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On January 28, 2003, pursuant to H. Res. 33, the Majority (Republican) Members were elected to the Committee.

On January 28, 2003, pursuant to H. Res. 35, the Minority (Democrat) Members were elected to the Committee.

On February 5, 2003, Joel Hefley, Colorado; George Miller, California; and Adam Smith, Washington, resigned from the Committee.

On February 5, 2003, pursuant to H. Res. 52, the following Members were elected to the Committee: Raúl M. Grijalva, Arizona; Dennis A. Cardoza, California; and Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam.

On February 12, 2003, Edward J. Markey, Massachusetts, and Peter A. DeFazio, Oregon, received a leave of absence from the Committee.

On March 6, 2003, George Miller, California; Edward J. Markey, Massachusetts; Rubén Hinojosa, Texas; Ciro D. Rodriguez, Texas; Joe Baca, California; and Betty McCollum, Minnesota, were appointed to the Committee.

On April 29, 2003, pursuant to H. Res. 205, Adam H. Putnam, Florida, was elected to the Committee.

On June 19, 2003, Adam H. Putnam, Florida, resigned from the Committee.

On June 19, 2003, pursuant to H. Res. 284, Randy Neugebauer, Texas, was elected to the Committee.

On June 14, 2004, Betty McCollum, Minnesota, resigned from the Committee.

On June 16, 2004, pursuant to H. Res. 678, Stephanie Herseith, South Dakota, was elected to the Committee.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2005.

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 108th Congress.

Sincerely,

RICHARD W. POMBO, *Chairman.*

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Mr. POMBO, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES DURING THE 108TH CONGRESS

OVERVIEW

The Committee on Resources met on February 12, 2003, for an organizational meeting of the 108th Congress under the direction of Chairman Richard W. Pombo. 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

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

(1) Fisheries and wildlife, including research, restoration, refuges, and conservation.

(2) Forest reserves and national parks created from the public domain.

(3) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.

(4) Geological Survey.

(5) International fishing agreements.

(6) Interstate compacts relating to apportionment of waters for irrigation purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

(12) Mineral resources of the public lands.

(13) Mining interests generally.

(14) Mining schools and experimental stations.

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

(16) Oceanography.

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

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES REPORT

COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES STATISTICS

Total number of bills and resolutions referred	755
Total number of meeting days:	
Full Committee (52)	
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources (19)	
Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans (40)	
Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health (24)	
Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands (31)	
Subcommittee on Water and Power (31)	
Total	197
Total number of bills ordered reported from Committee	185
Total number of reports filed	170
Total number of bills referred to/discharged by Committee on Resources and passed by the House of Representatives	188
Total number of public laws	88
Total number bills enacted into law*	169

* Includes 6 House/Senate Resolutions, 1 Private Law, and all bills awaiting signature by the President.

FULL COMMITTEE

I. JURISDICTION

(1) Environmental and habitat measures and matters of general applicability.

(2) 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.

(3) All matters regarding the relations of the United States with Native Americans and Native American tribes, including special oversight functions under Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(4) All matters regarding Native Alaskans and Native Hawaiians.

(5) All matters related to the Federal trust responsibility to Native Americans and the sovereignty of Native Americans.

(6) All matters regarding insular areas of the United States.

(7) All measures or matters regarding the Freely Associated States and Antarctica.

(8) 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 Full Committee under this paragraph.

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

(10) 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 12, 2003—Full Committee met to organize for the 108th Congress.

March 12, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 39, establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain, and for other purposes (Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Security Act of 2003).

April 2, 2003—Markup held on Committee Print entitled: “To establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes”.

April 5, 2003—Field Hearing held in Kaktovik, Alaska, on H.R. 39, to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain, and for other purposes (Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Security Act of 2003); and on H.R. 770, to preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of

present and future generations of Americans (Morris K. Udall Arctic Wilderness Act).

April 30, 2003—Markup held on Committee Print entitled “Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003”.

May 6, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1835, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to limit designation as critical habitat of areas owned or controlled by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes (National Security Readiness Act of 2003).

May 7, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 1497, to reauthorize title I of the Sikes Act (Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2003); H.R. 1835, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to limit designation as critical habitat of areas owned or controlled by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes (National Security Readiness Act of 2003); and H.R. 1189, 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, and for other purposes.

June 11, 2003—Markup held on H. Con. Res. 21, Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase; H. Res. 30, Concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico; H.R. 74, 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; H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and for other purposes; H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project; and H.R. 1945, 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, and for other purposes (Pacific Salmon Recovery Act).

June 18, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 884, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, and 326-K, and for other purposes (Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act); and H.R. 1409, to provide for a Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2002).

July 9, 2003—Markup held on S. 233, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System (Coltsville Study Act of 2003); S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for

other purposes (Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act); H.R. 1038, 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 (Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003); H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes (Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site Land Exchange Act); H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes (Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003); H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes (Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act of 2003); H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska; and H.R. 2059, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes (Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act).

July 10, 2003—Hearing held on H. J. Res. 63, to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,” and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2522, to amend the Organic Act of Guam to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reduce, release, or waive amounts owed by the Government of Guam to the United States to offset unreimbursed Compact impact expenses.

July 15, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species (Captive Wildlife Safety Act); H.R. 1409, to provide for a Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act); and S. 111, 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, and for other purposes.

July 16, 2003—Joint Hearing with Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, on H.R. 2440, to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal health programs for

Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, and for other purposes; and S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

September 4, 2003—Markup held on H.J. Res. 63, to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,” and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes (Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003).

September 24, 2003—Markup held on S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes; H. Con. Res. 268, 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 highly migratory species, including 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; H.R. 135, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs; H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes; H.R. 884, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326–A–1, 326–A–3, and 326–K, and for other purposes; H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; H.R. 1092, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada; H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes; H.R. 1442, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 2048, to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen’s Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund; H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; H.R.

2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West; and H.R. 3062, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately, for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, and for other purposes.

October 1, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 313, to modify requirements relating to allocation of interest that accrues to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund; H.R. 542, 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. 1899, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2766, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado.

October 1, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 151, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2440, to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal health programs for Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, and for other purposes.

October 29, 2003—Markup held on H. Con. Res. 237, Honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to the United States and for his essential service in fighting wildfires and protecting the environment and communities of Arizona; H.R. 154, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 265, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 280, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 421, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes; H.R. 506, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 958, to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, and for other purposes; H.R. 1594, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1618, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1629, to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property, and for other purposes; H.R. 1648, 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; H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to partici-

pate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 1862, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area; H.R. 1964, to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges; H.R. 2425, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Quinault Indian Nation under United States Claims Court Dockets 772-71, 773-71, 774-71, and 775-71, and for other purposes; H.R. 2489, to provide for the distribution of judgment funds to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe; H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship; H.R. 2693, to reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, and for other purposes; H.R. 2707, to direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, acting through the U.S. Forest Service, to carry out a demonstration program to assess potential water savings through control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on forests and public lands administered by the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service; H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 2907, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project; S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes; S. 625, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies in the Tualatin River Basin in Oregon, and for other purposes; S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; and S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center.

November 5, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 521, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; H.R. 1798, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes; and on H.R. 2693, to reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, and for other purposes.

March 15, 2004—Field hearing held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government.

April 1, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 898, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

April 21, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 2941, to correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona, and for other purposes.

April 28, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 2933, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to reform the process for designating critical habitat under that Act.

May 5, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1014, 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, and for other purposes; H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, and for other purposes; H.R. 2201, 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. 2663, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2828, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources; H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government; H.R. 2966, to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes; H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project; H.R. 3247, to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, to clarify the purposes for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes; H.R. 3378, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries; H.R. 3504, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education; H.R. 3505, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery,

and for other purposes; H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 3768, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida; H.R. 3819, to redesignate Fort Clatsop National Memorial as the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, to include in the park sites in the State of Washington as well as the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; H.R. 3846, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land; H.R. 3874, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal; H.R. 3932, to amend Public Law 99-338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project; and H.R. 4114, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exclude non-native migratory bird species from the application of that Act, and for other purposes.

May 19, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 646, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2831, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; H.R. 2909, to ensure the continued availability of the Utah Test and Training Range to support the readiness and training needs of the Armed Forces; H.R. 3785, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park; H.R. 4115, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation; H.R. 4158, to provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes; H.R. 4362, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept a parcel of Federal land in the State of Washington in trust for the Nisqually Tribe, to ensure that the acceptance of such land does not adversely affect the Bonneville Power Administration, and for other purposes; S. 144, 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, non-native weeds on public and private land; and S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota.

June 16, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3589, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

June 23, 2004—Hearing held on S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes.

June 24, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 831, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 2793, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chipewya Indians.

July 14, 2004—Markup held on H. Res. 431, Honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery; H.R. 1630, to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 2129, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; H.R. 2457, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and for other purposes; H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project; H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P; H.R. 3257, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area; H.R. 3334, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside, California; H.R. 3427, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 3589, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands; H.R. 3597, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3954, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to resolve boundary discrepancies in San Diego County, California, arising from an erroneous survey conducted by a Government contractor in 1881 that resulted in overlapping boundaries for certain lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 4010, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; H.R. 4027, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; H.R. 4045, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, and for other purposes; H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of

the Department of the Interior; H.R. 4459, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4481, to amend Public Law 86-434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes; H.R. 4492, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 4494, to designate the Grey Towers National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; H.R. 4508, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to require the Secretary to permit continued use and occupancy of certain privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park; H.R. 4606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4617, to amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes; H.R. 4625, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes; S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming; S. 1003, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River; S. 1537, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery; S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes; and S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes.

July 21, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 1662, 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 for other purposes; and H.R. 2933, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to reform the process for designating critical habitat under that Act.

September 15, 2004—Markup held on H. Res. 556, Congratulating the United States Geological Survey on its 125th Anniversary; H.R. 2941, to correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 3207, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 3210, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon; H.R. 3258, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and oc-

cupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 3982, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah, and for other purposes; H.R. 4066, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, and for other purposes; H.R. 4282, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and for other purposes; H.R. 4285, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport; H.R. 4389, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4469, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California; H.R. 4579, to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes; H.R. 4588, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 4596, to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009; H.R. 4667, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 4775, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization project, and for other purposes; H.R. 4806, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 4808, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base; H.R. 4817, to facilitate the resolution of a minor boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California, which were originally conveyed by the United States as part of the right-of-way granted for the construction of transcontinental railroads; H.R. 4838, to establish a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps to provide a means by which young adults can carry out rehabilitation and enhancement projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, rehabilitate public land affected or altered by fires, and provide disaster relief, and for other purposes; H.R. 4893, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; H.R. 4984, to provide that the royalty rate on the output from Federal lands of potassium and potassium compounds from the mineral sylvite in the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be reduced to 1.0 percent, and for other purposes; H.R. 5009, to extend water

contracts between the United States and specific irrigation districts and the City of Helena in Montana, and for other purposes; S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes; S. 551, to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; and S. 1814, to transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.

September 21, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 4908, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2004—Markup held on H.J. Res. 102, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu and the end of Imperial Japanese control of Palau during World War II and urging the Secretary of the Interior to work to protect the historic sites of the Peleliu Battlefield National Historic Landmark and to establish commemorative programs honoring the Americans who fought there; H. Res. 737, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam during World War II.; H. Res. 752, Expressing continued support for the construction of the Victims of Communism Memorial; H.R. 2440, to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal health programs for Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3176, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes; H.R. 3283, to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and passes, and for other purposes; H.R. 3391, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project; H.R. 4593, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 4650, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas, and for other purposes” to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project; H.R. 4683, to enhance the preservation and interpretation of the Gullah/Geechee cultural heritage, and for other purposes; H.R. 4887, to adjust the boundary of the Cumberland Island Wilderness, to authorize tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore, and for other purposes; H.R. 4908, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 5016, to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska; H.R. 5104, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations for the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue As-

sistance Grant Program, and for other purposes; and S. 347, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint resource study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

September 29, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 885, to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, to authorize the Gila River Indian Community water rights settlement, to reauthorize and amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, and for other purposes; H.R. 5134, to require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the long-standing petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5135, to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

III. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE FULL COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

A. Oversight Hearings

March 19, 2003—Oversight hearing on Enhancing America's Energy Security.

May 13, 2003—Oversight field hearing in St. Clairsville, Ohio, on Kyoto Global Warming Treaty's Impact on Ohio's Coal Dependent Communities.

July 2, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Seeley Lake, Montana, on Management Challenges Across Montana's National Forests.

July 9, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Indian Trust Fund Lawsuit.

August 25, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Redmond, Oregon, on Crisis on our National Forests: Reducing the Threat of Catastrophic Wildfire to Central Oregon Communities and the Surrounding Environment.

September 6, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Belen, New Mexico, on the Silvery Minnow's Impact on New Mexico.

September 22, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Lake Arrowhead, California, on Forest Health Crisis in San Bernardino National Forest.

October 8, 2003—Oversight hearing on Tribal Self-Governance Issues.

October 25, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Billings, Montana, on Developing a Legislative Solution to the Indian Trust Fund Lawsuit.

November 3, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Developing a Legislative Solution to the Indian Trust Fund Lawsuit.

February 25, 2004—Oversight hearing on Examination of the Potential for a Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

March 31, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Federal Recognition and Acknowledgment process by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

May 12, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Current Reorganization of Trust Management at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee.

May 20, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Draft Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

June 7, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Carlsbad, New Mexico, on Examining the Impacts of the Endangered Species Act on Southern New Mexico.

July 13, 2004—Oversight hearing on gaming on off-reservation, restored and newly-acquired lands.

July 21, 2004—Oversight hearing on Guam War Claims Commission Report.

September 10, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Fontana, California, on Examining Impacts of the Endangered Species Act on Southern California's Inland Empire.

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.

(6) Plans and programs concerning non-Federal outdoor recreation and land use, including related plans and programs authorized by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963, 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.

(8) Matters concerning the following agencies and programs: Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and U.S. Holocaust Memorial.

(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*

April 8, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 437, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System; and H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and for other purposes.

May 21, 2003—Field Hearing at the National Mall, Washington, D.C., on H.R. 1442, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

June 17, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1964, to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

June 24, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; H.R. 1658, (Private Bill) to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

July 15, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 532, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1289, to establish the National Parks Institute at the University of California, Merced, and for other purposes.

July 22, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 546, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes; H.R. 2457, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes.

September 16, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 280, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 646, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes; H.R. 1594, to direct the Secretary of the In-

terior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1618, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1862, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area.

September 23, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 546, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes; H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

September 30, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1629, to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property, and for other purposes; H.R. 2424, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center; and H.R. 2966, to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes.

October 16, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 280, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 704, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area in the State of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 1399, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 1594, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1618, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1798, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes; H.R. 1862, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area; and H.R. 2909, to ensure the continued availability of the Utah Test and Training Range to support the readiness and training needs of the Armed Forces.

October 21, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 265, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 280, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 532, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, and for other purposes; H.R.

1014, 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, and for other purposes; H.R. 1058, to provide for an exchange of certain private property in Colorado and certain Federal property in Utah; H.R. 1594, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1618, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1629, to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property, and for other purposes; H.R. 1798, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes; H.R. 1862, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area; H.R. 2424, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center; H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes; and S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; Began consideration of H.R. 1964, to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and for other purposes, but did not complete action.

March 25, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 1517, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund to limit the use of funds available from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to use for maintenance; H.R. 2663, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3874, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal.

April 22, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 646, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes; H.R. 2201, 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. 2663, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2966, to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use,

and for other purposes; H.R. 3768, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida; H.R. 3819, to redesignate Fort Clatsop National Memorial as the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, to include in the park sites in the State of Washington as well as the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3874, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal.

April 29, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3638, to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3932, to amend Public Law 99-338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project; and S. 144, 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.

May 6, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3283, to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and passes, and for other purposes.

June 15, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 1630, to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 2129, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3954, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to resolve boundary discrepancies in San Diego County, California, arising from an erroneous survey conducted by a Government contractor in 1881 that resulted in overlapping boundaries for certain lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 4481, to amend Public Law 86-434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes; and S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

July 8, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 1630, to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 2457, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and for other purposes; H.R. 3954, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to resolve boundary discrepancies in San Diego County, California, arising from an erroneous survey conducted by a Government contractor in 1881 that resulted in overlapping boundaries for certain lands, and for other purposes; and S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

July 15, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 4066, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, and for other purposes; H.R. 4469, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California; and H.R. 4579, to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

July 20, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3176, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4593, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

September 14, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 305, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 2237, to establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative program, and for other purposes; H.R. 3258, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 4285, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport; H.R. 4667, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 4683, to enhance the preservation and interpretation of the Gullah/Geechee cultural heritage, and for other purposes; H.R. 4808, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base; H.R. 4817, to facilitate the resolution of a minor boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California, which were originally conveyed by the United States as part of the right-of-way granted for the construction of transcontinental railroads; and H.R. 4887, to adjust the boundary of the Cumberland Island Wilderness, to authorize tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore, and for other purposes.

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

A. Oversight hearings

March 25, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Status of the National Park Service Concessions Management Program and Implementing Regulations.

April 22, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Yosemite National Park, California, on the Implementation of the Yosemite Valley Plan.

April 29, 2003—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, on the Growing Problem of Invasive Species.

June 3, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Reauthorization of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Private Property Protection under the National Historic Preservation Act.

August 18, 2003—Oversight field hearing in San Diego, California, on Access to the California Desert Conservation District with emphasis on the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area.

September 27, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Sherman Oaks, California, on the Impact Land Acquisition has on the National

Park Service Maintenance Backlog, Park Service Management Priorities, and Local Communities.

December 4, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Las Vegas, Nevada, on the Dispensation of Funds from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act.

February 26, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management and ongoing efforts to reduce their maintenance backlogs.

March 17, 2004—Oversight hearing to examine how the Department of Interior's new Appraisal Office is functioning and how land exchanges are being evaluated.

May 15, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, on the Use of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technology in the National Park System.

June 28, 2004—Oversight field hearing in St. George, Utah, on the Impact of Revised Statute 2477.

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.

(9) U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

(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

March 6, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 273, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana; H.R. 274, 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; H.R. 289, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Com-

plex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California.

March 27, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 958, to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, and for other purposes; H.R. 959, to improve the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources by authorizing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration oceanographic programs; and H.R. 984, 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.

April 10, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1497, to reauthorize title I of the Sikes Act.

May 1, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 1497, to reauthorize title I of the Sikes Act.

May 22, 2003—Hearing held on H. Res. 30, Concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico; and H.R. 2048, to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund.

June 12, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species; and H.R. 1472, to require the adoption and enforcement of regulations to prohibit the intentional feeding of bears on Federal public lands in order to end the hunting practice known as "bear baiting" and reduce the number of dangerous interactions between people and bears.

June 19, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 2057, to provide for a multi-agency cooperative effort to encourage further research regarding the causes of chronic wasting disease and methods to control the further spread of the disease in deer and elk herds, to monitor the incidence of the disease, to support State efforts to control the disease, and for other purposes.

June 19, 2003—Joint hearing held with Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, on H.R. 2416, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

June 26, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges.

July 17, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 958, to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, and for other purposes; H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to

provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes; H.R. 2048, to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund; and H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges.

July 24, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 2693, to reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, and for other purposes.

September 11, 2003—Hearing held on H. Con. Res. 268, 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 highly migratory species, including 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.

September 25, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 154, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 2501, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit NC-07P; H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2623, to provide for the expansion of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama; and H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P.

September 25, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 2693, to reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, and for other purposes.

February 26, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 1856, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

March 18, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3883, to reauthorize the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

March 25, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3378, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries.

April 22, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3378, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries; H.R. 4114, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exclude non-native migratory bird species from the application of that Act, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 431, Honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery.

May 13, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3433, to transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 4027, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami

property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; and H.R. 4158, to provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes.

June 3, 2004—Markup held on S. 1814, to transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4027, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center.

June 24, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3320, to improve migratory bird management by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

September 30, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 4368, to transfer the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the Department of the Interior.

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

A. Oversight hearings

February 25, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

March 19, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year budget requests for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

April 29, 2003—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, on the Growing Problem of Invasive Species.

August 19, 2003—Oversight field hearing in San Diego, California, on the Escalation of Interactions Between the Growing Populations of Marine Mammals and Human Activities on the West Coast.

October 14, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Annapolis, Maryland, on the Efforts to Introduce Non-native Oyster Species to the Chesapeake Bay and the National Research Council's Report title "Non-native Oysters in the Chesapeake Bay".

October 30, 2003—Oversight hearing on the recently released GAO report entitled, "Opportunities to Improve the Management and Oversight of Oil and Gas Activities on Federal Lands".

October 30, 2003—Oversight hearing on the upcoming 18th Regular Meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

November 20, 2003—Oversight hearing on the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System.

December 16, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Annapolis, Maryland, on Exotic Bird Species and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

March 11, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Requests for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

April 15, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Manoa, Hawaii, on the serious growing problem of invasive species in the Hawaiian Archipelago.

April 29, 2004—Oversight hearing on the International Aspects of Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Management Activities.

May 18, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Chesapeake Bay in Your Community: A Restoration Plan.

June 14, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Salisbury, Maryland, on the Benefits and Challenges of Ecosystem Management through Sustainable Agriculture: Delmarva Peninsula as an Example.

June 16, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Importance of Fishery Data Collection Programs.

July 13, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Status of Ocean Observing Systems in the United States.

September 23, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Upcoming Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

December 13, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Annapolis, Maryland, on Chesapeake Bay Restoration.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

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

March 6, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 793, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant easements and rights-of-way on the Outer Continental Shelf for activities otherwise authorized by that Act; and H.R. 794, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for the development of Federal coal resources.

July 22, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 2772, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote the development and use of geothermal resources in the United States.

March 30, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3796, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3778, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize collection of reclamation fees, revise the abandoned mine reclamation program, promote re-mining, authorize the Office of Surface Mining to collect the black lung excise tax, and make sundry other changes.

June 24, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 4010, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; and H.R. 4625, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

September 9, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 4984, to provide that the royalty rate on the output from Federal lands of potassium and potassium compounds from the mineral sylvite in the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be reduced to 1.0 percent, and for other purposes.

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

A. Oversight hearings

June 19, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Domestic Natural Gas Supply Shortage.

June 24, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Ability of Federal Lands to Meet our Energy Needs.

July 12, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Rawlins, Wyoming, on Oil and Gas Development on Public Lands.

July 17, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Role of Strategic and Critical Minerals in Our National and Economic Security.

July 24, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Abandoned Mine Lands Program.

September 17, 2003—Oversight hearing on Environmental Aspects of Modern Oil and Gas Development.

September 25, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Toxic Release Inventory and its Impact on Federal Minerals and Energy.

September 29, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Reno, Nevada, on Responsible Domestic Resource Development and Economic Stability—the Role of the Hard Rock Mining Industry.

February 4, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Impact of Science on Public Policy.

February 12, 2004—Oversight hearing on Energy Supply and the American Consumer.

March 3, 2004—Oversight hearing on Minerals and Energy: Outsourcing American Jobs Overseas.

July 8, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Aging of the Energy and Minerals Workforce: A Crisis in the Making?

July 15, 2004—Oversight hearing on Advances in Technology: Innovations in the Domestic Energy and Mineral Sector.

October 25, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Reno, Nevada, on Sustainable Development Opportunities in Mining Communities.

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*

April 1, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 135, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs; H.R. 495, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project.

April 3, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 135, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address fu-

ture water needs; H.R. 495, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project.

May 22, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

June 24, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1794, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and rehabilitate Federal water supply lines associated with Folsom Dam in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska.

July 17, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

July 24, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 2641, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Calfed Bay-Delta Program; and H.R. 2828, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources.

September 10, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project; and H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project.

September 25, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 2828, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources.

October 2, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 885, to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, to authorize the Gila River Indian Community water rights settlement, to reauthorize and amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1753, to provide for equitable compensation of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation in settlement of claims of the Tribe concerning the contribution of the Tribe to the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

October 15, 2003—Hearing held on S. 625, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies in the Tualatin River Basin in Oregon, and for other purposes; H.R. 2831, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; and H.R. 3210, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon.

October 30, 2003—Markup held on H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project; and H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project.

October 30, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 3334, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside, California; H.R. 3391, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project; and S. 212, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains Aquifer States in conducting a Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, and Modeling Program for the High Plains Aquifer, and for other purposes.

March 24, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3747, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, and for other purposes.

May 18, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 2257, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant Irrigation Districts; H.R. 3597, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4045, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, and for other purposes.

June 16, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 3334, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3597, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4045, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, and for other purposes.

June 23, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 4300, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 4389, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4459, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes.

July 8, 2004—Markup held on H.R. 3391, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project; H.R. 4459, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes.

July 8, 2004—Hearing held on S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming; H.R. 4588, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources

Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4650, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas, and for other purposes” to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project.

September 9, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3834, to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate such facilities, and for other purposes; H.R. 4775, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization project, and for other purposes; H.R. 4893, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; and H.R. 5009, to extend water contracts between the United States and specific irrigation districts and the City of Helena in Montana, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 2603, to impose limitations on the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to claim title or other rights to water absent specific direction of law or to abrogate, injure, or otherwise impair any right to the use of any quantity of water; H.R. 4580, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District’s ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States; and H.R. 4623, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes.

III. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

A. Oversight hearings

March 5, 2003—Oversight hearing on FY04 Budget Request of the Bureau of Reclamation.

March 27, 2003—Oversight hearing on Water Supply and Reliability: The Role of Water Recycling.

May 15, 2003—Oversight hearing on CALFED’s Cross-Cut Budget.

June 28, 2003—Oversight field Hearing in Tulare, California, on the CALFED Program and ways to increase and improve water supply, reliability, availability, and quality.

June 28, 2003—Oversight field Hearing in Elk Grove, California, on the CALFED Program and ways to increase and improve water supply, reliability, availability, and quality.

July 1, 2003—Oversight field Hearing in San Diego, California, on the CALFED Program and ways to increase and improve water supply, reliability, availability, and quality.

December 12, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Denver, Colorado, on Colorado: Options to Increase Water Supply and Improve Efficiencies.

February 25, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budgets for the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Geological Survey and Power Marketing Administrations (PMA’s).

March 24, 2004—Oversight hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's Facility Title Transfers: Lesson Learned and Future Opportunities.

July 17, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on The Endangered Species Act 30 Years Later: The Klamath Project.

September 27, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Augusta, Georgia, on Reviving Hydroelectric Power on the Savannah River: A Clean and Renewable Resource for Generations.

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*

June 19, 2003—Joint hearing held with Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, on H.R. 2416, provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

June 19, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 511, to make certain adjustments to be boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes; H.R. 1038, 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; and H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes.

July 24, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 1005, to provide permanent funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1723, to designate certain National Forest System

lands in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2707, to direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, acting through the U.S. Forest Service, to carry out a demonstration program to assess potential water savings through control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on forests and public lands administered by the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service; and H.R. 2766, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado.

October 21, 2003—Hearing held on H.R. 2907, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; and H.R. 3247, to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, to clarify the purposes for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes.

February 12, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3505, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery, and for other purposes.

April 21, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3846, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land.

April 28, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3744, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites, and for other purposes; S. 33, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes; S. 435, to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, and for other purposes; and S. 1537, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery.

June 17, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 3102, to utilize the expertise of New Mexico State University, the University of Arizona, and Northern Arizona University in conducting studies under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 in connection with the grazing allotments and range and continuing range analysis for National Forest System lands in New Mexico and Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 3427, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other pur-

poses; H.R. 4494, to designate the Grey Towers National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; and S. 1003, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River.

July 22, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 822, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by law 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. 4806, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4838, to establish a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps to provide a means by which young adults can carry out rehabilitation and enhancement projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, rehabilitate public land affected or altered by fires, and provide disaster relief, and for other purposes.

September 29, 2004—Hearing held on H.R. 977, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide death and disability benefits for aerial firefighters who work on a contract basis for the Forest Service or an agency of the Department of the Interior and suffer death or disability in the line of duty, and for other purposes; H.R. 1550, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to improve the commercial value of forest biomass for electric energy, useful heat, transportation fuels, petroleum-based product substitutes, and other commercial purposes; and H.R. 2397, to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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

A. Oversight hearings

March 7, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Flagstaff, Arizona, on the Crisis on the National Forests: Containing the Threat of Wildland Fire to the Environment and Communities.

September 17, 2003—Oversight hearing on the Forest Service Recreation Fee Demonstration Program.

October 27, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Ely, Nevada, on Forest and Rangeland Health in Nevada's Great Basin.

December 5, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Lake Arrowhead, California, on Recovering from the Fires: Restoring and Protecting Communities, Water, Wildlife, and Forests in Southern California.

December 15, 2003—Oversight field hearing in Grants, New Mexico, on Management and Access Challenges Across Southwestern Forests.

February 4, 2004—Oversight hearing on Issues Affecting Jobs in the Forest Industry.

February 28, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Jackson, California, on the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan: Protecting Communities, Water, Wildlife and Forests in the Sierra Nevada.

March 10, 2004—Oversight hearing on FY'05 President's Budget for the Forest Service.

May 13, 2004—Oversight hearing on Firefighting Preparedness: Are we ready for the 2004 Wildfire Season?

June 1, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Guyton, Georgia, on Issues Affecting Southern Forests.

June 23, 2004—Oversight hearing on Developing Biomass Potential: Turning Hazardous Fuels into Valuable Products.

July 15, 2004—Oversight hearing on Restoring Forests after Catastrophic Events.

August 18, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Sisters, Oregon, on the Aftermath of Catastrophic Event: Restoring and Protecting Communities, Water, Wildlife, and Forests.

September 20, 2004—Oversight field hearing in Thatcher, Arizona, on Issues Affecting Rural Communities in the Southwest—National Forest Management and the Endangered Species Act.

APPENDIX I

PRINTED HEARINGS

108-1—Oversight hearing on the Twelfth Regular Meeting of COP12 of CITES. February 25, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-2—Oversight hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget. March 5, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-3—Hearing on H.R. 273, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana; H.R. 274, 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; H.R. 289, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. March 6, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-4—Hearing on H.R. 793, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant easements and rights-of-way on the Outer Continental Shelf for activities otherwise authorized by that Act; and H.R. 794, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for the development of Federal coal resources. March 6, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-5—Oversight field hearing on Crisis on the National Forests: Containing the Threat of Wildland Fire to the Environment and Communities. March 7, 2003, Flagstaff, Arizona. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-6—Hearing on H.R. 39, establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain, and for other purposes. March 12, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-7—Oversight hearing on Enhancing America's Energy Security. March 19, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-8—Oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Requests for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. March 19, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-9—Oversight hearing on the Status of the National Park Service Concessions Management Program and Implementing Reg-

ulations. March 25, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-10—Hearing on H.R. 958, to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, and for other purposes; H.R. 959, to improve the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources by authorizing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration oceanographic programs; and H.R. 984, 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. March 27, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-11—Oversight hearing on Water Supply and Reliability: the Role of Water Recycling. March 27, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-12—Hearing on H.R. 135, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs; H.R. 495, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project. April 1, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-13—Field hearing on H.R. 39, to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain, and for other purposes; and H.R. 770, to preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans. April 5, 2003, Kaktovik, Alaska. (Full Committee).

108-14—Hearing on H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 437, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System; and H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and for other purposes. April 8, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-15—Hearing on H.R. 1497, to reauthorize title I of the Sikes Act. April 10, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-16—Oversight field hearing on the Implementation of the Yosemite Valley Plan. April 22, 2003, Yosemite National Park,

California. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-17—Joint oversight hearing on the Growing Problem of Invasive Species. April 29, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-18—Hearing on H.R. 1835, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to limit designation as critical habitat of areas owned or controlled by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes. May 6, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-19—Oversight field hearing on Kyoto Global Warming Treaty's Impact on Ohio's Coal-Dependent Communities. May 13, 2003, St. Clairsville, Ohio. (Full Committee).

108-20—Oversight hearing on CALFED's Cross-Cut Budget. May 15, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-21—Field hearing on H.R. 1442, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. May 21, 2003, the National Mall, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-22—Hearing on H.R. 2048, to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000; and H. Res. 30, Concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico. May 22, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-23—Hearing on H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes. May 22, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-24—Oversight hearing on the Reauthorization of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Private Property Protection under the National Historic Preservation Act. June 3, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-25—Hearing on H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species; and H.R. 1472, to require the adoption and enforcement of regulations to prohibit the intentional feeding of bears on Federal public lands in order to end the hunting practice known as "bear baiting" and reduce the number of dangerous interactions between people and bears. June 12, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-26—Hearing on H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1964, to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and for other purposes. June 17, 2003, Washington,

D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-27—Hearing on H.R. 884, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, and 326-K, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1409, to provide for a Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes. June 18, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-28—Oversight hearing on the Domestic Natural Gas Supply Shortage. June 19, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-29—Joint hearing on H.R. 2057, to provide for a multi-agency cooperative effort to encourage further research regarding the causes of chronic wasting disease and methods to control the further spread of the disease in deer and elk herds, to monitor the incidence of the disease, to support State efforts to control the disease, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2416, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes. June 19, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, and Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-30—Hearing on H.R. 511, to make certain adjustments to be boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes; H.R. 1038, 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; and H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes. June 19, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-31—Hearing on H.R. 1794, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and rehabilitate Federal water supply lines associated with Folsom Dam in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska. June 24, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-32—Oversight Hearing on the Ability of Federal Lands to Meet our Energy Needs". June 24, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-33—Hearing on H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by

the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore. June 24, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-34—Hearing on H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges. June 26, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-35—Oversight Field Hearings on the CALFED Program and ways to increase and improve water supply, reliability, availability, and quality. June 28, 2003, Tulare, California; June 28, 2003, Elk Grove, California; and July 1, 2003, San Diego, California. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-36—Field hearing on Management Challenges Across Montana's National Forests. July 2, 2003, Seeley Lake, Montana. (Full Committee).

108-37—Oversight hearing on Can a Process Be Developed to Settle Matters Relating to the Indian Trust Fund Lawsuit? July 9, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-38—Hearing on H.J. Res. 63, to approve the Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and to appropriate funds to carry out the amended Compacts; and H.R. 2522, to amend the Organic Act of Guam to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reduce, release, or waive amounts owed by the Government of Guam to the United States to offset unreimbursed Compact impact expenses. July 10, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-39—Oversight field hearing on Oil and Gas Development on Public Lands. July 12, 2003, Rawlins, Wyoming. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-40—Hearing on H.R. 1289, to establish the National Parks Institute at the University of California, Merced, and for other purposes; H.R. 532, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. July 15, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-41—Joint Hearing on H.R. 2440, to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal

health programs for Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, and for other purposes; and S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act. July 16, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee and Senate Committee on Indian Affairs).

108-42—Oversight hearing on the Role of Strategic and Critical Minerals in Our National and Economic Security. July 17, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-43—Hearing on H.R. 2772, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote the development and use of geothermal resources in the United States. July 22, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-44—Hearing on H.R. 546, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes; H.R. 2457, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes. July 22, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-45—Hearing on H.R. 1005, to provide permanent funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1723, to designate certain National Forest System lands in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; H.R. 2707, to direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, acting through the U.S. Forest Service, to carry out a demonstration program to assess potential water savings through control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on forests and public lands administered by the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service; and H.R. 2766, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado. July 24, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-46—Hearing on H.R. 2693, to reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, and for other purposes. July 24, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-47—Oversight hearing on the Abandoned Mine Lands Program. July 24, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-48—Hearing on H.R. 2828, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources; and H.R. 2641, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Calfed Bay-Delta Program. July 24, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-49—Oversight Field Hearing on access to the California Desert Conservation District with emphasis on the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. August 18, 2003, San Diego, California. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-50—Oversight Field Hearing on the Escalation of Interactions between the Growing Populations of Marine Mammals and

Human Activities on the West Coast. August 19, 2003, San Diego, California. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-51—Oversight Field Hearing on the Crisis on our National Forests: Reducing the Threat of Catastrophic Wildfire to Central Oregon Communities and the Surrounding Environment. August 25, 2003, Redmond, Oregon. (Full Committee).

108-52—Oversight Field Hearing on Silvery Minnows Impact on New Mexico. September 6, 2003, Belen, New Mexico. (Full Committee).

108-53—Hearing on H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project; H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; and H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project. September 10, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-54—Hearing on H. Con. Res. 268, 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 highly migratory species, including 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. September 11, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-55—Hearing on H.R. 280, to establish certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 646, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes; H.R. 1594, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1618, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1862, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area. September 16, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-56—Oversight Hearing on Environmental Aspects of Modern Oil and Gas Development. September 17, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-57—Oversight Hearing on the Forest Service Recreation Fee Demonstration Program. September 17, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-58—Oversight Field Hearing on Forest Health Crisis in San Bernardino National Forest. September 22, 2003, Lake Arrowhead, California. (Full Committee).

108-59—Oversight Hearing on Understanding the Toxic Release Inventory and Its Impact on Federal Minerals and Energy. September 25, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-60—Hearing on H.R. 154, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 2501, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit NC-07P; H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2623, to provide for the expansion of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama; and H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P. September 25, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-61—Oversight Field Hearing on the Impact Land Acquisition has on the National Park Service Maintenance Backlog, Park Service Management Priorities, and Local Communities. September 27, 2003, Sherman Oaks, California. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-62—Oversight Field Hearing on Responsible Domestic Resource Development and Economic Stability: the Role of the Hard Rock Mining Industry. September 29, 2003, Reno, Nevada. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-63—Hearing on H.R. 1629, to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property, and for other purposes; H.R. 2424, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center; and H.R. 2966, to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes. September 30, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-64—Hearing on H.R. 151, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assist Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2440, to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal health programs for Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indi-

ans in such programs, and for other purposes. October 1, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-65—Hearing on H.R. 885, to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, to authorize the Gila River Indian Community water rights settlement, to reauthorize and amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1753, to provide for equitable compensation of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation in settlement of claims of the Tribe concerning the contribution of the Tribe to the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes. October 2, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-66—Oversight Hearing on Tribal Self-Governance Issues. October 8, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-67—Oversight Field Hearing on the efforts to introduce non-native oyster species to the Chesapeake Bay and the National Research Council's report titled "Non-native Oysters in the Chesapeake Bay". October 14, 2003, Annapolis, Maryland. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-68—Hearing on S. 625, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies in the Tualatin River Basin in Oregon, and for other purposes; H.R. 2831, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; and H.R. 3210, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon. October 15, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-69—Hearing on H.R. 280, to establish certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 704, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area in the State of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 1399, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 1594, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1618, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1862, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area; H.R. 1798, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2909, to ensure the continued availability of the Utah Test and Training Range to support the readiness and training needs of the Armed Forces. October 16, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-70—Hearing on H.R. 2907, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and

Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; and H.R. 3247, to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, to clarify the purposes for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes. October 21, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-71—Oversight Field Hearing on Developing a Legislative Solution to the Indian Trust Fund Lawsuit. October 25, 2003, Billings, Montana. (Full Committee).

108-72—Oversight Field Hearing on Forest and Rangeland Health in Nevada's Great Basin. October 27, 2003, Ely, Nevada. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-73—Hearing on H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, and for other purposes. October 29, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-74—Hearing on H.R. 3391, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project; H.R. 3334, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside, California; and S. 212, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains Aquifer States in conducting a Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, and Modeling Program for the High Plains Aquifer, and for other purposes. October 30, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-75—Oversight Hearing on the recently released GAO report entitled, "Opportunities to Improve the Management and Oversight of Oil and Gas Activities on Federal Lands". October 30, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-76—Oversight Hearing on the upcoming 18th Regular Meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). October 30, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-77—Oversight Field Hearing on Developing a Legislative Solution to the Indian Trust Fund Lawsuit. November 3, 2003, Scottsdale, Arizona. (Full Committee).

108-78—Oversight Hearing on the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. November 20, 2003, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-79—Oversight Field Hearing on the Dispensation of Funds from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. December 4, 2003, Las Vegas, Nevada. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-80—Oversight Field Hearing on Recovering from the Fires: Restoring and Protecting Communities, Water, Wildlife and Forests in Southern California. December 5, 2003, Lake Arrowhead, California. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-81—Oversight Field Hearing on Colorado: Options to Increase Water Supply and Improve Efficiencies. December 12, 2003, Denver, Colorado. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-82—Oversight Field Hearing on Management and Access Challenges Across Southwestern Forests. December 15, 2003, Grants, New Mexico. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-83—Oversight Field Hearing on Exotic Bird Species and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. December 16, 2003, Annapolis, Maryland. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-84—Oversight Hearing on Issues Affecting Jobs in the Forest Industry. February 4, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-85—Oversight Hearing on Examination of the Potential for a Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. February 25, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-86—Oversight Hearing to examine the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management and ongoing efforts to reduce their maintenance backlogs. February 26, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-87—Field Hearing on H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government. March 15, 2004, Tulsa, Oklahoma. (Full Committee).

108-88—Hearing on H.R. 3796, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3778, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize collection of reclamation fees, revise the abandoned mine reclamation program, promote remining, authorize the Office of Surface Mining to collect the black lung excise tax, and make sundry other changes. March 30, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

108-89—Oversight Hearing on the Federal recognition and acknowledgment process by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. March 31, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-90—Hearing on H.R. 898, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes. April 1, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-91—Hearing on H.R. 2933, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to reform the process for designating critical habitat under that Act. April 28, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-92—Oversight Hearing on the International Aspects of Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Management Activities. April 29, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-93—Hearing on H.R. 3283, to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and passes, and for other purposes. May 6, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands).

108-94—Oversight Hearing on the current reorganization of trust management at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee. May 12, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-95—Oversight Hearing on the Chesapeake Bay in Your Community: A Restoration Plan. May 18, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-96—Oversight Field Hearing on Examining the Impacts of the Endangered Species Act on southern New Mexico. June 7, 2004, Carlsbad, New Mexico. (Full Committee).

108-97—Hearing on H.R. 3589, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands. June 16, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-98—Hearing on S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes. June 23, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-99—Oversight Hearing on Developing Biomass Potential: Turning Hazardous Fuels into Valuable Products. June 23, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-100—Hearing on H.R. 831, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 2793, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. June 24, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-101—Oversight Hearing on gaming on off-reservation, restored and newly-acquired lands. July 13, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee).

108-102—Oversight Hearing on the Status of Ocean Observing Systems in the United States. July 13, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

108-103—Oversight Hearing on Restoring Forests after Catastrophic Events. July 15, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-104—Oversight Field Hearing on the Endangered Species Act 30 Years Later: The Klamath Project. July 17, 2004, Klamath Falls, Oregon. (Subcommittee on Water and Power).

108-105—Hearing on H.R. 822, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by law 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. 4806, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4838, to establish a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps to provide a means by which young adults can carry out rehabilitation and enhancement projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, rehabilitate public land affected or altered by fires, and provide disaster relief, and for other purposes. July 22, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-106—Oversight Field Hearing on Examining Impacts of the Endangered Species Act on Southern California's Inland Empire. September 10, 2004, Fontana, California. (Full Committee).

108-107—Oversight Field Hearing on Issues Affecting Rural Communities in the Southwest—National Forest Management and the Endangered Species Act. September 20, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health).

108-108—Hearing on H.R. 4368, to transfer the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the Department of the Interior. September 30, 2004, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans).

APPENDIX II

LEGISLATION PASSED HOUSE

BILLS PASSED HOUSE BY DATE

3/19/03—H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. Passed House by vote of 424–0.

3/19/03—H.R. 699, 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 414–6.

3/19/03—H.R. 519, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–42*)

3/25/03—H.R. 620, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist the State of California or local educational agencies in California in providing educational services for students attending schools located within the Park. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

3/25/03—H.R. 788, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona. Passed House by vote of 423–0. (*Public Law 108–43*)

3/25/03—H.R. 961, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 411–13.

4/1/03—H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–190*)

4/1/03—H.R. 762, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts. Passed House by voice vote.

4/1/03—H.R. 289, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–23*)

4/8/03—H.R. 108, 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 vote of 406–8.

4/8/03—H.R. 273, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana. Passed House by vote of 385–30. (*Public Law 108–16*)

4/8/03—H.R. 733, 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, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-63*)

4/11/03—H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, 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 237-175.

4/29/03—H. Res. 173, Recognizing the achievements and contributions of the National Wildlife Refuge System on the occasion of its centennial anniversary and expressing strong support for the continued success of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Passed House by voice vote.

4/29/03—H.R. 274, 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 by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-131*)

4/29/03—S. 162, to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-22*)

5/14/03—H.R. 1577, to designate the visitors' center in Organ Pipe National Monument in Arizona as the "Kris Eggle Memorial Visitors' Center", and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-64*)

5/14/03—H.R. 1012, to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-192*)

5/14/03—H.R. 856, 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 for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-231*)

5/14/03—H.R. 255, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant an easement to facilitate access to the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-62*)

5/20/03—H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 256-170. (*Public Law 108-148*)

6/5/03—S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 389-3. (*Public Law 108-34*)

6/5/03—S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the

boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 375–4. (*Public Law 108–32*)

7/16/2003—H.R. 74, 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. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–67*)

7/16/2003—H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/16/2003—S. 246, to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–66*)

9/11/2003—H.R. 911, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/16/2003—S. 520, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in the State of Idaho. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–85*)

9/16/2003—H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska. Passed House by voice vote.

9/16/2003—H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project. Passed House by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/17/2004. (*Public Law 108–418*)

9/23/2003—H. Res. 362, Recognizing the importance and contributions of sportsmen to American society, supporting the traditions and values of sportsmen, and recognizing the many economic benefits associated with outdoor sporting activities. Passed House by voice vote.

9/23/2003—H. Con. Res. 21, Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase. Passed House by voice vote.

9/23/2003—H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/17/2004. (*Public Law 108–417*)

9/23/2003—H.R. 2059, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–209*)

9/23/2003—H.R. 1409, to provide for a Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 288–127. (*See H.R. 2691, Public Law 108–108*)

9/23/2003—S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-95*)

9/23/2003—H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (See S. 470, *Public Law 108-125*)

9/23/2003—S. 111, 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, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-93*)

9/23/2003—S. 233, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-94*)

9/24/2003—H.R. 3087, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-88*)

10/1/2003—H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 10/8/2004. (*Public Law 108-360*)

10/8/2003—H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-229*)

10/8/2003—H.R. 3062, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately, for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/8/2003—H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-230*)

10/15/2003—H.R. 1442, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/6/03. (*Public Law 108-126*)

10/15/2003—H.R. 1092, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/15/2003—H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-233*)

10/15/2003—H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-313*)

10/20/2003—H.R. 1446, to support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/17/2004. (*Public Law 108-420*)

10/20/2003—H.R. 542, 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. Passed House by voice vote.

10/20/2003—H.R. 2048, to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See H.R. 2584, Public Law 108-219*).

10/28/2003—S. 470, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-125*)

10/28/2003—H. Con. Res. 268, 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 highly migratory species, including 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. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/28/2003—H.R. 3249, extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-319*)

10/28/2003—H.R. 1616, authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-314*)

10/28/2003—H.J. Res. 63, approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia," and the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands," and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/20/03. (*Public Law 108-188*)

11/4/2003—H. Con. Res. 237, Honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to the United States and for his essential service in fighting wildfires and protecting the environment and communities of Arizona. Passed House by voice vote.

11/4/2003—H.R. 2766, direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See S. 2180, Public Law 108-346*)

11/4/2003—S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-128*)

11/4/2003—S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-129*)

11/4/2003—H.R. 506, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-208*)

11/4/2003—H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-326*)

11/17/2003—H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-318*)

11/17/2003—H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-316*)

11/17/2003—S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T-07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-138*)

11/17/2003—H.R. 1648, 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. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-315*)

11/18/2003—H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/21/2004. (*Private Law 108-2*)

11/18/2003—H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

11/18/2003—H.R. 280, to establish certain National Heritage Areas. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See H.R. 4818, Public Law 108-447*)

11/18/2003—H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

11/18/2003—H.R. 2907, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai

Ranch Limited Partnership. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

11/18/2003—S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-142*)

11/18/2003—H.R. 1189, 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, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

11/19/2003—H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species. Passed House as amended by vote of 419-0. House agreed to Senate amendment on 12/8/03. (*Public Law 108-191*)

11/19/2003—H.R. 3491, to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 409-9. (*Public Law 108-184*)

11/19/2003—H.R. 421, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-160*).

11/21/2003—H.R. 1964, to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/17/2004. (*Public Law 108-421*)

11/21/2003—H.R. 135, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

11/21/2003—H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 3/29/2004. (*Public Law 108-219*).

2/11/2004—S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-204*).

2/24/2004—H.R. 2707, to direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, acting through the U.S. Forest Service, to carry out a demonstration program to assess potential water savings through control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on forests and public lands administered by the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service. Passed House as amended by vote of 367-40.

2/24/2004—H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-317*)

2/24/2004—S. 714, 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. Passed House by vote of 397–0. (*Public Law 108–206*)

2/26/2004—H.R. 3850, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Passed House without objection. (*Public Law 108–202*)

3/23/2004—H.R. 958, to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 384–23.

3/23/2004—H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 401–10. (*Public Law 108–327*)

3/23/2004—H.R. 2489, to provide for the distribution of judgment funds to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Passed House as amended by vote of 404–0. (*Public Law 108–222*)

4/28/2004—H.R. 4219, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Passed House by vote of 410–0. (*Public Law 108–224*)

5/12/2004—H. Con. Res. 409, Recognizing with humble gratitude the more than 16,000,000 veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II and the Americans who supported the war effort on the home front and celebrating the completion of the National World War II Memorial on the National Mall in the District of Columbia. Passed House by vote of 422–0.

5/17/2004—H.R. 3505, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See S. 1848, Public Law 108–269*)

5/17/2004—H.R. 3768, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–321*)

5/17/2004—H.R. 2201, 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. Passed House by voice vote.

6/1/2004—H.R. 265, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–312*)

6/1/2004—H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–431*)

6/1/2004—S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–238*)

6/14/2004—H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives,

and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-376*)

6/14/2004—H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore. Passed House by voice vote.

6/14/2004—H.R. 3378, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-266*)

6/14/2004—S. 1663, to replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps. Passed House by as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-339*)

6/14/2004—H.R. 3504, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-267*)

6/15/2004—H.R. 4503, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, 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 244-178.

6/15/2004—H.R. 4513, to provide that in preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to any action authorizing a renewable energy project, no Federal agency is required to identify alternative project locations or actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by vote of 229-186.

6/21/2004—H.R. 884, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, and 326-K, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-270*)

6/21/2004—H.R. 3846, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-278*)

6/21/2004—S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the, Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-269*)

6/21/2004—H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-385*)

6/23/2004—H.R. 4635, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Passed House by vote of 418-0. (*Public Law 108-263*)

7/7/2004—H.R. 1856, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See S. 3014, Public Law 108-456*)

7/9/2004—H.R. 2828, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 10/6/2004. (*Public Law 108-361*)

7/19/2004—H.R. 4115, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-329*)

7/19/2004—H.R. 4492, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/19/2004—H.R. 3874, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/19/2004—H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project. Passed House by voice vote.

7/19/2004—H.R. 2831, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/19/2004—H.R. 1014, 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, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/19/2004—H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-481*)

7/19/2004—H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/19/2004—H.R. 3785, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-483*)

7/19/2004—H.R. 3819, to redesignate Fort Clatsop National Memorial as the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, to include in the park sites in the State of Washington as well as the State of Oregon, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-387*)

7/19/2004—H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program

to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/19/2004—H.R. 3932, to amend Public Law 99–338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See H.R. 4818, Public Law 108–447*)

7/19/2004—H.R. 4158, to provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*See S. 3014, Public Law 108–456*)

7/19/2004—H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

7/19/2004—H.R. 4625, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

7/22/2004—H.R. 4916, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Passed House by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 108–280*)

9/13/2004—H.R. 2457, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–480*)

9/13/2004—H.R. 4027, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–485*)

9/13/2004—H.R. 4481, to amend Public Law 86–434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–394*)

9/13/2004—H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–380*)

9/13/2004—S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–307*)

9/13/2004—H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108–378*)

9/21/2004—H.R. 4459, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

9/21/2004—H.R. 2663, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

9/21/2004—H.R. 2966, to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/21/2004—H.R. 3334, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside, California. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/21/2004—H.R. 3257, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/22/2004—H.R. 4806, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/22/2004—H.R. 4045, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/22/2004—H.R. 3589, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H. Res. 752, Expressing continued support for the construction of the Victims of Communism Memorial. Passed House by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 3954, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to resolve boundary discrepancies in San Diego County, California, arising from an erroneous survey conducted by a Government contractor in 1881 that resulted in overlapping boundaries for certain lands, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 4066, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-389*)

9/28/2004—H.R. 4469, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California. Passed House by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 4579, to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-396*)

9/28/2004—H.R. 4596, to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed

by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 4683, to enhance the preservation and interpretation of the Gullah/Geechee cultural heritage, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 4808, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—S. 643, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-413*)

9/28/2004—S. 1687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-340*)

9/28/2004—S. 2052, 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. (*Public Law 108-342*)

9/28/2004—H.R. 3247, to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, to clarify the purposes for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 4617, to amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 4827, to amend the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000 to rename the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area as the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-400*)

9/28/2004—H.R. 4838, to establish a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps to provide a means by which young adults can carry out rehabilitation and enhancement projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, rehabilitate public land affected or altered by fires, and provide disaster relief, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—S. 1537, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-338*)

9/28/2004—S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United State and the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-325*)

9/28/2004—S. 2180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-346*)

9/28/2004—H.R. 3210, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 3597, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See H.R. 2828, Public Law 108-361*)

9/28/2004—H.R. 4606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 5009, to extend water contracts between the United States and specific irrigation districts and the City of Helena in Montana, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*See H.R. 4818, Public Law 108-447*)

9/28/2004—H.R. 5016, to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska. Passed House by voice vote.

9/28/2004—S. 2508, to redesignate the Ridges Basin Reservoir, Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-345*)

9/28/2004—H. J. Res. 102, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu and the end of Imperial Japanese control of Palau during World War II and urging the Secretary of the Interior to work to protect the historic sites of the Peleliu Battlefield National Historic Landmark and to establish commemorative programs honoring the Americans who fought there. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-479*)

9/28/2004—H. Res. 737, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam during World War II. Passed House by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 2941, to correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

9/28/2004—H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-384*)

9/30/2004—H.R. 5183, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law re-authorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Passed House by vote of 409-8. (*Public Law 108-310*)

10/4/2004—H.R. 1630, to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other pur-

poses. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/19/2004. (*Public Law 108-430*)

10/4/2004—H.R. 2129, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/4/2004—H.R. 4817, to facilitate the resolution of a minor boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California, which were originally conveyed by the United States as part of the right-of-way granted for the construction of transcontinental railroads. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*See H.R. 4818, Public Law 108-447*)

10/4/2004—S. Con. Res. 76, Recognizing that November 2, 2003, shall be dedicated to “A Tribute to Survivors” at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Passed House by vote of 331-0.

10/4/2004—S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-343*)

10/4/2004—S. 1521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans’ groups, and the local community. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/4/2004—H.R. 4593, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote. House agreed to Senate amendment on 11/17/2004. (*Public Law 108-424*)

10/4/2004—H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project. Passed House by voice vote.

10/4/2004—H.R. 3391, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-382*)

10/4/2004—H.R. 4389, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/4/2004—H.R. 3982, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

10/4/2004—S. 1421, to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-337*)

10/4/2004—S. 144, 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, non-

native weeds on public and private land. Passed House as amended by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-412*)

10/4/2004—S. 1814, to transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior. Passed House by vote of 333-0. (*Public Law 108-341*)

10/4/2004—S. 551, to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-336*)

10/5/2004—H.R. 918, to authorize the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Cancer Institute, and the Indian Health Service to make grants for model programs to provide to individuals of health disparity populations prevention, early detection, treatment, and appropriate follow-up care services for cancer and chronic diseases, and to make grants regarding patient navigators to assist individuals of health disparity populations in receiving such services. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/5/2004—S. 33, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-350*)

10/7/2004—S. 1791, to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-351*)

10/7/2004—S. 2511, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study of a Chimayo water supply system, to provide for the planning, design, and construction of a water supply, reclamation, and filtration facility for Espanola, New Mexico, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-354*)

10/7/2004—S. 211, to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes. Passed House as amended by voice vote.

10/7/2004—S. 2178, to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-352*)

10/7/2004—S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-374*)

10/8/2004—S. 2895, to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by pink lights in honor of breast cancer awareness month. Passed House by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 108-348*)

10/8/2004—S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes. Passed House by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 108-367*)

11/17/2004—S. 437, to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, to authorize the Gila River Indian Community water rights settlement, to reauthorize and amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-451*)

11/17/2004—S. 1241, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-438*)

11/17/2004—S. 1727, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-439*)

11/17/2004—S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-436*)

11/17/2004—S. 1466, to facilitate the transfer of land in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-452*)

11/17/2004—S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Joint Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-437*)

11/20/2004—S. 3014, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 108-456*)

APPENDIX III

LIST OF PUBLIC LAWS

*Denotes bills that were not referred to the Committee on Resources but contain legislation that was referred to the Committee on Resources.

- Public Law 108-7 (H.J. Res. 2*; H.R. 216; H.R. 222; H.R. 420)
- Public Law 108-16 (H.R. 273)
- Public Law 108-22 (S. 162; H.R. 458)
- Public Law 108-23 (H.R. 289)
- Public Law 108-32 (S. 273)
- Public Law 108-34 (S. 222; H.R. 495)
- Public Law 108-42 (H.R. 519)
- Public Law 108-43 (H.R. 788)
- Public Law 108-62 (H.R. 255)
- Public Law 108-63 (H.R. 733)
- Public Law 108-64 (H.R. 1577)
- Public Law 108-66 (S. 246; H.R. 507)
- Public Law 108-67 (H.R. 74)
- Public Law 108-85 (S. 520; H.R. 1106)
- Public Law 108-88 (H.R. 3087)
- Public Law 108-93 (S. 111; H.R. 1361)
- Public Law 108-94 (S. 233; H.R. 437)
- Public Law 108-95 (S. 278; H.R. 511)
- Public Law 108-108 (H.R. 2691*; H.R. 1409; H.R. 1759)
- Public Law 108-125 (S. 470; H.R. 1209)
- Public Law 108-126 (H.R. 1442; S. 1076)
- Public Law 108-128 (S. 677; H.R. 1399)
- Public Law 108-129 (S. 924)
- Public Law 108-131 (H.R. 274)
- Public Law 108-136 (H.R. 1588*; H.R. 575; H.R. 1235; H.R. 1497; H.R. 1835)
- Public Law 108-137 (H.R. 2754*; S. 625; H.R. 1525; H.R. 1604; H.R. 3209)
- Public Law 108-138 (S. 1066; H.R. 154)
- Public Law 108-142 (S. 254; H.R. 546)
- Public Law 108-148 (H.R. 1904)
- Public Law 108-152 (S. 117; H.R. 482)
- Public Law 108-160 (H.R. 421; S. 163)
- Public Law 108-184 (H.R. 3491)
- Public Law 108-188 (H.J. Res. 63)
- Public Law 108-190 (H.R. 622)
- Public Law 108-191 (H.R. 1006)
- Public Law 108-192 (H.R. 1012)
- Public Law 108-199 (H.R. 2673*; H.R. 1809; H.R. 2894; H.R. 3406)
- Public Law 108-202 (H.R. 3850)

Public Law 108-204 (S. 523; H.R. 2425)
Public Law 108-206 (S. 714; H.R. 514)
Public Law 108-208 (H.R. 506; S. 210)
Public Law 108-209 (H.R. 2059; S. 214)
Public Law 108-219 (H.R. 2584; S. 886; H.R. 2048)
Public Law 108-222 (H.R. 2489)
Public Law 108-224 (H.R. 4219)
Public Law 108-229 (H.R. 408)
Public Law 108-230 (H.R. 708)
Public Law 108-231 (H.R. 856)
Public Law 108-233 (H.R. 1598)
Public Law 108-238 (S. 1233; H.R. 2424)
Public Law 108-263 (H.R. 4635)
Public Law 108-266 (H.R. 3378; S. 1210)
Public Law 108-267 (H.R. 3504)
Public Law 108-269 (S. 1848; H.R. 3505)
Public Law 108-270 (H.R. 884; S. 618)
Public Law 108-278 (H.R. 3846)
Public Law 108-280 (H.R. 4916)
Public Law 108-307 (S. 1576; H.R. 3305)
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Public Law 108-321 (H.R. 3768)
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Public Law 108-336 (S. 551; H.R. 1484)
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Public Law 108-338 (S. 1537; H.R. 3997)
Public Law 108-339 (S. 1663; H.R. 2501)
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Public Law 108-341 (S. 1814; H.R. 3433)
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Public Law 108-343 (S. 2319; H.R. 4667)
Public Law 108-345 (S. 2508)
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Public Law 108-351 (S. 1791)
Public Law 108-352 (S. 2178)
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Public Law 108-360 (H.R. 2608)
Public Law 108-361 (H.R. 2828; H.R. 3597)
Public Law 108-367 (S. 524; H.R. 646)
Public Law 108-374 (S. 1721)
Public Law 108-375 (H.R. 4200*; H.R. 4362)

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 Public Law 108-378 (H.R. 2400)
 Public Law 108-380 (H.R. 3056)
 Public Law 108-383 (H.R. 3391)
 Public Law 108-384 (H.R. 3479)
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 Public Law 108-394 (H.R. 4481)
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 Public Law 108-400 (H.R. 4827)
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 Public Law 108-439 (S. 1727; H.R. 4893)
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 H.R. 1945; H.R. 2237; H.R. 2266; H.R. 2411; H.R. 2689; H.R. 3283;
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APPENDIX IV

COMMITTEE PRINTS

Compilation of Selected Acts Concerning Marine Resources, Including Fisheries. (With amendments through the end of the 107th Congress). April, 2003 (108–A).

Compilation of Selected Laws Concerning National Forests and Related Matters. (As amended through the end of the First Session of the 108th Congress, December 31, 2003. February, 2004 (108–B).

Compilation of Selected Acts Concerning National Parks, Public Lands, and Related Matters. (As amended through the end of the First Session of the 108th Congress, December 21, 2003. July, 2004 (108–C).

APPENDIX V

COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

House Report 108–99 (pt. 1) (H.R. 1835), to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to limit designation as critical habitat of areas owned or controlled by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

House Report 108–100 (pt. 1) (H.R. 1497), to reauthorize title I of the Sikes Act.

House Report 108–102 (pt. 2) (H.R. 982), to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa.

House Report 108–119 (H.R. 1189), 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, and for other purposes.

House Report 108–161 (H. Con. Res. 21), Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase.

House Report 108–166 (H.R. 272), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries.

House Report 108–185 (H.R. 74), 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 108–194 (H. Res. 30), Concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico.

House Report 108–201 (H.R. 1113), to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and for other purposes.

House Report 108–202 (H.R. 901), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, and for other purposes.

House Report 108–203 (H.R. 1209), to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

House Report 108–204 (H.R. 1284), to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project.

House Report 108–218 (pt. 1 & pt. 2) (H.R. 1038), 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 pri-

vate property, to specify the purpose for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-251 (H.R. 1658), to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-252 (S. 233), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

House Report 108-253 (S. 278), to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-254 (H.R. 1409), to provide for a Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-255 (H.R. 1616), to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-256 (H.R. 1651), to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-257 (H.R. 2059), to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-259 (H.R. 2040), to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska.

House Report 108-262 (pt. 2) (H.J. Res. 63), to approve the Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and to appropriate funds to carry out the amended Compacts.”

House Report 108-268 (S. 111), 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, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-269 (H.R. 1006), to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

House Report 108-272 (H.R. 1945), 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, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-292 (H.R. 408), to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

House Report 108-293 (H.R. 708), to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-294 (H.R. 1092), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada.

House Report 108-295 (H.R. 1442), to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

House Report 108-296 (S. 254), to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-297 (H.R. 542), 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 108-298 (H.R. 2055), to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

House Report 108-299 (H.R. 884), to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, and 326-K, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-300 (H.R. 2048), to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000.

House Report 108-301 (H.R. 1521), to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-302 (H.R. 3062), to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately, for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-306 (H.R. 1598), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-309 (pt. 1) (H.R. 135), to establish the "Twenty-First Century Water Commission" to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs.

House Report 108-313 (H.R. 1899), to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-327 (H. Con. Res. 268), 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 highly migratory species, including 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.

House Report 108-328 (H.R. 313), to modify requirements relating to allocation of interest that accrues to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.

House Report 108-329 (H.R. 2766), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado.

House Report 108-343 (H. Con. Res. 237), Honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to the United States and for his essential service in fighting wildfires and protecting the environment and communities of Arizona.

House Report 108-344 (S. 677), to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-345 (S. 924), to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-346 (H.R. 506), to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-347 (H.R. 1204), to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-356 (H.R. 3209), to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project.

House Report 108-359 (H.R. 154), to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System.

House Report 108-360 (H.R. 521), to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

House Report 108-361 (H.R. 1594), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-362 (H.R. 1618), to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-363 (H.R. 1648), 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 108-364 (H.R. 1732), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-365 (H.R. 1798), to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Con-

necticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-366 (H.R. 1862), to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area.

House Report 108-367 (H.R. 2425), to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Quinault Indian Nation under United States Claims Court Dockets 772-71, 773-71, 774-71, and 775-71, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-368 (H.R. 2489), to provide for the distribution of judgment funds to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

House Report 108-369 (S. 625), to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies in the Tualatin River Basin in Oregon, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-370 (H.R. 280), to establish certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-371 (pt. 1) (H.R. 421), to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-372 (pt. 1) (S. 1233), to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center.

House Report 108-373 (pt. 1) (H.R. 1964), to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-374 (pt. 1) (S. 523), to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-378 (H.R. 2584), to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-379 (H.R. 2907), to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership.

House Report 108-385 (H.R. 2408), to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges.

House Report 108-392 (H.R. 1629), to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-397 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2696), to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-400 (H.R. 958), to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-424 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2707), to direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, acting through the U.S. Forest Service, to carry out a demonstration program to assess potential water savings through control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on forests and public lands administered by the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service.

House Report 108-464 (H.R. 2693), to reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-492 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2201), 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 108-493 (H.R. 3768), to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida.

House Report 108-494 (H.R. 3505), to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-495 (H.R. 265), to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-502 (H.R. 2912), to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government.

House Report 108-506 (H.R. 2991), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project.

House Report 108-507 (H.R. 3378), to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries.

House Report 108-508 (pt. 1) (H.R. 1014), 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, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-509 (pt. 1) (H.R. 3846), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land.

House Report 108-510 (pt. 1) (H.R. 3504), to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education.

House Report 108-511 (pt. 1) (H.R. 3247), to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, to clarify the purposes for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-512 (H.R. 3874), to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal.

House Report 108-513 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2966), to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including

wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-515 (H.R. 2010), to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-516 (H.R. 3785), to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park.

House Report 108-517 (pt. 1) (S. 144), 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 108-520 (H.R. 4114), to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exclude non-native migratory bird species from the application of that Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-521 (H.R. 2909), to ensure the continued availability of the Utah Test and Training Range to support the readiness and training needs of the Armed Forces.

House Report 108-522 (H.R. 2619), to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge.

House Report 108-523 (pt. 1) (S. 1146), to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota.

House Report 108-525 (H.R. 3932), to amend Public Law 99-338 to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project.

House Report 108-535 (H.R. 4115), to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation.

House Report 108-537 (H.R. 4158), to provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-555 (H.R. 3706), to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-562 (H.R. 1156), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project.

House Report 108-563 (H.R. 646), to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-564 (H.R. 142), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to partici-

pate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project.

House Report 108-570 (H.R. 3819), to redesignate Fort Clatsop National Memorial as the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, to include in the park sites in the State of Washington as well as the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-571 (H.R. 2831), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District.

House Report 108-573 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2828), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources.

House Report 108-582 (pt. 1) (H.R. 4362), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept a parcel of Federal land in the State of Washington in trust for the Nisqually Tribe, to ensure that the acceptance of such land does not adversely affect the Bonneville Power Administration, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-605 (H.R. 2715), to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-611 (H.R. 4492), to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-612 (H.R. 4625), to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-613 (H.R. 4170), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior.

House Report 108-637 (H.R. 2129), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-638 (H.R. 2400), to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam.

House Report 108-639 (H.R. 2457), to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-640 (H.R. 2663), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-641 (H.R. 3056), to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P.

House Report 108-642 (H.R. 3257), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area.

House Report 108-643 (H.R. 3334), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside, California.

House Report 108-644 (H.R. 3427), to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-645 (H.R. 3589), to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

House Report 108-646 (H.R. 3597), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-647 (H.R. 3954), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to resolve boundary discrepancies in San Diego County, California, arising from an erroneous survey conducted by a Government contractor in 1881 that resulted in overlapping boundaries for certain lands, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-648 (H.R. 4010), to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

House Report 108-649 (H.R. 4045), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-650 (H.R. 4459), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-651 (H.R. 4481), to amend Public Law 86-434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-652 (H.R. 4494), to designate the Grey Towers National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-653 (S. 943), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming.

House Report 108-654 (S. 1537), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery.

House Report 108-655 (S. 1576), to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-656 (S. 1721), to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-657 (H. Res. 431), Honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery.

House Report 108-664 (H.R. 2960), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize

the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project.

House Report 108-665 (H.R. 4027), to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center.

House Report 108-666 (pt. 1) (H.R. 4617), to amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-667 (S. 1003), to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River.

House Report 108-668 (H.R. 4606), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-669 (H.R. 4508), to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to require the Secretary to permit continued use and occupancy of certain privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park.

House Report 108-687 (pt. 1) (H.R. 3479), to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-701 (H.R. 2941), to correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-702 (H.R. 4066), to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-703 (H.R. 4579), to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-704 (H.R. 5009), to extend water contracts between the United States and specific irrigation districts and the City of Helena in Montana, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-712 (pt. 1) (S. 551), to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-713 (H.R. 1630), to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-714 (H.R. 4817), to facilitate the resolution of a minor boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California, which were originally conveyed by the United States as part of the right-of-way granted for the construction of transcontinental railroads.

House Report 108-715 (H.R. 3982), to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-716 (pt. 1) (S. 1814), to transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.

House Report 108-717 (H.R. 3176), to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-718 (pt. 1) (H.R. 4389), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-719 (H.R. 3391), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project.

House Report 108-720 (H.R. 4593), to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-721 (pt. 2) (H.R. 4667), to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-738 (H.R. 4887), to adjust the boundary of the Cumberland Island Wilderness, to authorize tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-739 (H.R. 4984), to provide that the royalty rate on the output from Federal lands of potassium and potassium compounds from the mineral sylvite in the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be reduced to 1.0 percent, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-740 (S. 434), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes.

House Report 108-741 (H.R. 4285), to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport.

House Report 108-742 (H.R. 4282), to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-743 (H.R. 3258), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-744 (H.R. 3207), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

House Report 108-745 (H. Res. 556), Congratulating the United States Geological Survey on its 125th Anniversary.

House Report 108-757 (H.R. 4893), to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978.

House Report 108-758 (H.R. 4588), to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-759 (H.R. 4650), to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas, and for other purposes" to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project.

House Report 108-760 (H.R. 4775), to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization project, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-761 (H.R. 5135), to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-777 (H.R. 4908), to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-785 (H.R. 1662), 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 for other purposes.

House Report 108-786 (H.R. 2933), to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to reform the process for designating critical habitat under that Act.

House Report 108-787 (H.R. 5104), to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations for the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-788 (H.R. 5134), to require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the long-standing petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-790 (pt. 1) (H.R. 3283), to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and passes, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-791 (pt. 1) (H.R. 2440), to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal health programs for Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, and for other purposes.

House Report 108-793 (H.R. 885), to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, to authorize the Gila River Indian Community water rights settlement, to reauthorize and amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, and for other purposes.

APPENDIX VI

OVERSIGHT SUMMARY

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 107th Congress, the Committee and its subcommittees held 93 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.

In addition, the Committee expects that a majority of its oversight activities and hearings will take place outside Washington, D.C., to ensure that those who cannot travel to the Nation's Capitol will also have a voice in Committee deliberations and to guarantee Members of the Committee a personal view of real-life situations involving federal programs and other activities under the Committee's jurisdiction.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The Full Committee will continue to examine the implementation of the Endangered Species Act and the conflicts and inconsistencies of its application to private property and federal activities. Winter/Spring/Summer 2003.

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 2003.

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 2003/Fall 2003.

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 2003/Winter 2004.

Tribal Recognition/Enrollment/Membership: The Committee will review comprehensive issues relating to the tribal recognition process, tribal enrollment and tribal membership. Spring 2004.

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 2003.

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 2003.

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 2003/Winter 2004.

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 2003.

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 2003.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS

Department of the Interior—National Park Service (NPS)

Wilderness Designation in National Parks: Wilderness area designation within the boundaries of National Park units has recently become a concern. 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 2004.

National Park Service Natural Resource Management Policy and Science Program: The NPS science program was abolished and relocated to the U.S. Geological Survey in 1994. The effects of the elimination of the research program place park resources at risk. In recent reports, the General Accounting Office has noted 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 NPS 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 NPS 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 program. In addition, other NPS management policies will also need Subcommittee attention, including memorials and management of the National Mall, heritage area designations, snowmobiles in national parks, budget and financial management, historic preservation fund, restrictions/soundscape management and NPS consideration of "resources preservation" and "visitor enjoyment". Fall 2003/Winter 2004/Spring 2004.

National Trails System/Condemnation Authority: There are now over 35,000 miles of federally-designated trails in the country and 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 NPS 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 2003.

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. In 1999, S. 1693 was signed into law which, among other things, established a procedure for NPS to follow in studying areas for potential addition to the National Park System. The new law was to ensure that new areas recommended for addition to the Na-

tional Park System are appropriate for inclusion in the system and that they include 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 review the designation process and the implementation of S. 1693. Spring 2004.

Air Tour Overflight Regulations: The Subcommittee will continue to 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. Summer 2004.

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. Fall 2004.

Yosemite National Park Issues: The Subcommittee will also focus on particular resource conflicts within Yosemite National Park, including elimination of campsites and transportation. Winter 2003.

NPS Facility Safety and Law Enforcement: Following the events of 9/11, security has been beefed up at several landmark national parks and monument. NPS law enforcement personnel have been stretched very thin. The Subcommittee will examine the vulnerability of National Parks System units to terrorist activities and the affects on law enforcement at existing facilities. Fall 2003.

NPS Concessions: The Subcommittee will conduct oversight of the 2000 NPS regulations governing concession operations in the National Park System. Fall 2003.

Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management

Land Exchanges/Appraisals: 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. Based on earlier hearings focused on land appraisals associated with these exchanges, the Subcommittee discovered 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 2003.

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 2003.

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. Summer 2004.

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. Fall 2003.

Oversight of Colorado River Operations/California Water Allocation: The Subcommittee will hold hearings on the operation of the entire Colorado River, and the effect of the recent decision by the Secretary of the Interior to restrict surplus water flows within California. Spring 2003.

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 within western states. Summer 2004.

California Bay-Delta (CALFED) Funding and Program Management: The Subcommittee will examine the CALFED Program 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 2003.

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. The Subcommittee will review possible legislative proposals to im-

prove the reliability and water quality of CVP water deliveries. Summer 2003.

Rural Water Projects: The Subcommittee will review the status of several rural water proposals relating to water supply management in the Western United States. Fall 2003.

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 2004.

Oversight of the Salton Sea: The Subcommittee will continue to monitor proposals that are being developed to restore the Salton Sea. Winter 2003.

Safety of Dams: The Bureau of Reclamation has its own standards for safety of dams under its jurisdiction, and does its own safety inspections. Dam safety issues have been raised following the terrorist attacks of 9/11. 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 2004.

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 2005.

Oversight of Klamath Basin: Conflicts among federal water service contractors, Native Americans and environmental issues have created challenges for the Bureau of Reclamation for managing water deliveries in the Klamath River Basin of Oregon and California. The Subcommittee will continue to examine federal actions related to water deliveries in the Klamath Basin. Fall 2003.

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 2003.

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 2003.

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. Summer 2003.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES CONSERVATION, WILDLIFE AND OCEANS

Budget Review: The Subcommittee will hold an oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2004 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). Spring 2003.

Department of the Interior—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

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 18 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 expires on September 30, 2003. The Subcommittee will conduct oversight on the implementation of this legislation with an eye towards reauthorization. Spring 2003.

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 2003.

National Wildlife Refuge System: This System is comprised of federal lands that have been acquired for the conservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife. Totalling 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 540 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 law and to determine the status of efforts to complete a comprehensive conservation plan for each refuge. Spring 2003/Summer 2003.

Sikes Act Reauthorization: The Subcommittee will examine issues relating to the authorization of the Sikes Act, which governs wildlife management on military lands. Fall 2004.

Maintenance Backlog in the National Wildlife Refuge System: During the previous four 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 \$600 million at visitors 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. 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 for the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System in 2003. Winter 2003.

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 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 2004.

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 2003.

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 107th 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 shortly. Summer 2003.

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 2003.

Nonindigenous Species: The recent report on the influx of non-indigenous 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 2003/Winter 2004.

Department of the Interior—Minerals Management Service

Rigs to Reef Program: The Subcommittee will examine the operation and the opportunities for increased utilization of the Rigs to Reef Program where abandoned or decommissioned offshore oil rigs are positioned for use as reef material. Winter 2005.

Department of Commerce—National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

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 against fishing 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 changes to the biological opinion related to the Steller sea lion court case. A recent National Academy of Sciences report has backed the fishermen in this dispute. Spring 2004.

Aquaculture: A number of aquaculture-related issues have arisen which the Subcommittee may want to look into. 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 2003.

NMFS Lawsuits: NMFS is overwhelmed by lawsuits (more than 100 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 2003.

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 2003.

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. Spring 2004.

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

National Marine Sanctuaries Program Reauthorization: The Subcommittee will examine issues relating to the implementation of the 1972 National Marine Sanctuaries Act including resource conflicts, funding levels, preparation and implementation of long-term management plans. The Act's authorization for appropriations expires in 2005. Fall 2004.

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. Winter 2003.

Department of the Interior—Energy and Mining Issues

SMCRA Title IV Reform: Under 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 mine lands (AML) trust fund for the restoration of pre-1977 abandoned coal mines. Fee collection authority is 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. Reform of SMCRA is 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 2003.

Hardrock Mining Exploration and Development on the Public Lands: The Subcommittee plans oversight of the 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. Several lawsuits have already been filed challenging the regulations. 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 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. Summer 2004.

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 2003.

Oil and Gas Resource Assessments/Energy Policy: The Energy Policy Act of 2000 requires the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate with the Secretary of Energy and report to 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 2003.

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 2003.

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. Summer 2003.

Surety Bonds for Resource Projects on Federal Lands: The Subcommittee will examine the availability of surety bonds for mineral extractions on public lands. Fall 2003.

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. Winter 2003.

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

Healthy Forests Initiative: In the wake of one of the largest and most destructive fire seasons in the last half-century, last summer President George W. Bush unveiled the Healthy Forests Initiative aimed at streamlining the statutory and regulatory obstacles that have slowed or totally prevented the implementation of hazardous fuels reduction projects on high risk landscapes. The Initiative would streamline certain analysis procedures, repeal an Appropriation Act rider that creates a conflict-ridden appeals process for Forest Service thinning projects, require land managers and the courts to balance the consequences of inaction when considering environmental effects of a proposed project, and give the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management the authority to enter into

long-term stewardship contracts with private entities who perform services advantageous to land managers and the public. Intense bipartisan negotiations in both the House and Senate on variations of the President's Initiative ensued into the fall, but legislation was not enacted. In the absence of Congressional action, the White House issued a series of new regulations and administrative guidelines in December 2002 intended to advance the purposes of the Healthy Forests Initiative within the confines of existing laws. The Subcommittee will conduct oversight over these new administrative procedures, while continuing to review opportunities to loosen the procedural constraints on land managers grappling with the wild-fire crisis. Spring 2003.

Roadless Area Management Regulations: In the waning hours of the Clinton Administration, the U.S. Forest Service issued new regulations that set aside nearly 60 million acres of National Forest System lands (nearly one-third of the entire National Forest System) from most forms of access, use, enjoyment and management. The regulations are known informally as the Roadless Area Rule. Shortly thereafter, an Idaho federal court enjoined the Rule for its failure to satisfy the public participation requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned that decision in late 2002. Appeals of that decision are expected, even as additional challenges in other federal venues challenging the validity of the rule are pending. With the pace of legal maneuvering quickening, additional activity on the roadless issue—either on the administrative or legislative side—is expected during the 108th Congress. Summer 2003.

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 2003.

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 inaction. 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. Fall 2003.

Forest Planning Rules and Land Management Decisions: The National Forest Management Act requires the development, periodic revision and amendment of the planning documents that govern the Nation's 155 national forests and 20 grasslands. Existing plans for these lands were developed under regulations adopted in 1982. There are currently 39 revisions and numerous amendments underway pursuant to the 1982 regulations. In 2000, under the Clinton Administration, new planning regulations were drafted, but the U.S. Forest Service halted implementation, as agency officials feared they could not be effectively implemented due to their cost and complexity. In November 2002, the Forest Service released a new planning rule, which is currently out for public comment. The proposed planning rule retains the basic principles from the 2000 rule, which emphasizes meaningful public involvement, sustainability, use of science, and monitoring and evaluation. In addition, the proposal provides forest managers with more flexibility to tailor analyses to the specific characteristics and challenges presented by their forests and grasslands. It also eliminates certain procedural requirements and redundancies in the planning process, which could allow plans to be completed in one-third of the time it takes to complete a plan under the 1982 regulations. A comprehensive study of the costs of land and resource management planning prepared by the Forest Service predicts the proposed 2003 planning rule will save roughly 30 percent from the 2000 rule. The Subcommittee will thoroughly review the proposed land and resource management planning rule. Spring 2003.

Forest Service Accountability: Fiscal Year 2002 marks the first time that the U.S. Forest Service received a clean audit from the Office of Inspector General. However, the General Accounting Office (GAO) still ranks the U.S. Forest Service high on its list of agencies at high risk of waste, fraud and abuse. Additionally, measuring performance of the agency's program activities has been problematic. The Subcommittee with the assistance of the GAO will focus on the longstanding problem and progress made in addressing both financial management and performance measures of the agency. Summer 2003.

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 2003.

Forest Service Management of Proprietary Information: The Forest Service has been 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 2004.

Appeals Reform: The Forest Service is the only land management agency that has an administrative appeals process enshrined in statute for all project level activities—the Appeals Reform Act (ARA). The Chief of the Forest Service and others have said that ARA is a flawed procedure that places a premium on conflict rather than up-front participation and collaboration. The ARA should be reviewed and new procedures developed to reform this cumbersome process, making public involvement more effective and improving agency decision-making. Fall 2003.

Access for Recreation and to Private Property: 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 2003.

County Payments: The “Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000,” has unprecedented provisions allowing for community involvement on Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service lands. It will be essential for Congress to work to insure the effective implementation of this law. Summer 2004.

Aviation Safety in Wildfire Suppression: After a series of fixed-wing crashes used for fire suppression during the 2002 wildland fire season, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management empaneled a special blue ribbon commission to review the safety of Forest Service and Department of the Interior aviation assets used for wildfire suppression. The commission's report, released in December 2002, was scathing in its indictment of the safety of these airplanes and other airborne suppression assets, asserting that “the safety record of fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters used in wildland fire management is unacceptable.” In the wake of this report, the Chief of the Forest Service and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management announced that they would ground two specific classes of planes deemed by the commission to be particularly unsafe. While the commission was starkly critical of the state of the Forest Service's aviation fleet, no specific recommendations were made, and many questions remain unanswered. Importantly, what is the federal government's long-term vision for upgrading a wildfire suppression fleet that is in most cases many decades old? The Subcommittee will work with the Forest Service and other wildfire suppression agencies to ensure that this long-term plan is being formulated in an expeditious and reasoned manner. Spring 2003.

Fire Suppression Funding: The Forest Service and other fire suppression agencies have experienced chronic funding shortfalls in

fire suppression budgets. In Fiscal Year 2002, these agencies were forced to borrow in excess of \$1 billion from other program areas to offset massive overruns in fire suppression expenditures. A similar situation occurred in the previous fiscal year. These borrowing activities have had a substantial adverse affect on a broad range of other program areas in the Forest Service, as the agency has been forced to borrow out of everything from recreational programs to the hazardous fuels reduction program. With drought and forest fuel conditions pointing to the continued occurrence of large-scale wildfire seasons, concrete steps need to be taken to end this borrowing cycle that threatens to unwittingly transform the Forest Service into a firefighting agency rather than a land management agency. The Subcommittee will conduct oversight and work with the Appropriations Committee and the agencies in looking at the range of options for addressing this operational challenge. Summer 2003.

