracting authorities, to authorize appropriations for hazardous fuels reduction projects, and for other purposes.

COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES OVERSIGHT PLAN—107TH CONGRESS

Under House of Representatives Rule X, clause 2, 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 Resources has had extensive experience in this area, owing in part to its broad legislative jurisdiction and the dozens of federal agencies and almost 100 major statutes under its purview. During the 106th Congress, the Committee and its subcommittees held 116 oversight hearings. This tradition will continue as the Committee will review the application, administration, and execution of effectiveness of laws and programs addressing subjects within its extensive jurisdiction.

NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES

Budget Overview: The Committee will oversee that portion of the President’s budget which relates to Native Americans. This includes programs within the Department of the Interior, the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. Spring 2001.

Indian Gaming: The Committee will continue its ongoing effort to oversee the many gaming-related difficulties which have arisen in the implementation of the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The operation of the National Indian Gaming Commission created...
pursuant to the Act will also receive Committee attention. Summer 2001/Fall 2001.

**Mismanagement of Indian Trust Accounts:** The Committee will review remedial steps taken by the Department of the Interior relating to the mismanagement of Indian Trust accounts. Funds which tribes and individual tribal members recover from land or water settlements, treaty provisions, oil or gas leases, hard rock mineral leases, timber sales, and other sources are deposited into trust fund accounts managed by the Office of Trust Fund Management. Hundreds of thousands of these accounts have not been reconciled and are now the subject of litigation between account owners and the Department of the Interior. Fall 2001/Winter 2002.

**Regulation Reform:** The Committee will review the need for, and advisability of, reducing and eliminating those federal rules and regulations falling within its jurisdiction which relate to Native Americans. Summer 2002.

**INSULAR AREAS ISSUES**

**Budget Overview:** The Committee will oversee that portion of the President’s budget which relates to the insular areas of the United States, which include 16 United States territories and three freely associated states. The five principal territories are: American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands. All but the Northern Marianas have representation in the House of Representatives. The three freely associated states are fully self-governing separate republics which emerged from the islands of the former United Nations Trust territory of the Pacific Island, which the United States administered. These are: the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. Spring 2001.

**Regulation Reform:** The Committee will review the need for, and advisability of, reducing and eliminating those federal rules and regulations falling within its jurisdiction which relate to the insular areas of the United States. Fall 2001/Winter 2002.

**Compacts of Free Association:** Federal law requires a review and renegotiation at the end of the first 15 years of the Compacts of Free Association with the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia of certain economic components. Spring 2001.

**General Oversight Activities:** The Committee expects to review the fundamental issues facing each of the territories and freely associated states: support and development of self-government and self-determination; economic development and self-sufficiency through the private sector; accountability of federal funds; enforcement of federal laws; and management of limited land and water resources. Spring 2002.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS**

**Department of the Interior—National Park Service (NPS)**

**Memorials and Management of the Mall:** A recent issue has arisen regarding management and use of the Mall in Washington, D.C., along with the number of memorials that should be constructed within the Mall. The National Park Service has proposed amending the Commemorative Works Act (CWA) to prohibit any
other memorial or monument construction within a newly described "Reserve Area". Prohibition of any monument or memorials in this proposed area is problematic, however, as evidenced by legislation introduced in the 106th Congress which would have authorized the construction of a memorial to President Ronald Reagan. In addition, there are ongoing issues dealing with the World War II Memorial. Summer 2001/Fall 2001.

*Heritage Areas Designations:* National Heritage Areas are designated to protect natural, cultural, and historical resources of particular regions; federal land is not acquired in heritage areas. Heritage areas are also used by local and state entities as a mechanism to receive limited federal funding for the protection of the resources contained in the areas. In both the 105th and 106th Congresses, a number of heritage areas were either enacted into law or proposed through legislation. Currently, there are no statutory guidelines or criteria as to the process of designating heritage areas. The Subcommittee will conduct oversight hearings on the proper criteria for Heritage Area designation. Spring 2001.

*Wilderness Designation in National Parks:* Wilderness area designation within the boundaries of National Park units has recently become a concern and issue. In fact, an important part of the Clinton Administration's Lands Legacy Initiative included permanent wilderness designation in 17 National Park units totaling 5 million acres. These park units have undergone wilderness surveys in the 1970s but have received no Congressional authorization. Of further interest, there are a number of other National Park units which are currently undergoing proposed wilderness designation, primarily through the general management planning process. These include the Grand Canyon and Isle Royale in Lake Superior. Subcommittee will conduct oversight on the broad wilderness issue within the National Park System and focus on specific wilderness issues in specific parks. Fall 2001.

*Snowmobiles in National Parks:* On April 27, 2000, in response to a petition by 60 preservation groups represented by the Bluewater Network, the Department of the Interior announced that it was "to immediately begin enforcing existing NPS national regulations regarding snowmobile use in the National Park System. The net effect of this renewed enforcement effort will be the significant reduction of recreational snowmobiling in most units of the System." The most significant controversy stems from snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park. The Interior Department's directive prohibits recreational snowmobiling from all units of the park system with limited exceptions. In October of 2000, the National Park Service (NPS) approved the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Yellowstone National Park which allows a complete phase-out of snowmobiles in three years. Regulations for all the other national park units have, to date, not been issued. This is an important issue to many Members of Congress and the Subcommittee plans oversight on this issue. Fall 2001/Winter 2002.

*National Park Service Natural Resource Management Policy and Science Program:* Because the NPS has never had a very strong research program it was clear that major reforms are necessary and appropriate. In fact, since 1963, 12 reports have called for the development of a stronger research program within the agency. The
most recent major report, completed at the request of Congress in 1992 by the National Research Council, found the science program in need of substantial revision. Yet, two years after the release of that report, the NPS science program was abolished and relocated to the U.S. Geological Survey. The effects of the elimination of the research program place park resources at risk. In successive reports in recent years, the General Accounting Office has reported that the NPS has inadequate data on the condition of resources entrusted to its management. More than one-third of threats to park resources have yet to be scientifically evaluated. Insufficient science within the agency may lead directly to policies which threaten the resources which the agency is charged to protect. This situation is of greater concern because Congress has been allocating over $210 million per year to the agency for resource stewardship. As a result of these deficiencies, the 105th Congress passed S. 1693, a comprehensive National Parks package which was signed into law November 13, 1998. Title II of this package (National Park System Resource Inventory and Management) called for the Park Service to enhance management and protection of park resources by providing authority and direction to conduct scientific studies along with a resource inventory and monitoring program. The Subcommittee intends to conduct oversight on the success of this new program. Winter 2002.

Budget and Financial Management in the National Park Service: This is an ongoing issue, yet remains a high priority for the Subcommittee. The National Park Service’s budget has increased far in excess of inflation in recent years (52 percent above inflation from 1980–1995) and the number of park personnel has increased (22 percent in the last decade), while visitation has remained flat. At the same time, visitor services are being curtailed and key park resources are allegedly at risk or deteriorating. There are repeated stories in the media and the Administration about shortfalls in park funding. Furthermore, overspending on the construction of facilities by the Park Service has become highly publicized. The construction of the outhouse in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is one such prime example. The Congress has tried to address this concern by enacting the Fee Demonstration Program to authorize the NPS to keep increased fees, and also has examined other programs to raise funds for the agency. However, it is critical that the agency direct its current funding to the highest priority needs. The General Accounting Office (GAO) and the Department of the Interior Inspector General have both testified in the past that the NPS had no process in place to ensure that its funds are allocated to the highest priority needs. Similarly, up until recently, the NPS has had no accurate idea of how large the shortfall is, and, therefore, had no plan in place to address the shortfall. For example, in 1993 when GAO visited 16 park areas to review their reported shortfalls in funding for housing, not a single park could justify the numbers submitted to the Washington office. In fact, NPS did not even have an accurate financial control system in place and had failed to balance its books for three years, until this fact was exposed through Subcommittee oversight hearings a few years ago. However, the NPS has worked hard to address this problem over the last year and is examining the results of ongoing
work by the GAO about the NPS budget and priority-setting process. The refocusing of budget priorities is largely a function of agency adherence to and implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act. The Subcommittee will be looking at how the NPS is setting priorities, spending money, and if they are accomplishing established goals. Summer 2001/Fall 2001.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund:** Implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund remains a high priority for the Subcommittee. It has become even more important recently in light of the Administration’s Land Legacy Initiative announced by President Clinton in 1999. This initiative intends to spend over $1 billion on a number of programs such as “Saving America’s Treasures”, state and Community Greenspace Preservation, and Protecting Oceans and Coasts. Much of the spending entails federal acquisition of significant acreages of land throughout the United States. This is of major concern to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee intends to keep a close watch on the LWCF programs and implementation, to focus attention on where the greatest need for outdoor recreation opportunities lie, and to examine whether the existing funding allocation is targeted toward meeting that need. Fall 2001.

**National Trails System/Condemnation Authority:** There are now over 35,000 miles of federally-designated trails in the country. National trails have proven to be popular designations, generally with little political opposition. However, there has been little consideration given to the long-term consequences of these designations. For example, the federal government has spent about $2 million per mile to acquire the viewshed along the Appalachian Trail. Further, while most of these trails are presented largely as volunteer efforts, there is increasing support within the trail-user community for these trails to be designated as units of the National Park system, and to receive an annual appropriation. The Subcommittee is also interested in the condemnation authority used by the National Park Service to acquire lands along trails, especially the Appalachian Trail. A number of individual condemnations of private property have come to the attention of the Subcommittee which is very concerned in regard to their necessity. The Subcommittee is committed to examine and understand the long term consequences of the current program, will look at the impacts of expanding the scope of the national trails system, and examine whether condemnation is necessary and appropriate. Winter 2002.

**Historic Preservation Fund:** The Historic Preservation Act is the most comprehensive law on historic preservation. This Act sets forth the basic framework and processes for the preservation of historic and prehistoric buildings, sites, and objects and provides loans and grants to fulfill this purpose. Basic elements of the Act include establishment of the National Register of Historic Places, the state historic preservation programs, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Historic Preservation Fund, and a listing of procedural requirements for all federal agencies to protect historic resources. The Act is authorized at a $150 million annual level, but the actual annual appropriation has historically been in the $40–50 million range. Fiscal Year 2001 appropriations have provided funding at $79 million. Section 106 of the Act requires federal
agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and to consult with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in regard to such actions. This requirement, unfortunately, has been transformed by the Advisory Council into myriad consistency regulations. In fact, the Advisory Council attempted last year to revise Section 106 and strengthen the requirements for federal agencies; however, the regulations were withdrawn after extensive concern with the new requirements were submitted. The Subcommittee will examine the implementation of the Act. Spring 2001.

Addition of New Park Units: Initially composed only of isolated scenic and natural areas, the National Park System has grown to 380 areas containing natural, cultural, and recreational resources across the nation. As directed by Congress in the General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a–5), the NPS studies areas to determine if they are nationally significant, and if so, whether they potentially could be added to the National Park System. New area studies may be initiated by the NPS or may be conducted in response to directives from Congress, and requests from other federal, state, or local agencies, or the private sector. Where new area studies are appropriate, the NPS establishes priorities and conducts studies as funds are available. In 1999, S. 1693 was signed into law which, among other things, established a procedure for the Park Service to follow in studying areas for potential addition to the National Park System. The new law ensures that new areas recommended for addition to the National Park System are appropriate for inclusion in the system. In determining whether to recommend an area for inclusion in the National Park System, a potential area must: possess nationally significant natural, cultural or recreational resources; be a suitable and feasible addition to the National Park System; and require National Park Service management and administration instead of alternative protection by other agencies or the private sector. These criteria are designed to ensure that the National Park System includes only outstanding examples of the nation’s natural, cultural, and recreational resources. This law also directs the Secretary of the Interior to develop annual lists for areas of possible inclusion into the park system. The Secretary will specify these areas in order of priority for addition into the National Park System. Over the course of any particular Congressional session various bills are introduced which create new park units. Adding new areas to the National Park System takes Congressional authorization. The Subcommittee will track new area legislation and studies as they arise and check conformance with the enactment of S. 1693. Summer 2001.

Air Tour Overflight Regulations: The Subcommittee will review the Federal Aviation Administration’s March 28, 2000, rules concerning overflights of national parks, most notably Grand Canyon National Park. These new rules include notification of the air tour routes, expansion of Flight Free Zones, and a limitation on the total number of commercial air tours in the Flight Areas. Implementation of these rules will severely restrict the air tour industry and this form of access (especially important to handicapped individuals) to our public lands will be denied. Spring 2001.
Restrictions/Soundscape Management Regulations: The Subcommittee will review the NPS definitions of “soundscape” and “natural quiet”, the later defined as “the natural ambient sound conditions found in the park”. “Natural quiet” has been used as the basis for severely limiting public access to a number of national parks, while at the same time still allowing snowmobile and personal watercraft use.

NPS Management Policy of “Resources Preservation” and “Visitor Enjoyment”: The Subcommittee will review the shift in policy toward restricting and otherwise limiting public access to our national parks. NPS has begun to prioritize the conservation of resources over and above the enjoyment of the same by the public. The intent of the 1916 National Park Service Organic Act is clear—conservation is intrinsically tied to and cannot be separated from user enjoyment. Recently, the NPS released draft management policies and a proposed rule, which stated that the dual mission in the 1916 Organic Act “to promote and regulate national parks” and “promote the enjoyment of the same” are “dual elements, but not equal.” Summer 2001.

Personal Watercraft Prohibition Regulations: The Subcommittee will review the NPS March 21, 2000, regulations that prohibit further personal watercraft (PWC) use in 22 of 32 park units which had authorized PWC use. NPS has cited noise intrusion as the primary basis for the need for the regulations in addition to the alleged negative effect that PWCs have on the park environment. The ten remaining units may also be closed to PWC use. The PWC ban also includes park units that are national recreation areas specifically designated for recreational use.

Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

National Monuments on Public Lands: The Subcommittee will review the use of the 1906 Antiquities Act by the Executive Branch to declare national monuments. President Clinton has designated within the last few weeks of his administration millions of acres of public lands as national monuments, many of them without any public input and over the objections of local and federal elected officials. In addition, it is clear that no consideration has been given to the management costs of these vast new areas in light of the existing strained budget of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Noxious Weeds: Several species of exotic and noxious weeds have become major problems for land managers in the western United States. These species have out competed the natural flora and have significantly degraded hundreds of thousands of acres of public land. Forage production for grazing livestock has also been considerably and negatively affected. The problem has reached epidemic proportions in many areas of the west and shall continue to grow worse unless quick and appropriate actions are taken. The Subcommittee is very concerned about this problem and the effects it has on the health of our public lands. Fall 2002.

Wild Horse and Burro Act: It has been over 20 years since Congress passed the Wild Horse and Burros Act and yet several problems persist. For example, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) still has not set appropriate management level (AML) numbers for several herd management areas. Also, in several areas where the
agency has an AML set, it has never come close to achieving AML. This leads to overgrazing, conflicts with endangered wildlife, conflicts with local grazing permit holders, health problems for horses and overall reduction in the quality of the range. The Subcommittee will hold oversight on the BLM’s management of wild horses and burros. Summer 2001.

**Land Exchanges:** The federal land exchange process often involves numerous individuals from a wide range of perspectives. While a few exchanges proceed smoothly, the process is often inefficient, expensive, time-consuming and contentious. In 1988, Congress passed the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act (FLEFA) in an attempt to make land exchanges easier to consummate. While FLEFA solved a few of the problems with land exchanges, several problems persist. In the 105th and 106th Congress the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing to look at the issue of appraisals in the federal land exchange process. The Subcommittee discovered that one of the main problems with land exchanges is that there is often a huge disparity between appraised land values. For example, often a landowner will want to exchange land that contains valuable habitat for an endangered species. Because the land has such a high public interest value, the landowner believes his land is extremely valuable; however when the government appraises his land, it actually lowers the estimated value of the land by saying that endangered species habitat severely curtails a person’s ability to develop his land. The Subcommittee intends to continue to conduct oversight over the BLM land exchange process and pursue methods of making the BLM land exchange process easier to complete. Spring 2001.

**Wilderness Act:** In 1964 Congress passed the Wilderness Act. Under the Wilderness Act, Congress designates certain “untrammeled” parcels of at least 5,000 acres of land as wilderness. Wilderness areas have extreme access limitations designed to keep the land in a pristine state. The Wilderness Act has successfully preserved millions of acres of land throughout the United States. There have, however, been several problems with its implementation. One example is the enormous disparity between wilderness designations in the West and in the East. Since 1964 over 95 percent of the Nation’s wilderness has been designated in the West. Another problem with the Wilderness Act is inflexibility. For example, in the California desert wilderness there have been major problems with allowing wildlife management officials access into remote areas to check on and improve wildlife water facilities. BLM wilderness in Utah has been a particularly heated issue. Another issue that will arise this Congress is wilderness “reinventories.” At the request of certain special interest groups, in an attempt to come up with more wilderness, the Interior Department has been redoing the wilderness inventories that it completed in the 1980s. The Department has finished with the Utah and Colorado inventories and are now considering other states. The Subcommittee intends to conduct oversight over management problems with wilderness areas and wilderness study areas. Winter 2002.

**Wilderness Regulations:** The Subcommittee will review the December 14, 2000, regulations establishing new management re-
gimes for designated wilderness areas. Specifically, the Subcommittee intends to examine the BLM's authority—if any—over activities on non-BLM lands adjacent to BLM wilderness areas under the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Budget Overview: The Subcommittee will hold a hearing each year on that portion of the President's budget proposal falling within its jurisdiction. This includes the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Geological Survey/Water Resources Division of the Department of the Interior, and the Power Marketing Administrations of the Department of Energy. March 2001.

Water Technology Development: The Subcommittee will hold hearings on various aspects of water technology development that affect federal water management, reclamation activities, and how to assist the states in water resource planning. May 2001 and Summer 2001.

Department of the Interior—Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Reclamation Project Transfers: The Subcommittee will review the status of the Administration's initiative to transfer Bureau of Reclamation facilities out of federal ownership. Since the Reclamation program began in the early 1900s there has been an expectation that many of the Bureau constructed facilities would ultimately be transferred to the local entities they were built to serve. As an indication of this objective, Reclamation has turned over the operation and maintenance of nearly 400 of the 600 or so projects in the western United States to local beneficiaries. However, steps to begin actual transfer of ownership have been rare. The House of Representatives increased by 300 per cent the number of bills transferring the ownership of Bureau of Reclamation projects and facilities to local entities during the 106th Congress as compared to the 105th Congress. The Subcommittee will continue to transfer these facilities to local interests. Hearings will be held in the Spring of 2001 and Summer of 2001, with an eye toward moving legislation to transfer those facilities.

Central Utah Project: The Subcommittee will continue to review the progress of the Central Utah Project Completion Act and identify potential changes to the Act. Spring 2001.

Oversight of Colorado River Operations: The Subcommittee will hold hearings on the operation of the entire Colorado River, and its impact on the states in both the Upper and Lower basins. Spring 2001 and 2002.

States Rights in Water Allocation: The Subcommittee will examine federal actions, such as the reallocation of water for endangered fish species, and efforts to establish federal reserved water rights, that effectively reduce state supremacy in the allocation of water for beneficial use within western states. Summer 2001.

Proposals to Remove Dams in the Pacific Northwest: There are several proposals to remove dams in the Pacific Northwest in an effort to enhance juvenile salmon migration on the Columbia River. The Subcommittee will examine the impact of these various proposals on hydropower production, water supply, and the environ-

California Bay-Delta Funding: The Subcommittee will examine the Administration's proposal to reauthorize the CALFED Program authorized in the 105th Congress to carry out restoration activities in California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta. The examination will determine what modifications to the CALFED Program are necessary, how to increase water supply yield, and how to provide regulatory certainty to California water users under the Program. Spring 2001.

Mission of the Bureau of Reclamation: For the last several years new initiatives have begun at the Bureau of Reclamation that western water users perceive as not part of its mission. Oversight hearings will focus on the role the Bureau of Reclamation plays in rural water projects, water recycling, and environmental restoration activities. Spring 2001 and Spring 2002.


Bureau of Reclamation Contracting Policies: Water service contracts and operations and maintenance contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and various water districts have started coming up for renewal throughout the western United States. In the contract negotiations, the Bureau is seeking new contract provisions to protect itself from any takings claim or litigation for failure to deliver water for any reason, which water users view as a restriction of their rights. In addition, certain water users perceive that the Bureau is using water conservation requirements or pricing mechanisms in an effort to reallocate water for other uses.

Central Valley Project Improvement Act Implementation: The Subcommittee will continue to review actions taken by federal and state agencies to implement the various provisions of the Central Valley Project (CVP) Improvement Act, which was enacted in 1992. Oversight of possible legislative proposals to improve the reliability and water quality of CVP water deliveries will be considered during the Summer of 2001.

Rural Water Projects: The Subcommittee will review the status of several rural water proposals relating to water supply management in the Western United States. Oversight hearings will be held in the Fall of 2001.

Central Arizona Project: The Subcommittee will review the status of the Central Arizona Project (CAP), and the financial and management practices of the Bureau of Reclamation as they relate to the CAP. Fall 2001.

Oversight of the Salton Sea: The Subcommittee will continue to monitor proposals that are being developed to restore the Salton Sea. Fall 2001.

Safety of Dams: The Bureau of Reclamation has its own standards for safety of dams under its jurisdiction, and does its own safety inspections. An oversight hearing may be held to evaluate the public risk throughout the Bureau of Reclamation’s inventory of 358 program dams, and the role of the project beneficiaries in the planning of any proposed dam modification. Summer 2001.
**Indian Water Right Settlements:** The Subcommittee will analyze the broad impacts of Indian water rights and articulate the statutory, regulatory, and judicial history of implied federal reserved water rights. Winter 2001.

**Department of the Interior—U.S. Geological Survey/Water Resources Division**

Program Management within the Water Resources Division of the USGS: The Subcommittee will review the programs within the Water Resources Division to determine if there are areas where better coordination can be encouraged with other state and federal agencies. Winter 2001.

**Water Treatment Technologies:** The Subcommittee will hold hearings on various water treatment technologies currently being developed which will enhance water reclamation and reuse activities, as well as salinity control efforts throughout the United States. Summer 2002.

**National Water Quality Assessment Program:** The Subcommittee will monitor the National Water Quality Assessment Program, which provides water quality monitoring for state and local governments. Summer 2001.

**Water Planning:** The Subcommittee will continue to work with the United States Geological Survey, the Bureau of Reclamation, and other agencies to facilitate the development of more comprehensive, long-term water planning activities by the states. There are growing problems with adequate water supplies. Better methods of precipitation/hydrology prediction are needed, more efficient use of existing water resources should be explored, and development of alternative water resources must be considered. Continuing investigation and oversight are expected in this area. Fall 2001 and Winter 2002.

**Department of Energy—Power Marketing Administrations**

Management of the Federal Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs): The Subcommittee will hold hearings on the management of the PMAs and their role in a restructured electric utility industry, examining the concept of “preference” in light of industry restructuring and the potential application of the Federal Power Act (regulation and rate review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) to the PMAs. Spring of 2001 and Winter 2001.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES CONSERVATION, WILDLIFE AND OCEANS**

**Budget Review:** The Subcommittee will hold an oversight hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2002 budget recommendations for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and certain “wet” programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). USFWS operates the National Wildlife Refuge System, 65 National Fish Hatcheries, and 38 Wetland Management and Waterfowl Production Areas. NOAA conducts hydrographic mapping and charting activities, tide and current prediction programs, and implements the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and
African Elephant Conservation Act of 1988: This landmark conservation law required the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate the effectiveness of elephant conservation programs of each ivory-producing nation; prohibited ivory imports from African countries unable to adequately protect their elephants; required intermediary countries to stop selling illegally obtained ivory; and provided up to $5 million per year to assist African nations in their elephant conservation efforts. To date, Congress has appropriated $11.9 million that has been used to fund some 113 conservation projects in 22 separate countries. The Subcommittee will conduct a comprehensive hearing in the Spring of 2001 on the implementation of this Act.

Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act: This law, which was first enacted in 1984, requires that states implement conservation measures that are consistent with interstate fishery management plans adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. In the past 16 years, the resurgence of Atlantic striped bass has been a major fishery management success. Congress felt that the best way to ensure that striped bass remain abundant was to continue the regular and comprehensive population assessments and studies financed by the Act. The current authorization expired on September 30, 2000. The Subcommittee will conduct oversight on the implementation of this legislation with an eye towards reauthorization. Spring 2001.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997: There are currently only 40,000 Asian elephants living in the wild in 13 countries. They are listed under the Endangered Species Act and CITES Appendix I, which prohibits all trade in Asian elephant products. The major causes of the decline include loss of habitat, poaching, and fragmented populations. This law authorizes up to $5 million per year until September 30, 2002. To date, the USFWS has spent $1.1 million in appropriated funds for 26 conservation projects in nine countries. The Subcommittee will evaluate the effectiveness of this new Act and consider whether to reauthorize it in the Spring of 2001.

Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA): The MMPA establishes protections for marine mammals taken incidentally in commercial fishing operations and for marine mammals held in captivity. The last reauthorization was in 1994. The 1994 amendments made several changes to the MMPA, including moving management authority of captive marine mammals from NMFS and USFWS to the Department of Agriculture; allowing the importation of polar bear trophies from Canada; and authorizing the use of take reduction teams. The Subcommittee will examine the effect of these amendments and other marine mammal conservation issues. Fall 2001.

National Wildlife Refuge System: This System is comprised of federal lands that have been acquired for the conservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife. Totaling about 93 million acres, the System provides habitat for hundreds of fish and wildlife species,
including more than 165 species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. At present, the System is comprised of 524 refuges, which are located in all 50 states and the five territories. During the 105th Congress, the landmark National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 was enacted. This Act established for the first time an organic statute for our Refuge System, and it will ensure the wise use of those lands in the future. The Subcommittee intends to review the implementation of this new law and to determine the status of efforts to complete a comprehensive conservation plan for each refuge. Spring/Summer 2001.

Ecological Integrity of the National Wildlife Refuge System Rule: The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–57) directs the Secretary of the Interior to ensure the “biological integrity, diversity and environmental health” of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Secretary proposed a directive that would have created a standard of “ecological integrity” and directed managers to achieve “natural conditions”. The final rule, which is to become effective on February 15, 2001, provides guidance for refuge managers for maintaining and restoring where appropriate the biological integrity, diversity and environmental health of wildlife refuges. The final rule uses the statutory term “biological integrity, diversity and environmental health” instead of “ecological integrity” and replaces “natural conditions” with “historic conditions”. The policy provides for the consideration and protection of the broad spectrum of fish and wildlife resources and associated ecosystems and provides an evaluation process to analyze a refuge to determine the best management direction to prevent environmental degradation, and where appropriate restoration. The Subcommittee will examine whether this policy overturns or undermines the primary goals of the Act that refuges be managed to achieve the purpose for which they were created. Spring 2001.

Maintenance Backlog in the National Wildlife Refuge System: During the previous three Congresses, the Subcommittee conducted oversight hearings on the maintenance backlog issue affecting our National Wildlife Refuge System. Based on those hearings, the Subcommittee learned that the backlog had risen to more than $400 million at visitor centers, picnic pavilions, observation towers, public use buildings, roads, bridges, dams, canals, and other water management structures. In an effort to reduce the backlog, the leadership of the Resources Committee, working with House and Senate appropriators, was able to make a significant down payment on the backlog in Fiscal Years 1998, 1999, and 2000. The Subcommittee intends to conduct additional oversight hearings on ways to further reduce the backlog so that the System can be revitalized for the American people prior to the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System in 2003. Fall 2001/Winter 2002.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994: Public Law 103–391 authorizes up to $10 million each year for the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance for rhino and tiger conservation projects selected by the Secretary of the Interior. This Fund is authorized until September 30, 2002. To date, Congress has appropriated $2.2 million, which has been used to finance some 58 projects in 15 different
countries to assist endangered rhinos and tigers. The Subcommittee will conduct oversight hearings on the program in the Spring of 2001.

**Southern Sea Otter/Fisheries Conflict:** The Department of the Interior listed the Southern sea otter as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. At the time of listing, the USFWS proposed the establishment of an experimental population that would be moved from its normal range to protect the population from any potential oil spill. The experimental population was intended to be kept within an area designated as “the management zone” and animals which left this zone were to be captured and moved back to this zone. This arrangement was codified in legislation drafted by then-Congressman John Breaux. This experimental population has now caused conflicts with some commercial fisheries because animals have left the management zone and USFWS has not followed through on its commitments to recapture these animals. The commercial fishing community has brought suit against the USFWS and the Subcommittee has been asked to investigate whether USFWS has followed through on its statutory commitments. Spring 2001.

**Coral Reef Fisheries Management:** The Department of the Interior has designated National Wildlife Refuges in state and federal waters and has pushed to get management authority over these areas. The Department of Commerce currently has management authority under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Subcommittee will examine the conflict created by these two dueling authorities in the protection of coral reef fisheries. Summer 2001/Fall 2001.

**Cormorant Population Explosion:** Since 1990, the cormorant nesting population on the Great Lakes has increased to more than 93,000 pairs. Cormorants are now more numerous on the Great Lakes than at any time in recorded history. These birds are having a negative impact on aquaculture facilities and Great Lakes fisheries. Legislation was introduced in the 106th Congress to establish a hunting season on cormorants. On March 4, 1998, USFWS issued a final rule establishing a depredation order for double-crested cormorants. Since that time, USFWS has initiated a review of their policy as to its effectiveness in reducing the population of this species. A nationwide management plan is expected to be issued early this year. The Subcommittee intends to hold hearings on this issue in the 107th Congress. Summer 2001.

**Concession Properties in the National Wildlife Refuge System:** The Secretary of the Interior oversees certain buildings at various National Wildlife Refuge units that are rented by concessionaires that provide services to refuge visitors. These buildings are in a state of disrepair and neither the USFWS nor the concessionaire has the authority to remedy this situation. The Subcommittee will conduct hearings to determine the best method of addressing this situation. Winter 2002.

**Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1994:** This Act implemented 11 actions recommended by the federal/state Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Task Force to restore the habitat of the watershed. These actions were necessary because 90 percent of the River’s flow was diverted to the Central Valley of
California for agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses. During the 104th Congress, legislation was enacted to extend the authorization of appropriations until September 30, 1998. The Subcommittee may conduct an oversight hearing on this issue and may reauthorize this Act. Fall 2001.

Nonindigenous Species: The recent report on the influx of nonindigenous species in ballast water has highlighted the problem of non-native species competing with native species for food and habitat. These invasive species, in some cases introduced intentionally, are causing problems to commercial fisheries, causing native species to decline, and are affecting businesses which rely on clean water intake. Some examples of invasive species include: the round goby, zebra mussels, the European green crab, the Asian eel, etc. In addition, USFWS has attempted to eliminate non-native species causing two problems. One is that it has had problems targeting only the non-native species (trout in Yellowstone Park) and the second is that it has attempted to eliminate species that have been used for sport fisheries for decades (striped bass on the West Coast). In addition, the policies and activities of the USFWS and the National Park Service under the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 and the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 could also be examined. Fall 2001/Winter 2002.

Department of Commerce—National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA): The MSFCMA establishes federal management of fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the United States (from 3 miles to 200 miles). The Act was last reauthorized in 1996, with some substantial amendments which included: essential fish habitat; community development quotas; a moratorium on new individual fishing quota systems; two new national standards (safety of life at sea and to minimize bycatch); and vessel or permit buyback programs. The authorization of appropriations for the MSFCMA expired in Fiscal Year 2000. A number of issues need to be examined in the 107th Congress to continue the work begun in the 106th Congress which will be addressed by oversight hearings. Winter 2001.

Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures: There are two stocks of Steller sea lions residing in Alaska that have been listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The population that has been listed as endangered is along the Aleutian chain. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has taken management measures to protect the species and allow commercial fisheries to continue. Environmentalists have taken NMFS to court over the management of Stellers, asking for an injunction for the fishing to continue and that injunction has now been lifted. The FY 2001 omnibus appropriations bill contained language which will affect the management of the Stellers and the related fisheries. In addition, the Subcommittee may conduct oversight on the preparation of the biological opinion related to the Steller sea lion court case. Spring 2001.
**Essential Fish Habitat Regulations:** The Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA, Public Law 104–297) requires the Secretary of Commerce to establish guidelines to assist the Fishery Management Councils established under the MSFCMA in the description and identification of essential fish habitat (EFH). The Councils were then charged with amending each fishery management plan to describe and identify EFH for the species managed and minimizing, to the extent practicable, any adverse impacts to EFH caused by fishing. On April 23, 1997, NMFS issued a Proposed Rule; Request for Comments on proposed regulations containing the guidelines for the description and identification of EFH in fishery management plans, adverse impacts on EFH, and actions to conserve and enhance EFH. The regulations would also provide a process for NMFS to coordinate and consult with federal and state agencies on activities that may adversely affect EFH. These regulations were met with a great deal of opposition from those potentially affected; because of this controversy, they have not been finalized as of January 18, 2001. The Subcommittee will hold hearings to examine these draft regulations to ensure their compliance with Congressional intent. Spring 2001.

**Fishing Vessel Buyout Regulations:** The Sustainable Fisheries Act (Public Law 104–297) authorized a fishing vessel and/or fishing permit buyout program. While proposed regulations were issued, they have not been finalized and this has caused a number of potential federally-funded buyouts to be delayed. In addition, a number of proposed buyouts have been developed without the benefit of a standard set of guidelines. Summer 2001.

**Aquaculture:** A number of aquaculture-related issues have arisen which the Subcommittee may want to look into. The listing of Atlantic salmon under the Endangered Species Act is expected to have ramifications on the New England salmon aquaculture industry (primarily located in Maine). In addition, NMFS has floated a draft bill to amend the National Aquaculture Act to promote “sound” aquaculture policy. Finally, escaped Atlantic salmon being raised for aquaculture in Washington State and British Columbia have begun spawning in Alaskan waters. This raises a number of issues such as the effect of escaped Atlantic salmon on native Pacific salmon stocks, the effects on habitat, and the effects on the commercial salmon industry. Summer 2001/Fall 2001.

**Overabundant Marine Mammals/Human Conflicts:** As a number of marine mammal populations on the West Coast have rebounded, conflicts with humans have increased. NMFS released a number of recommendations in 1999 for dealing with these conflicts. These conflicts have raised questions as to whether the Marine Mammal Protection Act’s protections of non-endangered animals should be relaxed to deal with nuisance animals. The Subcommittee has been asked to hold field hearings on this issue. Summer 2001/Fall 2001.

**NMFS Lawsuits:** NMFS is overwhelmed by lawsuits (currently 113 active cases) and is not conducting necessary research and other management activities due to these lawsuits. The Subcommittee will examine this issue, especially in the context of the budget request for the agency. Winter 2002.

**Community Development Quotas:** The program was authorized in 1996 in the reauthorization of the MSFCMA. The State of Alaska’s
current oversight of the program appears to be restrictive in nature and a hearing would clarify the role of the state as intended in the MSFCMA. Spring 2002.

U.S./Russia Polar Bear Treaty Implementation: The U.S. and Russia signed the agreement in October, 2000. The Treaty will need to be ratified by Congress. The Subcommittee will hold oversight hearings to determine the effect on existing law and what type of implementing legislation would be appropriate. Winter 2001/Spring 2001.

Fisheries Disasters Oversight: A number of fisheries disasters were declared in the 106th Congress, and federal funds have been obligated for disaster assistance. A hearing on the types and numbers of programs could be important and beneficial for fishermen affected by natural disasters. An oversight review and comparison to agricultural disaster assistance programs would be helpful in determining whether U.S. tax dollars are being properly spent. Winter 2002.

GAO Commercial Fisheries Vessel Buyout Report Review: In October, 1999, the General Accounting Office released a report on federally-funded commercial fishery buyback programs. The report summarizes all of the federally-funded buyout programs that have been identified, which statutes authorized the buyouts, whether objectives for the buyout program were identified, and whether the buyout program met its objectives. Since a number of commercial fisheries buyouts are being discussed for Fiscal Year 2001 and beyond, an oversight review of the past programs and their effectiveness is important before more federal funds are obligated. Fall 2001.

Glacier Bay National Park Commercial Fishing Ban Oversight: In 1978, the National Park Service made a determination that commercial fishing activities were incompatible with National Park Service resources and would be permitted only when specifically authorized by law. Because of this broad determination, the National Park Service developed a rule outlawing commercial and subsistence fishing within the waters of Glacier Bay National Park in 1997. The Department of the Interior also claimed that commercial fisheries were harming the fishery resources within the Park’s boundaries. This closure sets a precedent for the closure of other National Parks and waters managed by the Department of the Interior without resource problems. The Fiscal Year 1999 Omnibus Appropriations bill required the Department of the Interior and the State of Alaska to coordinate in the development of a fishery management plan for Glacier Bay National Park. The language also phased out certain commercial fisheries within the Park’s boundaries. Compensation was required for those fishermen, crew members, and processors who were adversely affected by the closures, and the Park Service has begun distributing these funds. An oversight hearing on the compensation payments and the development of the fishery management plan could be held. Spring 2002.

Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Fishery Management Oversight: The Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery management has been consistently under fire. The current allocation formula splits the total allowable catch among three user groups: commercial fishermen targeting red snapper, recreational fishermen targeting red snapper,
and commercial fishermen who catch red snapper as bycatch in the directed shrimp fishery. There has been debate over the stock assessments, rebuilding schedules, and allocations for years, and independent reviews of NMFS' work have been Congressionally ordered. This fishery has also been identified as one which could be better managed under some type of individual fishery quota system. An oversight field hearing on red snapper science and management was tentatively scheduled for the 106th Congress; however, the Congressional schedule did not allow for a hearing to be held. An oversight hearing would be appropriate in the 107th Congress.

Saltonstall-Kennedy Program: The Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program is administered by NMFS and is used to provide grants for fisheries research and development projects. Funding is provided by the Department of Agriculture as a percentage of the gross receipts collected on imported fish and fish products. All grant projects undergo technical and industry review and are encouraged to have a cost-sharing component. A number of concerns have been raised about the selection of priorities for projects, the review of potential grants, and the awarding of grants. The Subcommittee will review the amounts received and granted under this program in an oversight hearing. Summer 2002/Fall 2002.

Atlantic Swordfish: The effective management of Atlantic high-migratory species and their habitat is one of the most complex challenges facing NMFS. While there has been some significant fishing pressure on these species, the population of one of those species, North Atlantic swordfish, has declined by nearly 70 percent in the past 20 years. In recent months, NMFS has issued regulations to limit the harvest of highly migratory species and to establish "no take" zones in the Atlantic Ocean. In November 2000, the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas met to formulate an international solution to the problems facing highly migratory species. The Subcommittee intends to conduct a comprehensive oversight hearing on the various issues confronting highly migratory species. Fall 2002.

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

Marine Protected Areas: This type of management system is under consideration for areas of concern in the ocean. Environmentalists have been pushing creation of marine protected areas to exclude any extractive activities. The President issued a recent Executive Order encouraging the establishment of these areas under the existing National Marine Sanctuaries Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, and National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, National Park Service Organic Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Wilderness Act, Endangered Species Act, MMPA, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, the MSFCMA. In concert with other Committee on Resources' subcommittees, the Subcommittee will examine the effect of this Executive Order on existing statutes and the process and effect of designating marine protected areas. Fall 2001/Winter 2002.

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Preserve/Marine Protected Area: On December 4, 2000, President Clinton
designated the first Marine Protected Area (as discussed above). This 84,000 million acre designation is the second largest marine reserve in the world. The designation was hurried through during the waning days of the Clinton Administration and public comment on the proposal was short circuited (the notice for the public meetings was published in the Federal Register on December 8, 2000, for meetings to be held on December 11–15, 2000). Spring 2001.

Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA): Enacted in 1972, the CZMA encourages states to regulate land and water uses that affect their coastal zones. While the program is voluntary, states receive grant money to develop a plan which, when approved by NOAA, makes them eligible for further federal assistance to help manage their coastal programs. In 1996, the Congress enacted the Coastal Zone Protection Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–150), which reauthorized the CZMA funding programs until September 30, 1999. The Subcommittee intends to hold a hearing on issues associated with this landmark environmental law in early 2001.

Mapping and Charting Program: In the last 15 years, advances in computer technology have caused dramatic leaps forward in marine navigation technology. Satellite-based Differential Global Positioning Systems and the ability to monitor real-time and current data hold the promise of significant economic efficiencies. Unfortunately, we can only exploit these efficiencies if we have accurate, up-to-date nautical charts. Many of the charts we use today are based on data collected in the last century. The accuracy of this information is totally insufficient for today’s larger ships and advanced navigation capabilities. At the prodding of the Committee, NOAA prepared a plan on how it will update its charts and develop real-time tide and current information. The Subcommittee held an extensive oversight hearing on this plan. Congress enacted reauthorizing legislation for this program in 1998. The Subcommittee will hold an oversight hearing on implementation of the Act and the plan in early 2001.

Coral Reefs: These are among the world’s most biologically diverse and productive marine habitats, frequently described as the “tropical rainforests of the oceans”. The world’s coral reefs are subject to numerous natural and human-induced threats including: predatory damage, extreme weather, tourism, commercial harvest, destructive fishing techniques, vessel damage, and nonpoint source pollution. During the 106th Congress, legislation passed the House to assist in the conservation of coral reefs. While this measure was not enacted into law, the Subcommittee intends to hold an oversight hearing on this issue. Summer 2001.

National Sea Grant College Program: The National Sea Grant College Program was established in 1966 to improve marine resource conservation, management, and utilization. The program is patterned after the Land Grant College Program, which was created in 1862. There are currently 26 Sea Grant Colleges and three smaller institutional programs which manage a network of over 300 universities and affiliated institutions. Authorization for this program expires on September 30, 2003. The Subcommittee intends to conduct a comprehensive oversight hearing on this federal program. Summer 2002.
National Science Foundation

Arctic Research: In 1997, the National Science Foundation issued a report entitled “United States Arctic Research Plan: 1998–2002”. The United States has substantial economic, scientific, and environmental interest in the Arctic. This report examines various issues related to surface ships, submarines, and ice platforms; land-based and atmospheric facilities and platforms; coordination; and data facilities. The Subcommittee intends to conduct an oversight hearing on this report and other matters concerning Arctic research. Summer 2002.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERALS

Budget Oversight: The Subcommittee oversees four Interior Department agencies and programs in one other: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Office of Surface Mining (OSM), Minerals Management Service (MMS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the minerals and geology program of the Forest Service (USDA). The Subcommittee will examine these agencies’ programs for streamlining, privatization opportunities, contracting out work, and otherwise streamlining research programs. Particular attention will be paid to proposed funding of traditional earth sciences programs versus biological studies to be performed by the new Biological Research Division.

Department of the Interior—Mining Issues

SMCRA Title IV Reform: The Subcommittee will follow-up oversight in the 106th Congress of the abandoned mined land reclamation provisions of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). A reclamation fee is levied on every ton of coal mined in the nation, irrespective of the ownership of the coal rights, to replenish an abandoned line lands (AML) trust fund for the restoration of pre-1977 abandoned coal mines. Fee collection authority to set to expire in 2004, but an enormous inventory of remaining priority projects remain, especially in Appalachian states. Furthermore, Congress has deemed that a portion of the interest generated by the fund is to be used to pay premiums of certain retired coal miners and their spouses who were guaranteed lifetime healthcare benefits in nationwide coal wage agreements signed from 1950 and later. Reforms of both SMCRA and the 1992 Coal Act which establishes the interest transfer are necessary to achieve the reclamation goals envisioned by Congress as well as keeping the healthcare guarantee to retirees. Furthermore, the states with coal production were assured that not less than half of the AML fees collected from mines within their borders would be returned to that state for AML programs, yet over three-fourths of a billion dollars assigned to the 23 states and tribes with modern production remains in the Treasury unappropriated to these states. AML fund interest is not assigned to the “state share” balance; therefore the states are penalized by the lack of full appropriations because the dollars returned in reclamation grants are worth far less decades after the funds should have been returned. Spring 2002.

Hardrock Mining Exploration and Development on the Public Lands: The Subcommittee plans oversight of the outgoing Adminis-
tration’s surface management regulations (43 CFR 3809) governing “hardrock” mineral development on the BLM-administered public lands. BLM published these major new rules on November 21, 2000. As with the roadless rule of the Forest Service, the BLM has finalized a controversial rule in the waning weeks of this Administration. Concerns have been raised that this rulemaking may not comport with the Congressionally-mandated National Research Council’s (NRC) recent study, and some believe the Department of the Interior has instead chosen to issue a final rule largely exceeding the limited recommendations of the NRC. Several lawsuits have already been filed challenging the economic analysis required under Executive Order 12866, and arguing violations of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Flexibility Act, and Administrative Procedures Act, among others. This oversight will be coordinated with legislative plans to propose reasonable reforms of the general mining laws governing disposition of so-called locatable minerals (metals and some non-metals) via mining claim-staking. The Subcommittee may also examine the rationale for withdrawals of large areas of public land from the operation of the mining law which occurred during the Clinton Administration under the Federal Lands Policy Management Act (FLPMA). The Secretary of the Interior has effectively unlimited authority to withdraw lands without the Congressional approval contemplated in the original provisions of FLPMA.

Opinions Issued by the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior: On November 7, 1997, the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior issued an opinion concerning the number of millsites an entity may hold under the Mining Law for purposes ancillary to mining (milling, waste rock, tailings disposal, etc.) versus the size and extent of the lode claims covering the mineral deposit. The opinion severely limits the ability of miners of low-grade disseminated gold, silver, copper, zinc and other lode claims from gaining access to sufficient land on which to carry out the necessary ancillary activities. Because the lands hosting mineral deposits often are surrounded by public lands, the inability to use nonmineral millsite claims for properly permitted beneficiation and post-mining activities means the metal deposits themselves become valueless unless the grade of the ore will support long hauls to remote millsites. A second opinion issued on March 26, 1996, concerns the amount of mineral reserves an entity operating under the General Mining Laws may hold under mining claims. The opinion stated that there is a threshold size of mineral reserve an entity may hold under a claim, after which the remainder of the deposit is “excess” and may not be claimed. This limit is based on the lifetime of the reserves as projected from mining and marketing factors. The same logic was struck down in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal in U.S. v. Baker (1980).

Coalbed Methane Extraction Versus Coal Mine Development: The Subcommittee may hold an oversight field hearing on issues surrounding the conflict between owners of the right to extract methane gas from coal seams versus lessees of the United States’ coal interests where such rights are held separately, primarily on public lands in several western U.S. basins. Technological advances over the last decade has fueled a boom in the coalbed methane industry
which the Department of the Interior has not fully appreciated nor addressed when awarding coal leases and/or oil and gas leases in certain situations. Conflicts have arisen in the proposed mining plans of the coal miners confronted with coalbed methane rights holders which is imperiling logical and timely development of both resources. Spring 2001.

Energy Policy: Follow-up to the full Resources Committee’s April 12, 2000, oversight hearing on public lands oil and gas policy is likely. The Energy Policy Act of 2000 requires the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate with the Secretary of Energy and report to the 107th Congress on an inventory of estimated undiscovered oil and gas resources beneath public lands (including the outer continental shelf) together with an assessment of access restrictions for leasing and/or production, so that better informed land management decisions may be made. The U.S. Geological Survey’s assessment of oil reserves beneath the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge serves as an example of the objective scientific estimation of undiscovered oil and gas resources contemplated for the public lands. Oversight of the progress of such efforts, together with examples of current mismanagement driving the need for the inventory, is contemplated. Fall 2001.

Royalty-In-Kind/Valuation of Oil and Gas for Royalty Purposes: The Subcommittee will pursue oversight of the Minerals Management Service’s (MMS) ability to collect oil and gas royalties “in-kind” as opposed to the cash value as is currently paid. Procedures associated with collecting the government’s share of revenue from production on federal leases are complex and could be simplified if MMS were to take royalty in-kind (R–I–K). Using the R–I–K collection method would eliminate the controversial “valuation” issues surrounding the complicated oil and gas production and transportation systems, and for which Congress has twice barred MMS from finalizing a proposed valuation rule because of concerns that it would create an enormous uncertainty for lessees associated with shifting valuation far downstream from the wellhead. MMS is now conducting pilot R–I–K programs for crude oil in Wyoming and natural gas from the Section 8(g) Outer Continental Shelf leases off Texas as a follow-up to its 1995 natural gas pilot project in the Gulf of Mexico. The Subcommittee will oversee the MMS’ handling of these programs and may hold a hearing on valuing oil and gas at the lease for royalty purposes in situations where no arm’s-length sale occurs at the wellhead. It is this situation where much controversy exists in MMS’ past and current rules. Summer 2001.

Claim Maintenance Fees: By appropriation act riders, Congress has for the last eight years required mining claimants to pay a “claim maintenance fee” to the BLM instead of the statutory-mandated annual assessment work to develop the mineral deposit claimed. Miners holding ten or fewer claims may perform labor instead, but all others must pay $100 per claim site per year or the claim or site is invalid. Since the advent of this fee (which is dedicated to BLM’s administration of the Mining Law), mining exploration expenditures have diminished dramatically. The fees when first collected totaled approximately $35 million per year, but in 2000 less than $25 million was collected. Of this amount, BLM appears to have misspent 5 percent for programs totally unrelated to
mining law administration, according to interim result of a General Accounting Office study. The fee requirement expires on August 31, 2001.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND FOREST HEALTH

Budget Overview: The Subcommittee will oversee that portion of the President’s budget which relates to national forest lands. Spring 2001/Spring 2002.

U.S. Department of Agriculture—U.S. Forest Service

Roadless Area Management Regulations: On January 12, 2001, the Forest Service issued new regulations precluding future access and management of national forest roadless areas. This highly controversial decision will preclude future access to nearly 60 million acres (one-third of the entire National Forest System) for forest recreation, fuels management, improvements in forest health and wildlife habitat, and access to significant oil and gas reserves. Congress has 60 legislative days to review and evaluate this and other last-minute rules affecting national forest management. Spring 2001.

Wildfire Prevention and Suppression: Decades of successful fire prevention and implementation of misinformed policies have resulted in over one quarter, or over 50 million acres, of our national forests becoming “tinder boxes,” as described by the General Accounting Office (GAO). In 1999, the GAO also reported that the Forest Service had no cohesive strategy for dealing with this most serious threat to the sustainability of our national forests. In response to the GAO, and as a result of Congressional oversight, the Forest Service produced the document, “Protecting People and Sustaining Resources in Fire-Adapted Ecosystems: A Cohesive Strategy.” This document was ultimately edited and released by the Administration on October 13, 2000, to become the Administration’s policy direction on this issue. Concurrently, Congress, through the FY 2001 Interior Appropriations Bill, added $1.8 billion to wildland fire programs, specifically for burned-area rehabilitation, fire fighting preparedness, and hazardous fuels reduction activities. With this money went instructions for reporting and accountability on how the money is spent, mandatory implementation of the Cohesive Strategy requirements for fuels management, a requirement for federal agencies to determine and notify communities at risk of catastrophic fire, and requirements for involving states and communities in the development and implementation of strategies for fuel reduction in the wildland/urban interface. Congressional oversight is needed to ensure the funding is used in a manner consistent with congressional intent and to ensure accomplishment of the fuel reduction strategy. Summer 2001.

Forest Health: Insect and disease problems plague nearly 60 million acres of forest land nationwide, potentially causing irreversible damage to entire watersheds and even regions. From spruce beetle infestations in Alaska to a renewed attack from the southern pine beetle in the Southeast, from Asian long-horned beetle activity in the Northeast to widespread hardwood decline in the Southern Appalachians and the disruption of historic fire regimes in the Inland West, serious problems abound that cannot be addressed by inac-
tion. Yet national forest management policies to date have severely limited the agency's ability to address these serious threats. Research programs must be continued and, in some cases, expanded, while application of forest health treatments must be greatly accelerated. Continued oversight will be necessary to ensure agency progress on these issues.

**Forest Planning Rules and Land Management Decisions:** The Forest Service has issued a number of major rules and land management decisions affecting millions of acres of national forest lands. Between November 2000 and January 19, 2001, the agency issued a complete overhaul of its forest planning regulations; new rules altering the management of 60 million acres of roadless lands; and two large-scale planning decisions which collectively cover much of the National Forest System in the West. These decisions include the Sierra Nevada Framework, affecting 11 national forests over 11.5 million acres in California and Nevada and the Survey and Manage amendments to the President's Forest Plan, covering 24 million acres on 19 national forests and seven Bureau of Land Management districts in the Pacific Northwest. These decisions could affect years of local planning efforts and public involvement conducted under the National Forest Management Act of 1976. Prompt oversight is needed to determine how the rules interrelate; their collective environmental and social impacts and economic costs; and the impact of the decisions on existing land management plans. Spring 2001.

**Forest Service Accountability:** As a government entity, the Forest Service is not held accountable for its actions by the normal market and regulatory forces that assess private businesses. It is the role of Congress to provide the oversight that ensures appropriated resources are spent in an efficient manner and in accordance with the law. Yet, the state of Forest Service accounting and reporting has precluded the Congress from exercising this responsibility. The GAO still ranks the Forest Service high on their list of agencies at high risk of waste, fraud and abuse. As serious as these deficiencies in financial accountability are, the lack of tangible performance measures that are directly tied to budget line items have yet to be established. Summer 2001.

**Research:** Research funding has been inadequate in certain areas to accommodate necessary future actions by the Forest Service. In particular, research should be enhanced in the following areas: Forest Inventory and Analysis, forest fires (including smoke modeling and risk reduction), and invasive species. The Subcommittee will conduct oversight hearings on methods to improve this program. Fall 2002.

**Forest Service Management of Proprietary Information:** Currently the Forest Service is being sued for two incidents in which the Forest Service released, under a Freedom of Information Act request, personal and proprietary information. This information may have been inappropriately released to outside parties. The Subcommittee needs to continue its oversight of the Forest Service's maintenance and release of any proprietary information to ensure that the agency is in full compliance with the law. Summer 2001.

**Appeals Reform:** The new rule on land management planning eliminates the administrative appeals procedures for forest plan
amendments and revisions, replacing it with a predecisional review process that has come under strong criticism by everyone, from environmentalists to industrial interests. The appeals procedure for project level decisions is set in law and thus remains unchanged, despite the length and high cost of the process. Both procedures should be reviewed and new procedures developed to reform this cumbersome process, making public involvement more effective and improving agency decision-making. Fall 2001.

Agency Contracting Authority: Under the Clinton-Gore Administration the Forest Service has lost a great deal of professional expertise through attrition, reductions-in-force, and “reinvention.” As a consequence, the agency no longer has sufficient institutional knowledge to implement land management actions. The Committee should explore new authorities needed to provide the agency the ability to implement its mission, including necessary authorities for contracting out work such as the preparation and completion of environmental analyses and related documents. Winter 2002.

Public Land Law Review: Much could be done to improve the management of the national forests through administrative actions, such as changes in leadership, regulations, and policy, but ultimately most agree that the laws themselves must be modified if the Forest Service is ever to fulfill its responsibilities for active management. The Subcommittee will examine the interrelationship of laws such as the National Forest Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act to determine necessary changes relating to national forest issues. Winter 2002.

Access for Recreation and to Private Property: The Clinton Administration recently released its Forest Service recreation agenda without the benefit of Congressional or public input. As a result, its new agenda inadequately responds to the country’s recreation interests and fails to provide balance with other legal responsibilities of the Forest Service. As recreation on national forests has become increasingly important to the American public, Congressional oversight is needed to ensure that all interested groups and organizations are allowed input and given proper recourse concerning application of any new recreation policies. Fall 2001.

County Payments: The “Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000,” recently signed into law, has unprecedented provisions allowing for community involvement on BLM and Forest Service lands. It will be essential for Congress to work to insure the effective implementation of the new law. Summer 2001.