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On January 5, 2011, pursuant to H. Res. 6, Chairman Doc Hastings, of Washington, was elected to the Committee.

On January 5, 2011, pursuant to H. Res. 7, Ranking Member Edward J. Markey, of Massachusetts, was elected to the Committee.

On January 18, 2011, pursuant to H. Res. 37, the Majority (Republican) Members were elected to the Committee.

On January 19, 2011, pursuant to H. Res. 39, the Minority (Democrat) Members were elected to the Committee.

On March 2, 2011, Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen, of the U.S. Virgin Islands, resigned from the Committee.

On October 25, 2011, Congressman Charles J. "Chuck" Fleischmann, of Tennessee, resigned from the Committee.

On October 25, 2011, pursuant to H. Res. 447, Congressman Mark Amodei, was elected to the Committee.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
December 23, 2011.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: Pursuant to clause 1(d) of rule XI and rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, here is a quarterly report of the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Natural Resources during the 112th Congress.

Sincerely,

DOC HASTINGS,
Chairman.

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

ADDITIONAL AND DISSENTING VIEWS

OVERVIEW

The Committee on Natural Resources met on January 26, 2011, for an organizational meeting of the 112th Congress under the direction of Chairman Doc Hastings. The Committee Membership was 48 Members with 27 Republicans and 21 Democrats.

The Committee established five subcommittees: Energy and Mineral Resources (Doug Lamborn, Chairman); Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs (John Fleming, Chairman); Indian and Alaska Native Affairs (Don Young, Chairman); National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (Rob Bishop, Chairman); and Water and Power (Tom McClintock, Chairman).

JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources, as prescribed by *clause (m)(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 public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES REPORT

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES STATISTICS

Total number of bills and resolutions referred	464
Total number of meeting days:	
Full Committee (35)	
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources (20)	
Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs (15)	
Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs (10)	
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands (21)	
Subcommittee on Water and Power (14)	
Total	115
Total number of bills ordered reported from Committee	76
Total number of reports filed	54
Total number of bills referred to/discharged by Committee on Natural Resources and passed by the House of Representatives	30
Total number of public laws	4
Total number of bills enacted into law*	4

*Includes House and Senate Resolutions.

FULL COMMITTEE

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative and Administrative Hearings and Markups

January 26, 2011—Full Committee met to organize for the 112th Congress; to adopt the Committee Rules, agree to an oversight plan, and adopt the Committee Staff Hiring Resolution.

April 13, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

May 25, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1670, to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense.

June 15, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes; H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; H.R. 643, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; H.R. 765, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange

County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and S. 266, a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

June 24, 2011—Full Committee met to approve the semi-annual 112th Congress Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources.

July 13, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; H.R. 2150, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes; H.R. 2170, streamlining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects; H.R. 2171, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; H.R. 2172, to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands; and H.R. 2173, to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources.

July 20, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 258, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 461, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; H.R. 795, to expand small-scale hydropower; H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District; H.R. 1158, to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; H.R. 1258, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of

land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma; H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe; and H.R. 2011, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes.

October 5, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 850, to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 1461, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States; H.R. 1505, to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1740, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2060, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes; H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources

other than oil and gas, and for other purposes; H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 2752, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes; H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States; H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes; H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3069, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes.

November 17, 2011—Markup held on H.R. 200, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes; H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases," approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 1545, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL–70P; H.R. 2236, to provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 2336, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises; H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; H.R. 2834, to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities; H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain

gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona; H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes; H.R. 3397, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 3404, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes; and S. 535, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

December 1, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 594, to promote coastal jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes; H.R. 1013, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide the New England Fishery Management Council additional resources to address research and monitoring priorities established by the Council; H.R. 1646, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to preserve jobs and coastal communities through transparency and accountability in fishery management, and for other purposes; H.R. 2304, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 to provide the necessary scientific information to properly implement annual catch limits, and for other purposes; H.R. 2610, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to reform procedures for the payment of funds from the asset forfeiture fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 2753, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide Internet access to Regional Fishery Management Council meetings and meeting records, and for other purposes; H.R. 2772, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3061, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE FULL COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

A. Oversight Hearings

January 26, 2011—Oversight hearing on "The Final Report from the President's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling."

March 1, 2011—Oversight hearing on "The Impact of the Administration's Wild Lands Order on Jobs and Economic Growth."

March 3, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Department of the Interior Spending and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal."

March 16, 2011—Oversight hearing on the "Obama Administration's De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf: State, Community and Economic Impacts."

March 17, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic Impacts."

March 30, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal."

March 31, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families."

April 18, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Houma, Louisiana, on "Gulf of Mexico: A Focus on Community Recovery and New Response Technology."

May 3, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Agriculture on "At Risk: American Jobs, Agriculture, Health and Species—the Costs of Federal Regulatory Dysfunction."

May 13, 2011—Oversight hearing on "American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part 1—Department of the Interior Officials."

May 25, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Seniors, Working Families and Memorial Day Vacations."

June 1, 2011—Oversight hearing on the "American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part 2—The Wind and Solar Industry Perspective."

July 15, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Offshore Energy: Interior Department's Plans for Offshore Energy, Revenue, and Safety Reorganization."

July 27, 2011—Oversight hearing on "State Perspectives on Offshore Revenue Sharing."

September 8, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: U.S. Offshore and Renewable Energy Production."

September 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Creating American Jobs by Harnessing our Resources: Domestic Mining Opportunities and Hurdles."

September 21, 2011—Oversight hearing on "ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction." (Part 1)

October 4, 2011—Oversight hearing on "The President's New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities."

October 12, 2011—Oversight hearing on "One Year after President Obama's Gulf of Mexico 6-Month Moratorium Officially Lifted: Examining the Lingering Impacts on Jobs, Energy Production and Local Economies."

October 13, 2011—Oversight hearing on "BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report." (Part 1)

October 17, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Seattle, Washington, on "NOAA's Steller Sea Lion Science and Fishery Management Restrictions—Does the Science Support the Decisions?"

October 26, 2011—Oversight hearing on "The President's New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities."

October 27, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Gulf Coast Recovery: President Obama's BP Compensation Fund, How Is It Working?"

November 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on "BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report." (Part 2)

November 16, 2011—Oversight hearing on "The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters."

November 18, 2011—Oversight hearing on "ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction."(Part 2)

December 6, 2011—Oversight hearing on "The Endangered Species Act: How Litigation is Costing Jobs and Impeding True Recovery Efforts."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings

April 6, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

June 3, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1314, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2011, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes.

June 16, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2150, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes.

June 23, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2170, streamlining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects; H.R. 2171, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; H.R. 2172, to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands; and H.R. 2173, to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources.

September 13, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes; H.R. 2752, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live

lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States.

September 15, 2011—Hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes.

November 18, 2011—Hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, to provide fair and equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, to formulate future offshore energy development plans in areas with the most potential, to generate revenue for American infrastructure, and for other purposes; (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to ensure secure energy supplies for the continental Pacific Coast of the United States, lower prices, and reduce imports, and for other purposes; (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes; and (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

December 13, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2512, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3479, to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes.

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

A. Oversight Hearings

March 9, 2011—Oversight hearing to "Examine the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the U.S. Geological Survey and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal."

April 5, 2011—Oversight hearing on the "Effect of the President's FY–2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service's Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction."

April 7, 2011—Oversight hearing on the "Effect of the President's FY–2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction."

May 24, 2011—Oversight hearing on the "Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy: Domestic Minerals Supplies and Demands in a time of Foreign Supply Disruptions."

June 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access and Infrastructure."

July 8, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry on "Challenges Facing Domestic Oil and Gas Development: Review of Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Ban on Horizontal Drilling on Federal Lands."

July 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Abandoned Mined Lands: Innovative Solutions for Restoring the Environment, Improving Safety and Creating Jobs."

August 24, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Grand Junction, Colorado, on "American Jobs and Energy Security: Domestic Oil Shale—the Status of Research, Regulation and Roadblocks."

September 9, 2011—Oversight Hearing on "Impacts to Onshore Jobs, Revenue, and Energy: Review and Status of Sec. 390 Categorical Exclusions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005."

September 26, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Charleston, West Virginia, entitled "Jobs at Risk: Community Impacts of the Obama Administration's Effort to Rewrite the Stream Buffer Zone Rule."

November 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on "North American Offshore Energy: Mexico and Canada Boundary Treaties and New Drilling by Cuba and Bahamas."

November 4, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Jobs at Risk: Waste and Mismanagement by the Obama Administration in Rewriting the Stream Buffer Zone Rule."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, OCEANS AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings

April 7, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 258, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; and S. 266, a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

May 12, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was deter-

mined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1670, to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense.

June 14, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 946, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon, and for other purposes.

July 14, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 44, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission; and H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States.

July 28, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, and the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; H.R. 1760, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1761, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

October 25, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL–70P; H.R. 2236, to provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 2714, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the transport, purchase, and sale of pelts of, and handicrafts, garments, and art produced from, Southcentral and Southeast Alaska northern sea otters that are taken for subsistence purposes; H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; H.R. 3009, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute; and H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

December 15, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1171, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; and S. 363, A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

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

A. Oversight Hearings

March 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on "The Department of the Interior Spending for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

Request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs."

March 31, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for these Agencies."

May 26, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Buying More Land When We Can't Maintain What We Already Own: The National Wildlife Refuge System's Operations and Maintenance Backlog Story!"

June 24, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Why We Should Care About Bats: Devastating Impact White-Nose Syndrome Is Having on One of Nature's Best Pest Controllers."

June 27, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Shreveport, Louisiana, on "Giant Salvinia: How Do We Protect Our Ecosystems?"

July 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on Implementation of Public Law 110–229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.

July 26, 2011—Oversight hearing on "NOAA's Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?"

September 23, 2011—Oversight hearing to "Review the Impact of Minimum Wage Increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

November 3, 2011—Oversight hearing entitled "Florida Everglades Restoration: What are the Priorities?"

December 15, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and How the Federal Government Obtained Title to This Land and Promises Made to the Original Landowners."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings

April 5, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 887, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report on Indian land fractionation, and for other purposes.

May 26, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

June 22, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1158, to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe.

July 12, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1291, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes; H.R. 1234, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; and H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma.

September 22, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; H.R. 1461, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2444, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

October 4, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona.

November 3, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases," approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior; and H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

A. Oversight Hearings

March 8, 2011—Oversight hearing on "The Effectiveness of Federal Spending on Native American Programs, and on the President's FY 2012 Budget Request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians."

April 1, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Tribal Development of Energy Resources and the Creation of Energy Jobs on Indian Lands."

May 24, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Power on "Protecting Long-Term Tribal Energy Jobs and Keeping Arizona Water and Power Costs Affordable: The Current and Future Role of the Navajo Generating Station."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings

May 4, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes; H.R. 643, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the bound-

aries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; H.R. 765, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 850, to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

June 14, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; H.R. 869, to clarify the definition of flood control operations for the purposes of the operation and maintenance of Project No. 2179 on the Lower Merced River; H.R. 1258, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; H.R. 1545, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1740, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

July 8, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 587, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service; and H.R. 1505, to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes.

July 26, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1581, to release wilderness study areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management that are not suitable for wilderness designation from continued management as defacto wilderness areas and to release inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that are not recommended for wilderness designation from the land use restrictions of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule and the 2005 State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management

Final Rule, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes.

September 9, 2011—Hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 1444, to require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2834, to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities.

September 13, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 302, to provide for State approval of national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 758, to amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require certain procedures for designating national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Montana, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 846, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Idaho, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2147, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress.

September 15, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2687, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2011—Hearing held on (Draft Bill), H.R. ____, to increase employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing Federal forest lands, while also reducing the cost of managing such lands, by pro-

viding such counties a dependable source of revenue from such lands; and H.R. 2852, to authorize Western States to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving 5 percent of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within said States provided by their respective enabling Acts.

October 4, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 854, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1335, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and H.R. 2563, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.

October 25, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 41, to designate certain Federal lands in San Diego County, California, as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 113, to provide for additions to the Cucamonga and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests and the protection of existing property rights in such additions, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to take steps to prevent and prepare for wildfires in the Cucamonga, Sheep Mountain, and San Gabriel Wilderness Areas and address the backlog of maintenance in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, and for other purposes; H.R. 490, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the Manzano Mountain Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 608, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 977, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; H.R. 1126, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes; H.R. 1413, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

November 3, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1980, to authorize the Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation to establish a national monument in the District of Columbia; H.R. 2070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2621, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3155, to preserve the multiple use land management policy in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

December 2, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail; H.R. 2504, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3222, to designate certain National Park System land in Olympic National Park as wilderness or potential wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3452, to provide for the sale of approximately 30 acres of Federal land in Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, Utah, to permit the establishment of a minimally invasive transportation alternative for skiers, called "SkiLink", to connect two ski resorts in the Wasatch Mountains, and for other purposes; and S. 684, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

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

A. Oversight Hearings

March 8, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal."

March 10, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the National Park Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal."

April 15, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations on "The Border: Are Environmental Laws and Regulation Impeding Security and Harming the Environment?"

June 22, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands."

July 10, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Hill City, South Dakota, on "Impact of the Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic in the Black Hills".

July 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization and Forest Management Options for a Viable County Payments Program."

September 19, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Sacramento, California, on "Restoring Public Access to the Public's Lands: Issues Impacting Multiple-use on Our National Forests."

October 14, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Payments in Lieu of Taxes."

November 15, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Forest Service Regulatory Roadblocks to Productive Land Use and Recreation: Proposed Planning Rule, Special-use Permits, and Travel Management."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Legislative Hearings

May 12, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

June 2, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes. (Part 1)

June 13, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes. (Part 2)

June 23, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 461, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; H.R. 795, to expand small-scale hydropower; and H.R. 2060, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

September 14, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 200, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

September 22, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 1719, to better inform consumers regarding costs associated with compliance for protecting endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes.

December 2, 2011—Hearing held on H.R. 976, to terminate certain hydropower reservations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

A. Oversight Hearings

March 2, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Resources Program."

March 15, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration."

April 5, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Creating Abundant Water and Power Supplies and Job Growth by Restoring Common Sense to Federal Regulations."

April 11, 2011—Oversight field hearing in Fresno, California, on "Creating Jobs by Overcoming Man-Made Drought: Time for Congress to Listen and Act."

May 4, 2011—Oversight hearing on "Protecting Federal Hydropower Investments in the West: A Stakeholder's Perspective."

May 24, 2011—Joint oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs on "Protecting Long-Term Tribal Energy Jobs and Keeping Arizona Water and Power Costs Affordable: The Current and Future Role of the Navajo Generating Station."

October 18, 2011—Oversight field hearing Highland, California on "Questionable Fish Science and Environmental Lawsuits: Jobs and Water Supplies At Risk in The Inland Empire."

APPENDIX I

PRINTED HEARINGS

112–1—Oversight hearing on the Final Report from The President's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling. January 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

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112–4—Oversight hearing entitled "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Resources Program." March 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

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112–6—Oversight hearing on "The Effectiveness of Federal Spending on Native American Programs, and on the President's FY 2012 Budget Request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians." March 8, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112–7—Oversight hearing entitled "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." March 8, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–8—Oversight hearing to "Examine the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the U.S. Geological Survey and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." March 9, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–9—Oversight hearing entitled "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the National Park Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." March 10, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–10—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Ad-

ministration, and the Southeastern Power Administration." March 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

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112–13—Oversight hearing on "Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." March 30, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–14—Oversight hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families." March 31, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–15—Oversight hearing on "Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for these Agencies." March 31, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–16—Oversight hearing entitled "Tribal Development of Energy Resources and the Creation of Energy Jobs on Indian Lands." April 1, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112–17—Oversight hearing on the "Effect of the President's FY 2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service's Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction." April 5, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–18—Hearing on H.R. 887, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report on Indian land fractionation, and for other purposes. April 5, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112–19—Oversight hearing on "Creating Abundant Water and Power Supplies and Job Growth by Restoring Common Sense to Federal Regulations." April 5, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112–20—Hearing on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1231, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes. April 6, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–21—Oversight hearing on the "Effect of the President's FY 2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction." April 7, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–22—Hearing on H.R. 258, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Corolla Wild Horse Fund, Currituck County, and the State of North Carolina to provide for the management of free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; and S. 266, a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge. April 7, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–23—Oversight field hearing in Fresno, California, entitled "Creating Jobs by Overcoming Man-made Drought: Time for Congress to Listen and Act." April 11, 2011, Fresno, California. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112–24—Joint oversight hearing entitled "The Border: Are Environmental Laws and Regulation Impeding Security and Harming the Environment?" April 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations)

112–25—Oversight field hearing in Houma, Louisiana, entitled "Gulf of Mexico: A Focus on Community Recovery and New Response Technology." April 18, 2011, Houma, Louisiana. (Full Committee)

112–26—Joint oversight hearing on Federal Endangered Species Act consultations on pesticides registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act entitled "At Risk: American Jobs, Agriculture, Health and Species—The Costs of Federal Regulatory Dysfunction." May 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Committee on Natural Resources with the Committee on Agriculture)

112–27—Oversight hearing on "Protecting Federal Hydropower Investments in the West: A Stakeholders' Perspective." May 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112–28—Hearing on H.R. 241, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 290, to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes; H.R. 643, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the

Utah National Guard; H.R. 765, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 850, to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System. May 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–29—Hearing on H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. May 12, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112–30—Hearing on H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1670, to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense. May 12, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–31—Oversight hearing on the "American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part 1—Department of the Interior Officials." May 13, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–32—Joint oversight hearing on "Protecting Long-Term Tribal Energy Jobs and Keeping Arizona Water and Power Costs Affordable: The Current and Future Role of the Navajo Generating Station." May 24, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power, and Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112–33—Oversight hearing on the "Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy: Domestic Minerals Supplies and Demands in a time of Foreign Supply Disruptions." May 24, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–34—Oversight hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Seniors, Working Families and Memorial Day Vacations." May 25, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–35—Oversight hearing on "Buying More Land When We Can't Maintain What We Already Own: The National Wildlife Refuge System's Operations and Maintenance Backlog Story!" May 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–36—Hearing on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes. May 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112–37—Oversight hearing on the "American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part 2—The Wind and Solar Industry Perspective." June 1, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–38—Oversight hearing on the "Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access and Infrastructure." June 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–39—Hearing on H.R. 1314, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2011, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes. June 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–40—Hearing on H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; H.R. 869, to clarify the definition of flood control operations for the purposes of the operation and maintenance of Project No. 2179 on the Lower Merced River; H.R. 1258, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah; H.R. 1545, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1740, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

June 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands).

112–41—Hearing on H.R. 946, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon, and for other purposes. June 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–42—Hearing on H.R. 2150, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes. June 16, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–43—Hearing on H.R. 1158, to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe. June 22, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Native Alaska Affairs)

112–44—Oversight hearing on "Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands." June 22, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–45—Hearing on H.R. 2170, streamlining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects; H.R. 2171, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; H.R. 2172, to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands; and H.R. 2173, to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources. June 23, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–46—Oversight hearing on "Why We Should Care About Bats: Devastating Impact White-none Syndrome is Having on One of Nature's Best Pest Controllers." June 24, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–47—Oversight field hearing in Shreveport, Louisiana, on "Giant Salvinia: How Do We Protect Our Ecosystems." June 27, 2011, Shreveport, Louisiana. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–48—Hearing on H.R. 1234, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; H.R. 1291, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma. July 12, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112–49—Oversight hearing on "Implementation of Public Law 110–229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

and Guam"; and Legislative hearing on H.R. 44, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission; and H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States. July 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–50—Oversight hearing on "Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization and Forest Management Options for a Viable County Payments Program. July 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–51—Oversight hearing on "Abandoned Mined Lands: Innovative Solutions for Restoring the Environment, Improving Safety and Creating Jobs". July 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–52—Oversight hearing entitled "NOAA's Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?" July 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–53—Hearing on H.R. 1581, to release wilderness study areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management that are not suitable for wilderness designation from continued management as defacto wilderness areas and to release inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that are not recommended for wilderness designation from the land use restrictions of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule and the 2005 State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes. July 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–54—Oversight hearing entitled "State Perspectives on Offshore Revenue Sharing." July 27, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–55—Hearing on H.R. 50, authorizes appropriations to carry out the African Elephant Conservation Act of 1988, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, and the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 for FY2012–FY2016; H.R. 1760, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes. "Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act"; and H.R. 1761, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes. July 28, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–56—Oversight field hearing in Grand Junction, Colorado, on "American Jobs and Energy Security: Domestic Oil Shale—The Status of Research, Regulation and Roadblocks." August 24, 2011, Grand Junction, Colorado. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–57—Hearing on (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 1444, to require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Sec-

retary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2834, to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities. September 9, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–58—Oversight hearing on the "Impacts to Onshore Jobs, Revenue, and Energy: Review and Status of Sec. 390 Categorical Exclusions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005." September 9, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–59—Hearing on H.R. 302, to provide for State approval of national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 758, to amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require certain procedures for designating national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Montana, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 846, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Idaho, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2147, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress. September 13, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–60—Hearing on H.R. 200, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes. September 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112–61—Hearing on (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes. September 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–62—Oversight hearing on "ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction." September 21, 2011 (Part 1); and November 18, 2011 (Part 2), Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–63—Hearing on (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to increase employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing Federal forest lands, while also reducing the cost of managing such lands, by providing such counties a dependable source of revenue from such lands; and H.R. 2852, to authorize Western States to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving 5 percent of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within said States as provided by their respective enabling Acts. September 22, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–64—Hearing on H.R. 1719, to better inform consumers regarding costs associated with compliance for protecting endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes. September 22, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112–65—Oversight hearing on "The Impact of Minimum Wage Increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands." September 23, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–66—Oversight field hearing in Charleston, West Virginia, on "Jobs at Risk: Community Impacts of the Obama Administration's Effort to Rewrite the Stream Buffer Zone Rule." September 26, 2011, Charleston, West Virginia. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–67—Hearing on H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona. October 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112–68—Oversight hearing entitled "The President's New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities." October 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–69—Oversight hearing entitled "One Year after President Obama's Gulf of Mexico 6-month Moratorium Officially Lifted: Examining the Lingering Impacts on Jobs, Energy Production and Local Economies." October 12, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–70—Oversight hearing entitled "BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report." October 13, 2011 (Part 1); and November 2, 2011 (Part 2), Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–71—Oversight hearing on "Payments in Lieu of Taxes." October 14, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–72—Oversight field hearing in Seattle, Washington, entitled "NOAA's Steller Sea Lion Science and Fishery Management Restrictions—Does the Science Support the Decisions?" October 17, 2011, Seattle, Washington. (Full Committee)

112–73—Oversight field hearing in Highland, California, entitled "Questionable Fish Science and Environmental Lawsuits: Jobs and Water Supplies At Risk in The Inland Empire." October 18, 2011, Highland, California. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

112–74—Hearing on H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL–70P; H.R. 2236, to provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 2714, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the transport, purchase, and sale of pelts of, and handicrafts, garments, and art produced from, Southcentral and Southeast Alaska northern sea otters that are taken for subsistence purposes; H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument

for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; H.R. 3009, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute; and H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes. October 25, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Oceans, Wildlife and Insular Affairs)

112–75—Hearing on H.R. 41, to designate certain Federal lands in San Diego County, California, as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 113, to provide for additions to the Cucamonga and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests and the protection of existing property rights in such additions, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to take steps to prevent and prepare for wildfires in the Cucamonga, Sheep Mountain, and San Gabriel Wilderness Areas and address the backlog of maintenance in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, and for other purposes; H.R. 490, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the Manzano Mountain Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 608, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 977, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; H.R. 1126, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes; H.R. 1413, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. October 25, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–76—Oversight hearing on "The President's New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities." October 26, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–77—Oversight hearing entitled "Gulf Coast Recovery: President Obama's BP Compensation Fund, How Is It Working?" October 27, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–78—Oversight hearing on "North American Offshore Energy: Mexico and Canada Boundary Treaties and New Drilling by Cuba and Bahamas." November 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–79—Oversight hearing held entitled "Florida Everglades Restoration: What are the Priorities?" November 3, 2011, Wash-

ington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

112–80—Hearing on H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior; and H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises. November 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

112–81—Hearing on H.R. 1980, to authorize the Gold Star Mothers National Monument Foundation to establish a national monument in the District of Columbia; H.R. 2070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2621, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3155, to preserve the multiple use land management policy in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes. November 3, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–82—Oversight hearing on "Jobs at Risk: Waste and Mismanagement by the Obama Administration in Rewriting the Stream Buffer Zone Rule." November 4, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–83—Oversight hearing on "Forest Service Regulatory Roadblocks to Productive Land Use and Recreation: Proposed Planning Rule, Special-Use Permits, and Travel Management." November 15, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands)

112–84—Oversight hearing on "The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters." November 16, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–85—Hearing on (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, to provide fair and equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, to formulate future offshore energy development plans in areas with the most potential, to generate revenue for American infrastructure, and for other purposes; (Draft bill) H.R. ____, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to ensure secure energy supplies for the continental Pacific Coast of the United States, lower prices, and reduce imports, and for other purposes; (Draft bill) H.R. ____, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes; and (Draft Bill) H.R. ____, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of

1977. November 18, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

112–86—Hearing on H.R. 594, to promote jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes; H.R. 1013, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide the New England Fishery Management Council additional resources to address research and monitoring priorities established by the Council; H.R. 1646, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to preserve jobs and coastal communities through transparency and accountability in fishery management, and for other purposes; H.R. 2304, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 to provide the necessary scientific information to properly implement annual catch limits, and for other purposes; H.R. 2610, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to reform procedures for the payment of funds from the asset forfeiture fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 2753, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide Internet access to Regional Fishery Management Council meetings and meeting records, and for other purposes; H.R. 2772, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3061, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes. December 1, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

112–87—Hearing on H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail; H.R. 2504, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3222, to designate certain National Park System land in Olympic National Park as wilderness or potential wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3452, to provide for the sale of approximately 30 acres of Federal land in Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, Utah, to permit the establishment of a minimally invasive transportation

alternative for skiers, called "SkiLink," to connect two ski resorts in the Wasatch Mountains, and for other purposes; and S. 684, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah. December 2, 2011, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands)

APPENDIX II

LEGISLATION PASSED HOUSE

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED HOUSE (BY DATE)

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

01/19/2011—H.R. 2*, to repeal the job-killing health care law and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Passed House by vote of 245–189.

03/02/2011—H.R. 662*, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 421–4. (Public Law 111–5)

05/05/2011—H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 266–149.

05/11/2011—H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 263–163.

05/12/2011—H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 243–179.

07/26/2011—H.R. 1938*, to direct the President to expedite the consideration and approval of the construction and operation of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 279–147.

10/03/2011—H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/03/2011—H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/03/2011—H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–45)

10/03/2011—H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam,

the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands. Passed House by vote of 397–0.

10/03/2011—H.R. 686, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 400–0.

10/03/2011—H.R. 765*, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 394–0. (Public Law 112–46)

10/24/2011—H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/24/2011—H.R. 320, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. Passed House by vote of 392–1.

10/24/2011—H.R. 441, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for microhydro projects in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/24/2011—H.R. 461, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

10/24/2011—H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 112–52)

10/24/2011—H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 395–0.

10/26/2011—H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 235–186.

11/14/2011—H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

11/07/2011—H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

11/07/2011—H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to

allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe. Passed House by voice vote.

11/07/2011—H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Passed House by voice vote.

11/07/2011—H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

11/07/2011—S. 535*, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

11/07/2011—S. 683*, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah. Passed House by voice vote.

11/07/2011—S. Con. Res. 32*, a concurrent resolution to authorize the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 470, an Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

12/13/2011—H.R. 3630*, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 234–193.

12/15/2011—H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 407–4.

12/15/2011—H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes. Passed House by vote of 416–0.

APPENDIX III

LIST OF PUBLIC LAWS

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

Public Law 112–5: Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011 (H.R. 662)

Public Law 112–45: To clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes. (H.R. 489)

Public Law 112–46: Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011 (H.R. 765)

Public Law 112–52: To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. (H.R. 818)

APPENDIX IV

COMMITTEE PRINTS

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APPENDIX V

COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

House Report 112–67, Part 1 (H.R. 1229), to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico.

House Report 112–68 (H.R. 1230), to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–69 (H.R. 1231), to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–156 (H.R. 290), to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–157 (H.R. 295), to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

House Report 112–158 (H.R. 441), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes.

House Report 112–159, Part 1 (H.R. 470), to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–160 (H.R. 489), to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–161 (H.R. 643), to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–162 (H.R. 670), to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

House Report 112–163 (H.R. 686), to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard.

House Report 112–164, Part 1 (H.R. 765), to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–165 (H.R. 944), to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–166 (H.R. 1022), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–167 (H.R. 1141), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

House Report 112–168 (H.R. 1160), to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–170 (H.R. 320), to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

House Report 112–171 (S. 266), a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

House Report 112–175, Part 1 (H.R. 1670), to amend the Sikes Act to improve the application of that Act to State-owned facilities used for the national defense.

House Report 112–216 (H.R. 241), to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.

House Report 112–217 (H.R. 461), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–218 (H.R. 473), to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–219, Part 1 (H.R. 795), to expand small-scale hydropower.

House Report 112–220 (H.R. 1258), to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah.

House Report 112–221, Part 1 (H.R. 1421), to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma.

House Report 112–222 (H.R. 1560), to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Res-

toration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe.

House Report 112–245, Part 1 (H.R. 258), to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–246 (H.R. 1904), to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–247 (H.R. 818), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

House Report 112–248 (H.R. 2011), to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–249 (H.R. 2150), to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–250 (H.R. 2170), streamlining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects.

House Report 112–251 (H.R. 2171), to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–252 (H.R. 2173), to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources.

House Report 112–279 (H.R. 588), to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

House Report 112–280 (H.R. 1408), to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–298 (S. 535), a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–299 (H.R. 1158), to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–300, Part 1 (H.R. 2172), to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands.

House Report 112–301 (H.R. 2842), to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–302 (H.R. 2803), to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recov-

ery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States.

House Report 112–303 (H.R. 2578), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–304 (H.R. 2360), to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–305 (H.R. 2351), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

House Report 112–306 (H.R. 1556), to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–307 (H.R. 1461), to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights.

House Report 112–308 (H.R. 991), to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

House Report 112–309 (H.R. 850), to facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes.

House Report 112–310 (H.R. 306), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

House Report 112–318, Part 1 (H.R. 443), to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska.

House Report 112–319, Part 1 (H.R. 1466), to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States.

House Report 112–320 (H.R. 1740), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

House Report 112–321 (H.R. 2719), to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes.

House Report 112–322 (H.R. 3069), to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes.

APPENDIX VI

H. RES. 72

As directed by H. Res. 72 (reprinted below), which was adopted by a vote of the House of 391-to-28 on February 11, 2011, the Committee on Natural Resources is reviewing "existing, pending and proposed regulations, orders, and other administrative actions or procedure by agencies of the Federal government" within the Committee's jurisdiction. Following is a chart summarizing hearings, both oversight and legislative, that were either focused upon, or involved, such review efforts, as well as additional actions taken through December 15th in response to the Resolution. The Committee's work relating to H. Res. 72 actively continues.

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H. Res. 72
In the House of Representatives, U. S.,
February 11, 2011.

Resolved, That each standing committee designated in section 3 of this resolution shall inventory and review existing, pending, and proposed regulations, orders, and other administrative actions or procedures by agencies of the Federal Government within such committee's jurisdiction. In completing such inventory and review, each committee shall consider the matters described in section 2. Each committee shall conduct such hearings and other oversight activities as it deems necessary in support of the inventory and review, and shall identify in any report filed pursuant to clause 1(d) of rule XI for the first session of the 112th Congress any oversight or legislative activity conducted in support of, or as a result of, such inventory and review.

SEC. 2. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

In completing the review and inventory described in the first section of this resolution, each committee shall identify regulations, executive and agency orders, and other administrative actions or procedures that--

(1) impede private-sector job creation;
(2) discourage innovation and entrepreneurial activity;
(3) hurt economic growth and investment;
(4) harm the Nation's global competitiveness;
(5) limit access to credit and capital;
(6) fail to utilize or apply accurate cost-benefit analyses;
(7) create additional economic uncertainty;
(8) are promulgated in such a way as to limit transparency and the opportunity for public comment, particularly by affected parties;
(9) lack specific statutory authorization;
(10) undermine labor-management relations;
(11) result in large-scale unfunded mandates on employers without due cause;
(12) impose undue paperwork and cost burdens on small businesses; or
(13) prevent the United States from becoming less dependent on foreign energy sources.

SEC. 3. COMMITTEES.

The committees referred to in the first section of this resolution are as follows:

(1) The Committee on Agriculture.
(2) The Committee on Education and the Workforce.
(3) The Committee on Energy and Commerce.
(4) The Committee on Financial Services.
(5) The Committee on the Judiciary.
(6) The Committee on Natural Resources.
(7) The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
(8) The Committee on Small Business.
(9) The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
(10) The Committee on Ways and Means.

Attest:

Clerk.

ACTIVITY	FORM OF ACTIVITY	REGULATION, ORDER OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ACTION	KNOWN OR POTENTIAL IMPACTS -- H.RES. 72
January 26, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "The Final Report from the President's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling."	Oversight hearing	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production	1, 3, 4, 13
January 27, 2011—Letter to Chair of the Council of Environmental Quality, Nancy Sutley, from Chairman Doc Hastings regarding regulations impacting Western farmers and foresters' use of crop and tree protection products.	Letter	Regulations that could restrict or end the use of vital crop and tree protection products on federal land	1, 3, 7, 8, 12
February 8, 2011—Letter to Joseph G. Pizarchik, Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement from Chairman Doc Hastings regarding Administration's proposed rewrite of mining regulations.	Letter	Request for information regarding Administration's coal mining rule changes	1, 3, 7
February 15, 2011—Interior Dept. Announces Delays to U.S. Oil Shale Production.	Statement in response to Administration action	Delays in research leasing for oil shale development	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13
March 1, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "The Impact of the Administration's Wild Lands Order on Jobs and Economic Growth."	Oversight hearing	Department of the Interior Secretarial Order 3310	1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13

March 2, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing on "The Department of the Interior Spending for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Insular Affairs."	Oversight hearing	Reviewed Office of Insular Affairs and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service budget requests and policy proposals for FY 2012	1, 3, 7
March 2, 2011—Water and Power hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Resources Program."	Oversight hearing	Focus on regulations that the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) helps implement as part of its budget. Included Endangered Species Act (specifically the impact on the San Joaquin Valley) and the impact of potential EPA regulations on a BOR partially owned facility (the Navajo Generating Station)	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
March 3, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Department of the Interior Spending and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal."	Oversight hearing	Review of budget and policy proposals included in the President's FY 2012 request for the Department of the Interior	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13

March 8, 2011—Indian and Alaska Native Affairs hearing on "The Effectiveness of Federal Spending on Native American Programs, and on the President's FY 2012 Budget Request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians."	Oversight hearing	Discussion of federal government failure to stem high poverty, unemployment, mortality, crime, and health problems in Indian Country. Committee learned that Department of the Interior has no plan in place for consolidating "highly fractionated Indian lands." Without consolidation, such lands cannot be managed for economic development	2, 3, 7
March 8, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal."	Oversight hearing	Review of budget and policy proposals included in the President's FY 2012 request for the BLM and U.S. Forest Service	1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 13
March 9, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing to "Examine the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal."	Oversight hearing	Review of the Administration's proposal for the USGS budget including a focus on spending on hazard reductions, climate change and new satellite responsibilities of the agency	1, 2, 13

March 15, 2011—Water and Power hearing on "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration."	Oversight hearing	Focus on the regulations the Power Marketing Administrations help implement as part of their annual budgets. Include the impacts of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on electricity rates, wind and solar integration schemes, and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
March 16, 2011—Full Committee hearing on the "Obama Administration's De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf: State, Community and Economic Impacts."	Oversight hearing	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13
March 17, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic Impacts."	Oversight hearing	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production	1, 3, 4, 13
March 29, 2011—Chairman Hastings introduces three bills to increase offshore American energy production, reverse Obama Administration actions that have locked-up resources (H.R. 1229, H.R. 1230 and H.R. 1231).	Introduction of legislation	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production	1, 3, 7, 13
March 30, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal."	Oversight hearing	Oversight of Administration's proposed changes of offshore oil and gas management, funding and safety	1, 3, 4, 13

March 31, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families."	Oversight hearing	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production	1, 3, 4, 13
March 31, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing on "Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for these Agencies."	Oversight hearing	Examined the Administration's initiative on National Ocean Policy and Marine Spatial Planning; fisheries restrictions based on faulty or inadequate science; fishery restrictions due to Steller sea lion ESA Biological Opinion which is based on faulty science; concerns about lack of funding for basic science; concerns with the Administration's new "catch share" initiative	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
April 1, 2011—Indian and Alaska Native Affairs hearing on "Tribal Development of Energy Resources and the Creation of Energy Jobs on Indian Lands."	Oversight hearing	Tribal leaders described enormous weight of Bureau of Indian Affairs approvals, permits, and "49-step" process to develop conventional energy resources on tribal lands, compared to private and State counterparts that have much more freedom to develop energy	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13

April 1, 2011—Letter to Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar from Chairman Doc Hastings and Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee Chairman Doug Lamborn regarding Administration's proposed rewrite of mining rule.	Letter	Request for information regarding Administration's coal mining rule changes	1, 3, 7, 13
April 5, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing on the "Effect of the President's FY 2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service's Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction."	Oversight hearing	Review of the Administration's budget and policy proposals for the mineral and resources administration budgets of BLM and U.S. Forest Service	1, 3, 7, 13
April 5, 2011—Water and Power hearing on "Creating Abundant Water and Power Supplies and Job Growth by Restoring Common Sense to Federal Regulations."	Oversight hearing	Focus on how some federal regulations, including the Endangered Species Act, the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, and others, are impacting water and power deliveries in the western United States	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
April 6, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing held on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production	1, 3, 7, 13

April 7, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing on the "Effect of the President's FY 2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction."	Oversight hearing	Review of the Administration's budget and policy proposals for the Office of Surface Mining and its regulations affecting energy production	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13
April 7, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing held on H.R. 258, to require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 306, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 588, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge; and S. 266, a bill to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.	Legislative hearing	Improve efficiency for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay	3, 6, 7
April 11, 2011—Water and Power Oversight field hearing in Fresno, California, on "Creating Jobs by Overcoming Man-Made Drought: Time for Congress to Listen and Act."	Field hearing	Focus on the impacts of the Endangered Species Act, San Joaquin Restoration flows and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act on water supplies and landowners in the San Joaquin Valley	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

April 13, 2011—Full Committee Markup held on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.	Legislative markup	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production	1, 3, 7, 13
April 18, 2011—Full Committee Oversight field hearing in Houma, Louisiana, on "Gulf of Mexico: A Focus on Community Recovery and New Response Technology."	Field hearing	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas and community recovery in the Gulf of Mexico	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13
April 21, 2011—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Announcement to Re-Open Draft Spotted Owl Plan.	Statement in response to Administration action	Endangered Species Act regulation and implementation	5, 6, 7, 8
May 3, 2011—Full Committee Joint hearing with the Committee on Agriculture on "At Risk: American Jobs, Agriculture, Health and Species--the Costs of Federal Regulatory Dysfunction."	Oversight hearing	Regulations that could end the use of vital crop and tree protection products on federal land	1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12
May 4, 2011—Water and Power hearing on "Protecting Federal Hydropower Investments in the West: A Stakeholder's Perspective."	Oversight hearing	Focus on regulations that decrease existing hydropower resources and stifle the development of new hydropower resources	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 12

May 4, 2011—Chairman Hastings' Statement on Fish and Wildlife Service's Announcement to Delist Gray Wolf in Western Great Lakes, Northern Rocky Mountains.	Statement in response to Administration action	Endangered Species Act regulation and implementation	6, 7, 8
May 13, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part I – Department of the Interior Officials."	Oversight hearing	Federal regulation of renewable energy	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 13
May 24, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing on the "Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy: Domestic Minerals Supplies and Demands in a time of Foreign Supply Disruptions."	Oversight hearing	Federal regulation affecting domestic mineral production and jobs	1, 3, 7, 13
May 24, 2011—Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Water and Power on "Protecting Long-Term Tribal Energy Jobs and Keeping Arizona Water and Power Costs Affordable: The Current and Future Role of the Navajo Generating Station."	Oversight hearing	Discussion of regulations that could lead to the shut-down of a coal-fired power plant on tribal lands	3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13
May 25, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Seniors, Working Families and Memorial Day Vacations."	Oversight hearing	Regulation of offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 13
May 26, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing on "Buying More Land When We Can't Maintain What We Already Own: The National Wildlife Refuge System's Operations and Maintenance Backlog Story!"	Oversight hearing	Focus on Administration's purchase of additional lands when existing holdings are not maintained	3, 7

May 26, 2011—Indian and Alaska Native Affairs hearing held on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Discussion of how U.S. Forest Service forest regulations and litigation affect federal timber sales in Alaska	1, 3, 7
May 26, 2011—Obama Administration Announces Efforts to make Administrative Changes to the Endangered Species Act.	Statement in response to Administration action	Administrative changes to the Endangered Species Act	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12
June 1, 2011—Full Committee hearing on the "American Energy Initiative: Identifying Roadblocks to Wind and Solar Energy on Public Lands and Waters, Part II - The Wind and Solar Industry Perspective."	Oversight hearing	Federal regulation of renewable energy development	1,2,3,4,5,7,13
June 2, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing on "Domestic Oil and Natural Gas: Alaskan Resources, Access and Infrastructure."	Oversight hearing	Review of the Administration's policy regarding the NPRA	1,3,4,5,7,8,13
June 2, 2011—Water and Power hearing held on H.R. 1837, to address certain water-related concerns on the San Joaquin River, and for other purposes. (Part 1)	Legislative hearing	Regulatory impact of Endangered Species Act and California's man made drought	1,3,4,5,7,11,12
June 3, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing held on H.R. 1314, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2011, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Regulatory and other impediments to developing critical minerals	1,2,3,4,5,12,13

June 14, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing held on H.R. 946, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Discussion of bill to address one of the major factors in why certain endangered fishery species in the Northwest are not recovering more quickly	3,7
June 14, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on H.R. 869, to clarify the definition of flood control operations for the purposes of the operation and maintenance of Project No. 2179 on the Lower Merced River; and H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	H.R. 869: Addressing a FERC relicensing impediment resulting from a boundary overlap with a Wild and Scenic River designation; H.R. 1904: Opportunities to effectively officiate a stymied multi-party federal land exchange for the maximum benefit of the American public. Improve forest Service land management through exchange and consolidation of federal and non-federal parcels	1,2,3,4,7,13
June 16, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing held on H.R. 2150, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Federal regulation of Alaskan energy development	1,3,4,5,7,13

June 22, 2011—Indian and Alaska Native Affairs hearing held on H.R. 1158, to authorize the conveyance of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Facilitates coal production to create private sector jobs and lessen dependence on foreign sources of energy	1,3,13
June 22, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands oversight hearing on "Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands."	Oversight hearing	Focus on opportunities on how to improve recreation on federal land	1,3,8
June 23, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing held on H.R. 2170, streamlining Federal review to facilitate renewable energy projects; H.R. 2171, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; H.R. 2172, to facilitate the development of wind energy resources on Federal lands; and H.R. 2173, to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy resources.	Legislative hearing	Regulation of renewable energy development	1,2,3,4,5,7,12, 13
June 23, 2011—Water and Power hearing held on H.R. 461, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; H.R. 795, to expand small-scale hydropower; and H.R. 2060, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Examine legislation that removes regulatory burdens including National Environmental Policy Act and Wild and Scenic River restrictions; Focus on regulatory impediments to increasing hydropower development	1,2,3,5,7,12
June 27, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs field hearing in Shreveport, Louisiana, on "Giant Salvinia: How Do We Protect our Ecosystems?"	Field hearing	Environmental damage caused by invasive species	2

July 8, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources joint hearing with the Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry on "Challenges Facing Domestic Oil and Gas Development: Review of Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Ban on Horizontal Drilling on Federal Lands".	Oversight hearing	Draft forest plan to ban horizontal drilling on federal land	1,2,3,4,7,9,13
July 8, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on H.R. 1505, to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Legislation to remove regulations that harm national security and burden states	3,7,8
July 10, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands field hearing in Hill City, South Dakota, on "Impact of the Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic in the Black Hills".	Field hearing	Review of Forest Service actions to address mountain pine beetle in the Black Hills and impacts on the local economy	1,2,3

July 12, 2011—Indian and Alaska Native Affairs hearing held on H.R. 1291, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes; H.R. 1234, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; and H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma.	Legislative hearing	H.R. 1291 & H.R. 1234: Review of Supreme Court ruling that held that a 1934 Act authorizing government acquisition of lands in trust applies only to tribes that were under federal jurisdiction in 1934; H.R. 1421: Discussion of an Army Corps dam project on which the Cherokee Nation seeks to build a hydroelectric generator	1,2,3,5,7,9,13
July 14, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing on "Abandoned Mined Lands: Innovative Solutions for Restoring the Environment, Improving Safety and Creating Jobs."	Oversight hearing	Impediments and potential in utilizing the private sector, municipalities, and non-profits to assist with the cleanup of abandoned mine lands	1,2,3,4,5
July 14, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands oversight hearing on "Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization and Forest Management Options for a Viable County Payments Program."	Oversight hearing	Regulation of federal timber production on national forests. Focus on expiration of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and how to return funding of county payments to a forest management-based revenue source	1,2,3,4,7

July 15, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Offshore Energy: Interior Department's Plans for Offshore Energy, Revenue, and Safety Reorganization."	Oversight hearing	Review of Minerals Management Service division into three separate agencies in wake of Deepwater Horizon Spill	1,3,4,7,13
July 20, 2011–To the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Senate Environment & Public Works and Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committees on Rebecca Wodder's nomination as Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior (DOI).	Letter	Regarding nominee for regulatory position	
July 26, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing on "NOAA's Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?"	Oversight hearing	Review of agency science and whether out-dated science is causing overly restrictive limits on recreational and commercial fishing industries	1,2,3,4,7
July 26, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on H.R. 1581, to release wilderness study areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management that are not suitable for wilderness designation from continued management as defacto wilderness areas and to release inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that are not recommended for wilderness designation from the land use restrictions of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule and the 2005 State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	H.R. 1581: Addressing land use and management problems stemming from the implementation of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule and the 2005 State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule; H.R. 2578: Addressing a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing impediment resulting from a boundary overlap with a Wild and Scenic River designation	1,2,3,4,6,7,9,13

July 27, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "State Perspectives on Offshore Revenue Sharing."	Oversight hearing	Impact of revenue sharing in 4 Gulf states and how expanding revenue sharing to additional states would impact state and national economy and spur job growth and energy development	1,3,7,13
August 24, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources field hearing in Grand Junction, Colorado, on "American Jobs and Energy Security: Domestic Oil Shale the Status of Research, Regulation and Roadblocks."	Field hearing	Regulation of oil shale development/advancement	1,2,3,5,7,13
September 8, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Creating American Jobs by Harnessing Our Resources: U.S. Offshore and Renewable Energy Production."	Oversight hearing	Regulation of offshore and renewable energy development	1,3,4,13
September 9, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing on "Impacts to Onshore Jobs, Revenue, and Energy: Review and Status of Sec. 390 Categorical Exclusions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005."	Oversight hearing	Review of the Administration's use of Categorical Exclusions in energy projects	1,3,5,7,8,13

September 9, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. __, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 1444, to require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2834, to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities.	Legislative hearing	Regulation and fees for use of cabins on Forest Service land and the importance of hunting and recreational fishing on federal lands	1,3,7
September 13, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing held on H.R. 2360, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to extend the Constitution, laws, and jurisdiction of the United States to installations and devices attached to the seabed of the Outer Continental Shelf for the production and support of production of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and for other purposes; H.R. 2752, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States.	Legislative hearing	Update of the Mineral Leasing Act; Legislation to provide economic certainty for offshore renewable energy development regulations	1,5,13

September 13, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on H.R. 302, to provide for State approval of national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 758, to amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require certain procedures for designating national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Montana, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 846, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Idaho, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2147, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress.	Legislative hearing	Focus on the intent, implementation, economic impacts, abuse and curtailment of the Antiquities Act	1,2,3,7,8,13
September 14, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Creating American Jobs by Harnessing our Resources: Domestic Mining Opportunities and Hurdles."	Oversight hearing	Impact of regulations, permitting and access on the domestic mining industry	1,2,3,4,5,8,13
September 14, 2011—Water and Power hearing held on H.R. 200, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Remove regulations that are stifling the development of new hydropower resources	1,2,3,12

September 15, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. __, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	To provide organic legislation for offshore energy agencies and to promote mission of energy development on federal lands for the American taxpayer	1,3,4,13
September 15, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2687, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Remove federal obstacles from Federal Land to Parks program to local development and job production; Facilitate and authorize project to deliver fuel and allow economic development	1,2,3

September 19, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands field hearing in Sacramento, California, on "Restoring Public Access to the Public's Lands: Issues Impacting Multiple-use on Our National Forests."	Field hearing	Focus on administrative barriers to multiple-use on National Forest System lands	1,2,3,4,7,8
September 21, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction."	Oversight hearing	Review of the Administration's policy on ANWR development and the potential for job creation and deficit reduction	1,3,4,5,7,13
September 22, 2011—Indian and Alaska Native Affairs hearing held on H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; H.R. 1461, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2444, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	H.R. 443: Discussion of a land transfer for a Native health contractor to construct medical offices; H.R. 1461: Discussion of allowing a tribe to lease its state-adjudicated water rights; H.R. 1556: Analysis of restrictions against tribes in New Mexico from leasing certain trust lands in Santa Fe for non-gaming development; H.R. 2444: Facilitating ability of tribes to assume management of certain federal contracting functions benefitting Native Americans	1,2,3

September 22, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on (Draft Bill), H.R. __, to increase employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing Federal forest lands, while also reducing the cost of managing such lands, by providing such counties a dependable source of revenue from such lands; and H.R. 2852, to authorize Western States to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving 5 percent of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within said States provided by their respective enabling Acts.	Legislative hearing	Regulation of federal lands. Address funding of education and infrastructure in counties with large federal land holdings by increasing multiple-use of natural resources	1,2,3,4,7
September 22, 2011—Water and Power hearing held on H.R. 1719, to better inform consumers regarding costs associated with compliance for protecting endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Increase transparency associated with the Endangered Species Act; Repeal risky, wasteful Department of Energy loan program	1,2,3,6,7,8,11, 12
September 23, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing to "Review the Impact of Minimum Wage Increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."	Oversight hearing	Reviewed the effects of the annual per hour increase in minimum wages levels in American Samoa and the CNMI and their impacts on the local economies	1,2,3,5,7

September 26, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources field hearing in Charleston, West Virginia, entitled "Jobs at Risk: Community Impacts of the Obama Administration's Effort to Rewrite the Stream Buffer Zone Rule."	Field hearing	Impact of regulatory overreach and lack of process on coal mining communities	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9, 10,11,12,13
October 1, 2011–To Interior Secretary Ken Salazar asking him to testify regarding the Department's plans to issue rules on hydraulic fracturing on public lands.	Letter	Invitation to testify regarding federal hydraulic fracturing regulations	1,3,4,5,6,7,13
October 4, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "The President's New National Ocean Policy – A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities."	Oversight hearing	Examine potential adverse effects of the National Ocean Policy and its Coastal and Marine Spatial initiative. Impacts could negatively affect industries in both the coastal zone and far inland	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9, 13
October 12, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "One Year after President Obama's Gulf of Mexico 6-Month Moratorium Officially Lifted: Examining the Lingering Impacts on Jobs, Energy Production and Local Economies."	Oversight hearing	Lasting impacts of Administration's moratorium halting offshore energy development and production	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 12,13
October 13, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report." (Part 1)	Oversight hearing	Regulation of offshore energy development	1,2,3,4,7,13

October 14, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands oversight hearing on "Payments in Lieu of Taxes."	Oversight hearing	Focus on the impacts on counties of federal property, land use designations and subsequent compensation obligations from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act	1,3,5,7
October 17, 2011—Full Committee field hearing in Seattle, Washington, on "NOAA's Steller Sea Lion Science and Fishery Management Restrictions – Does the Science Support the Decisions?"	Field hearing	Endangered Species Act restrictions on the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish fishery due to Steller sea lions based on questionable science	1,3,4,7
October 18, 2011—Water and Power field hearing in Highland, California on "Questionable Fish Science and Environmental Lawsuits: Jobs and Water Supplies At Risk in The Inland Empire."	Field hearing	Focus on questionable Endangered Species Act implementation	1,3,5,6,7,12

October 25, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing held on H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL-70P; H.R. 2236, to provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 2714, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the transport, purchase, and sale of pelts of, and handicrafts, garments, and art produced from, Southcentral and Southeast Alaska northern sea otters that are taken for subsistence purposes; H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; H.R. 3009, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute; and H.R. 3117, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Proposals to make modifications to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, Provide for the Issuance of Semipostal Stamp, Ensure public access to Rattlesnake Mountain; Require Congressional authorization of all new national wildlife refuges and allow greater subsistence use of northern sea otters	1,3
October 26, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "The President's New National Ocean Policy – A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities."	Oversight hearing	Examination of the potential effects of the National Ocean Policy and its Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning initiative. Impacts could negatively affect a number of industries in both the coastal zone and far inland	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9, 13

October 26, 2011–Secretary of the Interior's Order to merge the Bureau of Land Management and the Office of Surface Mining.	Statement	Questioning the merger of BLM and OSM and impact on jobs, land management and coal production	1,3,9
October 27, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "Gulf Coast Recovery: President Obama's BP Compensation Fund, How Is It Working?"	Oversight hearing	Administration of the fund established by the Administration and BP for families and businesses impacted by Gulf oil spill	7,8,9,12
November 2, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing on "North American Offshore Energy: Mexico and Canada Boundary Treaties and New Drilling by Cuba and Bahamas."	Oversight hearing	Review of outstanding international agreements on disputed offshore lands and boundaries and impact on slowing energy development; Renewal of future drilling in U.S. adjacent waters by Cuba and the Bahamas and spill response/safety measures to protect U.S. shores	1,3,4,13
November 3, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing entitled "Florida Everglades Restoration: What are the Priorities?"	Oversight hearing	Examination of how the Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to create a 150,000 acre national wildlife refuge in Central Florida will assist in the effort to restore the Florida Everglades	1,2,3,7,8,9

November 3, 2011—Indian and Alaska Native Affairs hearing held on H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior; and H.R. 2362, to facilitate economic development by Indian tribes and encourage investment by Turkish enterprises.	Legislative hearing	H.R. 205: Discussion of federal law on the leasing of tribal lands; H.R. 2362: Discussion of a demo project for several tribes to lease lands to Turkish businesses and investors	1,2,3,5,7
November 3, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on H.R. 3155, to preserve the multiple use land management policy in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Legislation to preserve economic opportunity and energy independence denied through Administrative action	1,2,3,4,7,8,13
November 4, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing on "Jobs at Risk: Waste and Mismanagement by the Obama Administration in Rewriting the Stream Buffer Zone Rule."	Oversight hearing	Regulatory overreach and waste mismanagement	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9, 11,12,13
November 8, 2011–Administration's proposed five-year offshore leasing plan.	Statement	Emphasized the offshore leasing plan's lack of new areas, holding back Virginia and other coastal areas from offshore drilling in the next five years	1,3,4,13

November 9, 2011–To Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu following the November 7th Department of Energy Inspector General "Management Alert" report on the Western Area Power Administration's loan authority.	Letter	Request halt to risky government funded loans that put taxpayer money at risk	7,8
November 10, 2011–Administration's list of proposed Conservation Lands and Wilderness Designations.	Statement	Proposing additional conservation lands and wilderness designations	1,2,3,6,7
November 15, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands oversight hearing on "Forest Service Regulatory Roadblocks to Productive Land Use and Recreation: Proposed Planning Rule, Special-use Permits, and Travel Management."	Oversight hearing	Focus on recent Forest Service administrative actions that will have a negative impact on management of National Forest System land and users	1,2,3,4,7,8,9
November 16, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters."	Oversight hearing	Review of oil and gas development on federal lands, the Administration's 5-year plan and Department of the Interior's impeding of hydraulic fracturing regulations	1,2,3,4,5,6,7, 8,12,13

November 18, 2011—Energy and Mineral Resources hearing held on (Draft Bill) H.R. __, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, to provide fair and equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, to formulate future offshore energy development plans in areas with the most potential, to generate revenue for American infrastructure, and for other purposes; (Draft Bill) H.R. __, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to ensure secure energy supplies for the continental Pacific Coast of the United States, lower prices, and reduce imports, and for other purposes; (Draft Bill) H.R. __, to set clear rules for the development of United States oil shale resources, to promote shale technology research and development, and for other purposes; and (Draft Bill) H.R. __, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.	Legislative hearing	Regulation of Alaskan oil and oil shale development; Overriding Administration's 5-year plan to compel U.S. offshore energy development for greater economic growth and energy security; Regulatory overreach, waste and mismanagement	1,2,3,4,5,7,8, 9,11,12,13

December 1, 2011—Full Committee hearing held on H.R. 594, to promote coastal jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes; H.R. 1013, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide the New England Fishery Management Council additional resources to address research and monitoring priorities established by the Council; H.R. 1646, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to preserve jobs and coastal communities through transparency and accountability in fishery management, and for other purposes; H.R. 2304, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 to provide the necessary scientific information to properly implement annual catch limits, and for other purposes; H.R. 2610, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to reform procedures for the payment of funds from the asset forfeiture fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 2753, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide Internet access to Regional Fishery Management Council meetings and meeting records, and for other purposes; H.R. 2772, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3061, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Hearing on eight bills to make improvements and modifications to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and to revise provisions that are restricting recreational/commercial fishing industries and coastal communities due to use of incomplete or old data	1,3,4,7,12

December 2, 2011—National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing held on H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2745, to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3452, to provide for the sale of approximately 30 acres of Federal land in Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Salt Lake County, Utah, to permit the establishment of a minimally invasive transportation alternative for skiers, called "SkiLink", to connect two ski resorts in the Wasatch Mountains, and for other purposes; and S. 684, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.	Legislative hearing	Improve Forest Service land management through exchange and consolidation of federal and non-federal lands; H.R. 2745: regulation, implementation and extension of the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986	1,2,3,7
December 2, 2011—Water and Power hearing held on H.R. 976, to terminate certain hydropower reservations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.	Legislative hearing	Remove unnecessary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reservation, remove regulatory prohibition on storing out of basin water at the Norman Project in Oklahoma	3

December 6, 2011—Full Committee hearing on "The Endangered Species Act: How Litigation is Costing Jobs and Impeding True Recovery Efforts."	Oversight hearing	Review regulatory impact of the Endangered Species Act and associated litigation; Review of the impact that hundreds of lawsuits are having on the agencies' ability to properly administer the law and recover listed species	1,3,6,7,8,11,12
December 15, 2011—Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs hearing on Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and How the Federal Government Obtained Title to This Land and Promises Made to the Original Landowners; Hearing on H.R. 1171, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.	Oversight/ Legislative hearing	Examined how the federal government acquired this property during World War II and what assurances may have been made to the original landowners on whether they could reacquire their property at the end of the conflict	8

APPENDIX VII

VIEWS

ADDITIONAL VIEWS

During the 2011 session of the 112th Congress, the Committee on Natural Resources has been focused on creating new American jobs, responsibly expanding access to our U.S. energy resources and providing critical oversight of the policies and regulations imposed by the Obama Administration and Executive Branch agencies.

Since taking office, the Obama Administration has chosen to impose regulation after regulation and policy after policy on American families and small businesses that are impeding economy recovery and growth. These federal policies, which delay or outright block access to our country's natural resources, send American jobs overseas, forfeit new government revenue and increase our reliance on foreign countries.

Under Republican leadership, the Committee has had an extremely active year advancing common sense solutions to help meet some of our Nation's biggest problems. In stark contrast to the Pelosi-run Congress, we understand that higher taxes, onerous regulations and massive stimulus spending are not the way to get our country back on track. The Committee on Natural Resources has passed dozens of bipartisan bills and conducted over one hundred oversight hearings which have primarily been aimed at responsibly harnessing our natural resources and cutting bureaucratic red tape in order to tackle high unemployment and our federal debt and deficit.

The Committee has conducted oversight on a variety of topics including offshore drilling, onshore energy production, renewable energy development, proposed mining regulations, the President's new restrictive ocean policy, the Endangered Species Act, the manmade California drought, the Wild Lands Secretarial Order, new Wilderness proposals, securing our border on federal lands, protecting taxpayers from risky Stimulus Act loans by the Western Area Power Administration, and numerous other issues that impact Americans across the country.

Specifically, the Committee on Natural Resources has been aggressive in taking action to expand American energy production in order to create jobs, boost our economy and strengthen our national security. In the first few months of the new Congress, the Committee approved and advanced through the House three bipartisan bills that would directly reverse Obama Administration actions that are blocking access to our energy resources. The bills would end the de facto moratorium in the Gulf, resume offshore lease sales that have been delayed or canceled and lift the President's effective ban on new offshore drilling. Together, these three bills would create over 1.2 million jobs and generate $800 million in new revenue.

The Committee also considered a wide-variety of additional American energy legislation throughout the course of the year.

With bipartisan support, the Committee advanced a package of renewable energy bills to facilitate wind, solar and geothermal development on federal lands and waters, approved a bill to reorganize the Interior Department's offshore energy agencies in order to promote safety and efficiency, and secured House passage of a bill to unlock the third largest copper resource in the world and create thousands of jobs.

The Committee also conducted oversight on a number of energy-related issues including opening a small portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, encouraging the production of oil shale, developing a revenue sharing proposal for coastal states, lingering economic impacts in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Administration's scheme to rewrite the stream buffer zone rule that could cost thousands of coal jobs.

This fall, the Committee on Natural Resources also began oversight hearings on two important issues: the President's plans to zone the oceans and the Endangered Species Act.

The President's new National Ocean Policy is one more example of this Administration imposing burdensome federal regulations and policies that could destroy American jobs and hinder economic growth. This policy requires a new federal initiative called Marine Spatial Planning, otherwise known as ocean zoning, which could place huge portions of our oceans off-limits to recreation, energy production, transportation, and other commercial activities. Ocean zoning could also reach far inland and impact jobs and economic activities hundreds of miles from the coastline.

In December, the Committee held the first hearing in series that will take a fair look at the ways in which the Endangered Species Act is working well and areas where it could be improved and updated. After two decades, it's past time to update and modernize the ESA to once again focus it on species recovery instead of debilitating lawsuits that costs jobs and delay economic growth.

In the second half of the 112th Congress, the Committee on Natural Resources will continue our commitment to job creation and economic growth while maintaining strong oversight over the Obama Administration's policies and actions. The Committee will continue to advance an all-of-the-above energy approach and work to protect the American people's access to their own land and resources.

DOC HASTINGS,
Chairman.

DISSENTING VIEWS

In the Committee Activities Report submitted in July we noted that, "Bipartisan cooperation on renewable energy development, balanced resource management, and scientific research could result in a future activities report documenting real progress." Unfortunately, this full-year report documents the Majority's all too frequent rejection of genuine bipartisan cooperation and a resulting lack of accomplishment.

This report catalogues an aggressive hearing schedule. The Committee is on pace to hold more than twice as many hearings this Congress as last; that is a commendable achievement. A close reading of the report, however, reveals that a large number of these hearings consisted of redundant attempts to launch partisan attacks on the drilling safety reforms put in place by the Obama Administration in the aftermath of the BP Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling disaster, combined with advocacy for virtually unlimited oil and gas drilling on federal lands and in federal waters. At the Full Committee, fully 22 of the 27 hearings held this year were on energy production, many featuring prejudicial titles and witness panels stacked with oil and gas industry representatives.

This repetitive, single-minded, focus on drilling has operated to the exclusion of constructive discussion of cleaner, more sustainable energy sources, not to mention the broad array of non-energy related matters within the Committee's jurisdiction. Perhaps most harmful is the Committee's inability to more fully engage in legitimate, objective oversight due to the frequency of drilling advocacy activities.

Further, as a result of the Majority's misplaced priorities, the Committee's legislative activity has slowed to a crawl. To date, 31 bills referred to the House Natural Resources Committee have been approved by the House. This is a fraction of the 100 Committee bills passed by the House during the first session of the 111th Congress and the 125 Committee bills passed by the House during the first session of the 110th Congress. Even former Chairman Pombo took time from efforts to undermine the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act to shepherd 81 Committee measures through the House in the first session of the 109th Congress.

The current Majority seems to view legislative activity with suspicion and the rules and protocols established by the Majority have worked to slow the Committee's ability to process legislation. That is unfortunate given the enormous demand among Members of Congress for consideration of natural resource bills supporting their local economies and improving quality of life for their constituents.

Clearly, some portion of the Committee's agenda is rightly dedicated to discussing the Majority's vision for this nation's natural re-

source future. As this activity report documents, however, the Majority's vision is so one-dimensional, and has been promoted so exclusively, that the Committee has largely abdicated its responsibility to respond to the legislative priorities of House Members. As we did in July, we reiterate our desire for more bi-partisan cooperation on the wide array of significant issues within the Natural Resources Committee's jurisdiction and the many important pieces of legislation pending before us.

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