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MEMORANDUM OF THE CHAIRMAN

To Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

The enclosed report reviews the accomplishments of the Committee in the 112th Congress. It will be submitted to the Senate pursuant to section 8 of Senate Rule XXVI.

RON WYDEN, *Chairman.*

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Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

SPECIAL REPORT ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources conducted an extensive oversight and legislative program during the 112th Congress. A total of 336 bills and resolutions, 11 nominations, 214 Executive Communications, and 16 petitions or memorials were referred to the Committee for consideration.

The Committee and its 4 subcommittees held a total of 81 public hearings, including 8 field hearings during the 112th Congress. These hearings included 42 oversight hearings, 33 legislative hearings, and 5 nomination hearings. The Committee also held 8 business meetings.

Action was completed on a broad range of oversight, legislative, and executive matters. A total of 64 bills and 1 resolution were reported by the Committee, and the Committee was discharged of 9 other matters, 2 of which were referred to other committees and 7 of which were discharged and passed by the Senate.

Of the 64 bills reported by the Committee, 24 passed the Senate, and 10 passed both the House and the Senate, and were signed into law. In addition, the Senate passed, and the President signed into law, the House companion measures of 5 Senate bills reported by the Committee. The Senate discharged and passed, and the President signed into law, 4 additional bills that were previously referred to the Committee. Two bills that were reported by the Committee were subsequently incorporated into, and were enacted into law as part of, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. A total of 39 bills that were referred to the Committee or were House companion measures of bills referred to the Committee passed the Senate and 24 of them became public law.

Eleven nominations submitted by President Obama were referred to the Committee during the 112th Congress. One nomination was withdrawn by the President, and two were returned to the President under the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate. The remaining 8 nominations were reported by the Committee and confirmed by the Senate.

The Committee filed 64 reports on measures it ordered reported, and published 79 hearing records.

JURISDICTION

Rule XXV(1)(g)(1) of the Standing Rules of the Senate gives the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources jurisdiction over matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Coal production, distribution, and utilization.
2. Energy policy.
3. Energy regulation and conservation.
4. Energy related aspects of deepwater ports.
5. Energy research and development.
6. Extraction of minerals from oceans and Outer Continental Shelf lands.
7. Hydroelectric power, irrigation, and reclamation.
8. Mining education and research.
9. Mining, mineral lands, mining claims, and mineral conservation.
10. National parks, recreation areas, wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers, historical sites, military parks and battlefields, and on the public domain, preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest.
11. Naval petroleum reserves in Alaska.
12. Nonmilitary development of nuclear energy.
13. Oil and gas production and distribution.
14. Public lands and forests, including farming and grazing thereon, and mineral extraction therefrom.
15. Solar energy systems.
16. Territorial possessions of the United States, including trusteeships.

FULL COMMITTEE

JEFF BINGAMAN, *Chairman*

JURISDICTION

During the 112th Congress, the Full Committee retained jurisdiction, without reference to a subcommittee, over the following matters: National Energy Policy, including international energy affairs and emergency preparedness; nuclear waste policy; privatization of federal assets; territorial policy (including changes in status and issues affecting Antarctica); and Native Hawaiian matters. In addition, the Full Committee retained jurisdiction of issues that: (1) required extremely expeditious handling; (2) substantially overlapped two or more subcommittee jurisdictions; or (3) were of exceptional national significance in which all Members wished to participate fully.

NOMINATIONS

Eleven presidential nominations were referred to the Committee during the 112th Congress.

Nominations confirmed

The Committee held hearings on and favorably reported 8 nominations which were subsequently confirmed by the Senate. These nominations were for:

Department of Energy

Peter Bruce Lyons, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy). Received January 5, 2011. Hearing held March 8, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–5. Reported April 12, 2011. Confirmed April 14, 2011.

Charles DeWitt McConnell, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy). Received July 11, 2011. Hearing held July 28, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–133. Reported November 10, 2011. Confirmed March 29, 2012.

David T. Danielson, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy). Received July 28, 2011. Hearing held September 15, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–140. Reported November 10, 2011. Confirmed March 29, 2012.

LaDoris Guess Harris, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact. Received July 28, 2011. Hearing held September 15, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–140. Reported November 10, 2011. Confirmed March 29, 2012.

Gregory H. Woods, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. Received August 2, 2011. Hearing held September 15, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–140. Reported November 10, 2011. Confirmed March 29, 2012.

Adam E. Sieminski, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration. Received January 24, 2012. Hearing held March 20, 2012. S. Hrg. 112–371. Reported April 26, 2012. Confirmed May 24, 2012.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Anthony T. Clark, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Received January 24, 2012. Hearing held March 20, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–371. Reported April 26, 2012. Confirmed May 24, 2012.

John Robert Norris, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Received February 6, 2012. Hearing held March 20, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–371. Reported April 26, 2012. Confirmed May 24, 2012.

Nomination withdrawn

One nomination was withdrawn by the President:

Arunava Majumdar, to be Under Secretary of Energy. Received November 30, 2011. Hearing held December 8, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–213. Reported December 15, 2011. Withdrawn by the President May 15, 2012.

Nominations returned

Two nominations were returned to the President under the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate:

Rebecca Wodder, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior. Received June 9, 2012. Hearing held July 28, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–133. (Joint referral with Committee on Environment and Public Works.) Returned to the President under the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules on December 17, 2011.

Marcilynn A. Burke, to be Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior. Received February 6, 2012. Hearing held March 20, 2012. S. Hrg. 112–371. Reported April 26, 2012. Returned to the President under the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules on January 3, 2013.

HEARINGS

The Full Committee held 19 legislative hearings, 36 oversight hearings, and 5 nomination hearings during the 112th Congress, as follows:

January 26, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–1.

Oversight hearing to review the report and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislative action, issued by the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

February 1, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–4.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S.99, the American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2011.

February 3, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–35.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the energy and oil market outlook for the 112th Congress.

February 16, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–105.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the U.S. Department of Energy's budget for fiscal year 2012.

February 21, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–7.

Field hearing to receive testimony regarding recent natural gas service disruptions in New Mexico and the reliability of regional energy infrastructure.

March 2, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–12.

Oversight hearing to consider the President's Fiscal Year 2012 proposed budget for the Department of the Interior.

March 3, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–20.

Oversight hearing to consider the President's Fiscal Year 2012 proposed budget for the USDA Forest Service.

March 8, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–5.

Hearing on the nomination of Peter B. Lyons, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

March 10, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–10.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 398, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy efficiency of certain appliances and equipment, and for other purposes, and S. 395, the Better Use of Light Bulbs Act.

March 17, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–52.

Oversight hearing to examine current global investment trends in clean energy technologies and the impact of domestic policies on that investment.

March 29, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–11.

Member meeting to provide an update on the recent events at the Tokyo Electric Power Company's Fukushima Daiichi reactor complex due to the earthquake and tsunami that occurred on March 11, 2011.

March 31, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–26.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 629, the Hydro-power Improvement Act of 2011, S. 630, Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Promotion Act of 2011, and Title I, subtitle D of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009.

April 7, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–36.

Legislative hearing to review Department of Energy biofuel programs and biofuel infrastructure issues, and to consider S. 187, the Biofuels Market Expansion Act of 2011.

April 27, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–16.

Field hearing to receive testimony on the current drought conditions affecting New Mexico and the status of reports to be issued pursuant to Sections 9503 and 9506 of the SECURE Water Act regarding a review of the current scientific understanding of the impacts of climate change on water resources and an assessment of the risks associated with climate change on water resources in certain river basins.

May 3, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–21.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the proposal for a Clean Energy Deployment Administration as contained in Title I, Subtitle A of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009. (S. 1462 of the 111th Congress).

May 5, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–40.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on a joint staff Discussion Draft pertaining to cyber security of the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure and for other purposes.

May 10, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–30.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on new developments in upstream oil and gas technologies.

May 12, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–22.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on carbon capture and sequestration legislation, including S. 699, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Sequestration Program Amendments Act of 2011, and S. 757, the Carbon Dioxide Capture Technology Prize Act of 2011.

May 17, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–51.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills related to oil and gas development:

S. 516, a bill to extend outer Continental Shelf leases to accommodate permitting delays and to provide operators time to meet new drilling and safety requirements;

S. 843, a bill to establish outer Continental Shelf lease and permit processing coordination offices, and for other purposes;

S. 916, a bill to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and for other purposes; and

S. 917, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

May 19, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–38.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on policies to reduce oil consumption through the promotion of advanced vehicle technologies and accelerated deployment of electric-drive vehicles, as proposed in S. 734, the Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2011, and S. 948, the Promoting Electric Vehicles Act of 2011.

June 7, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–107.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 512, the Nuclear Power 2021 Act; S. 937, the American Alternative Fuels Act of 2011; and S. 1067, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and for other purposes.

June 9, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–273.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on bills to promote energy efficiency and alternative fuel vehicles as described in S. 963, the Reducing Federal Energy Dollars Act of 2011, S. 1000, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2011, and S. 1001, the Alternative Fueled Vehicles Competitiveness and Energy Security Act of 2011.

June 14, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–128.

Oversight hearing to consider the wildfire management programs of the Federal land management agencies.

June 16, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–121.

Legislative hearing is to review S. 343, a bill to amend Title I of PL 99–658 regarding the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau, to approve the results of the 15-year review of the Compact, including the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, to appropriate funds for the purposes of the amended PL 99–658 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2024, and to carry out the agreements resulting from that review.

July 12, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–253.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 1160, the Department of Energy Administrative Improvement Act of 2011; S. 1108, the 10 Million Solar Roofs Act of 2011; and S. 1142, the Geothermal Exploration and Technology Act of 2011.

July 19, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–146.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the recent report of the MIT Energy Initiative entitled “The Future of Natural Gas.”

July 28, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–133.

Hearing on the nominations of Charles McConnell, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy) and Rebecca Wodder, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

September 15, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–140.

Hearing on the nominations of Gregory H. Woods, to be General Counsel, Department of Energy, David T. Danielson, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), Department of Energy, and LaDoris G. Harris, to be Director for the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

October 4, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–227.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Shale Gas Production Subcommittee's 90-day report.

October 18, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–372.

Oversight hearing to examine the status of response capability and readiness for oil spills in foreign Outer Continental Shelf waters adjacent to U.S. waters.

November 8, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–215.

Oversight hearing to consider market developments for US natural gas, including the approval process and potential for liquefied natural gas exports.

November 14, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–223.

Field hearing to examine Marcellus Shale Gas development and production in West Virginia.

November 15, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–188.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the Department of Energy's Quadrennial Technology Review (QTR) and two bills pending before the Committee: S. 1703, the Quadrennial Energy Review Act of 2011, and S. 1807, the Energy Research and Development Coordination Act of 2011.

November 17, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–467.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the Secretary of the Interior's Order No. 3315 to Consolidate and Establish the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement within the Bureau of Land Management.

December 8, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–213.

Hearing on the nomination of Arunava Majumdar, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

January 31, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–378.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the U.S. and global energy outlook for 2012.

February 2, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–295.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future.

February 9, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–486.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on H.R. 1904, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011, and the text of S. 409, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009, as reported by the Committee during the 111th Congress.

February 16, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–105.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the U.S. Department of Energy's budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

February 28, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–534.

Oversight hearing to consider the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 proposed budget for the Department of the Interior.

March 6, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–380.

Oversight hearing to consider the President’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 for the Forest Service.

March 13, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–625.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the “Report of the Independent Consultant’s Review with Respect to the Department of Energy Loan and Loan Guarantee Portfolio.”

March 20, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–371.

Hearing on the nominations of Adam Sieminski, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Marcilynn Burke to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Anthony Clark to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and John Norris to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

March 29, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–435.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on current and near-term future price expectations and trends for motor gasoline and other refined petroleum fuels.

April 19, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–622.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the impacts of sea level rise on domestic energy and water infrastructure.

April 26, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–575.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on weather related electrical outages.

May 10, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–540.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 2374, The Helium Stewardship Act of 2012.

May 17, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–466.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 2146, the Clean Energy Standard Act of 2012.

May 22, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–536.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the report produced by the American Energy Innovation Council titled “Catalyzing American Ingenuity: The Role of Government in Energy Innovation” and related issues.”

June 14, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–623.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on competitiveness and collaboration between the U.S. and China on clean energy.

June 19, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-532.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the potential for induced seismicity from energy technologies, including carbon capture and storage, enhanced geothermal systems, production from gas shales, and enhanced oil recovery.

June 28, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-528.

Oversight hearing to review innovative non-federal programs for financing energy efficient building retrofits.

July 12, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-595.

Oversight hearing on remediation of federal legacy wells in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

July 17, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-529.

Oversight hearing to examine the status of action taken to ensure that the electric grid is protected from cyber attacks.

July 24, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-587.

Oversight hearing to assess the opportunities for, current level of investment in, and barriers to the expanded usage of natural gas as a fuel for transportation.

July 31, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-588.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 3385, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes.

August 6, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-596.

Oversight hearing to examine gasoline prices and margin dynamics within the state of Vermont.

August 15, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-593.

Oversight hearing to discuss the recent Colorado wildfires, focusing on lessons learned that can be applied to future suppression, recovery and mitigation efforts. The Fourmile Canyon Fire report that was released on July 25th will be discussed, as will projections for future wildfire conditions and best practices that can improve forest health.

August 17, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-592.

Oversight hearing to examine the current and future impacts of climate change on the Intermountain West, focusing on drought, wildfire frequency and severity, and ecosystems.

September 12, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-598.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on S. 3469, the Nuclear Waste Administration Act of 2012.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Committee held 8 business meetings, at which it ordered reported 10 nominations and 65 bills or resolutions, as follows:

February 16, 2011.

The Committee approved subcommittee assignments, revised its recusal policy for executive nominees, and ordered reported S. Res. 56, the Committee funding resolution.

April 12, 2011.

The Committee ordered reported the nomination of Peter Bruce Lyons to be the Assistant Secretary of Nuclear Energy.

May 26, 2011.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 630, a bill to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, and for other purposes;

S. 699, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated systems for long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes;

S. 757, a bill to provide incentives to encourage the development and implementation of technology to capture carbon dioxide from dilute sources on a significant scale using direct air capture technologies;

S. 1342, an original bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities; and

S. 1343, an original bill to provide for the conduct of an analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes.

July 14, 2011.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 201, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes;

S. 270, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon;

S. 271, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes;

S. 278, a bill to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes;

S. 292, a bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;

S. 333, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch;

S. 334, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 382, a bill 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 permits;

S. 383, a bill to promote the domestic production of critical minerals and materials, and for other purposes;

S. 404, a bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior;

S. 512, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and for other purposes;

S. 519, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes;

S. 535, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes;

S. 683, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah;

S. 684, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah;

S. 714, a bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes;

S. 734, a bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Education;

S. 808, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District;

S. 897, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs;

S. 997, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District;

S. 1000, a bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes;

S. 1001, a bill to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, and for other purposes;

S. 1510, an original bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies, and for other purposes;

S. 1067, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and for other purposes.

July 21, 2011.

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 512, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and for other purposes; and

S. 916, a bill to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and for other purposes.

November 10, 2011.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Charles DeWitt McConnell to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

The nomination of David T. Danielson to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

The nomination of LaDoris Guess Harris to be the Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

The nomination of Gregory H. Woods to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

S. 114, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park in Texas, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes;

S. 140, a bill to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan, and for other purposes;

S. 247, a bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties, Maryland, and for other purposes;

S. 264, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi two parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes;

S. 302, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in non-wilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park in Alaska, and for other purposes;

S. 322, a bill 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;

S. 323, a bill to establish the First State National Historical Park in Delaware, and for other purposes;

S. 499, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project;

S. 500, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system of the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes;

S. 526, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range;

S. 667, a bill to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in New Mexico, and for other purposes;

S. 765, a bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument in Oregon, and for other purposes;

S. 766, a bill to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, and to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in Oregon as wild rivers, and for other purposes;

S. 779, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program;

S. 802, a bill 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;

S. 883, a bill to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought during the American Revolution;

S. 888, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Wash., as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 896, a bill to amend the Public Land 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;

S. 970, a bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems;

S. 1047, a bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, and for other purposes;

S. 1090, a bill to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee, and for other purposes;

S. 1134, a bill to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values;

S. 1325, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 1344, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take immediate action to recover ecologically and economically from a catastrophic wildfire in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes;

S. 1421, a bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes;

S. 1478, a bill to modify the boundary of the Minutemen Missile National Historic Site in South Dakota, and for other purposes;

H.R. 441, a bill 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.

December 15, 2011.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Arunava Majumdar to be Under Secretary of Energy;

S. 1108, a bill to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more efficient, and for other purposes;

S. 1142, a bill to promote the mapping and development of the United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, and for other purposes;

S. 1149, a bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes;

S. 1160, a bill to improve the administration of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

April 26, 2012.

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Adam E. Sieminski to be the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

The nomination of Anthony T. Clark to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The nomination of John Robert Norris to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The nomination of Marcilynn A. Burke to be a Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

MARIA CANTWELL, Washington, *Chairman*

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JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee includes oversight and legislative responsibilities for: nuclear, coal, and synthetic fuels research and development; nuclear and non-nuclear energy commercialization projects; nuclear fuel cycle policy; Department of Energy National Laboratories; global climate change; new technologies research and development; nuclear facilities siting and insurance program; commercialization of new technologies, including solar energy systems; Federal energy conservation programs; energy information; liquefied natural gas projects; oil and natural gas regulation; refinery policy; coal conversion; utility policy; strategic petroleum reserves; regulation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and other oil and gas pipeline transportation systems within Alaska; Arctic research and energy development; and oil, gas, and coal production and distribution.

HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on Energy held 5 legislative hearings and 3 oversight hearings.

June 9, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–117.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on critical minerals and materials legislation, including S. 383, the Critical Minerals and Materials Promotion Act of 2011, S. 421, the Powering America's Lithium Production Act of 2011, and S.1113, the Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2011.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

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JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee includes oversight and legislative responsibility for: public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, including farming and grazing thereon, and wilderness areas; establishment of wildlife refuges on public lands and wilderness designation therein; military land withdrawals; reserved water rights; Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; territorial affairs; national mining and minerals policy and general mining laws; surface mining, reclamation and enforcement; mining education and research; Federal mineral leasing; Outer Continental Shelf leasing; Naval oil shale reserves; National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska; and deep seabed mining.

HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held 4 legislative hearings.

May 18, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–39.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 220, to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon;

S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon;

S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes;

S. 278, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes;

S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;

S. 322, 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;

S. 382, 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;

S. 427, to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, and for other purposes;

S. 526, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range;

S. 566, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System;

S. 590, 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;

S. 607, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land, and for other purposes;

S. 617, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, and for other purposes;

S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah;

S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah;

S. 667, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes;

S. 729, to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes;

S. 766, 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 rivers, and for other purposes;

S. 896, 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

S. 897, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects.

May 25, 2011—S. Hrg. 112-131.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 233, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws;

S. 268, a bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes.

S. 375, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services;

S. 714, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; and

S. 730, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

August 3, 2011—S. Hrg. 112-226.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 1024, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes;

S. 1090, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes;

S. 1144, to amend the Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2006 to extend the reduced royalty rate for soda ash;

S. 1149, to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; and

S. 1344, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take immediate action to recover ecologically and economically from a catastrophic wildfire in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

March 22, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-642.

S. 303, a bill to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee;

S. 1129, a bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits;

S. 1473, a bill to amend Public Law 99-548 to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land;

S. 1492, a bill 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;

S. 1559, a bill to establish the San Juan Islands National Conservation Area in the San Juan Islands, Washington;

S. 1635, a bill to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness;

S. 1687, a bill to adjust the boundary of Carson National Forest, New Mexico;

S. 1774, a bill to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest;

S. 1788, a bill to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada;

S. 1906, a bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees;

S. 2001, a bill to expand the Wild Rogue Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the Rogue River area, to provide additional protections for Rogue River tributaries;

S. 2015, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming; and

S. 2056, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

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JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee includes oversight and legislative responsibilities for: the National Park System; Wild and Scenic Rivers System; National Trails System; national recreation areas; national monuments; historic sites; military parks and battlefields; Land and Water Conservation Fund; historic preservation; outdoor recreation resources; and preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain.

HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on National Parks held 5 legislative hearings and 3 oversight hearings.

March 30, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–17.

Oversight hearing to consider the President's Fiscal Year 2012 proposed budget for the National Park Service.

May 11, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–124.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 114, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes;

S. 127, to establish the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in the State of Texas, and for other purposes;

S. 140, 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;

S. 161, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 177, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California;

S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes;

S. 279, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System;

S. 302, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in non-wilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park, and for other purposes;

S. 313, 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;

S. 323, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes;

S. 403, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes;

S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior;

S. 508, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado;

S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes;

S. 564, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 599, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War;

S. 713, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes;

S. 765, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes;

S. 779, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program;

S. 849, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; and

S. 858, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

July 28, 2011—S. Hrg. 112-214.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 264, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes;

S. 265, A bill to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park;

S. 324, A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission;

S. 764, A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to make technical corrections to the segment designations for the Chetco River, Oregon;

S. 864, A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California;

S. 883, A bill to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution;

S. 888, A bill 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;

S. 925, A bill to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence;

S. 970, A bill to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 1063, A bill to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska; and

S. 1134, A bill to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values.

September 21, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–225.

Oversight hearing to consider a recently released report by the National Park Service: A Call to Action: Preparing for a Second Century of Stewardship and Engagement.

October 19, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–224.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 544, A bill 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;

S. 1083, A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the Smoky Hill Trail, an overland trail across the Great Plains during pioneer days in Kansas and Colorado, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System;

S. 1084, A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the routes of the Shawnee Cattle Trail, the oldest of the major Texas Cattle Trails, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System, and for other purposes;

S. 1303, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish Fort Monroe National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes;

S. 1325, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 1347, A bill to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes;

S. 1421, A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes;

S. 1478, A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes; and

S. 1537, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept from the Board of Directors of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center Foundation, Inc., the donation of title to The National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center, and for other purposes.

November 5, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–274.

Field hearing to examine issues affecting management of archaeological, cultural, and historic resources at Mesa Verde National Park and other units of the National Park System.

March 7, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–401.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 29, a bill to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area;

S. 1150, a bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania;

S. 1191, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut;

S. 1198, a bill to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area; S. 1215, a bill to provide for the exchange of land located in the Lowell National Historical Park;

S. 1589, a bill to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey;

S. 1708, a bill to establish the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park;

S. 2131, a bill to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, and the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor;

S. 2133, a bill to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa;

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; and

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.

June 27, 2012—S. Hrg. 112–578.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 1897, a bill to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station;

S. 2158, a bill to establish the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway National Heritage Area;

S. 2229, a bill to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park;

S. 2267, a bill to reauthorize the Hudson Valley National Heritage Area;

S. 2272, a bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali;

S. 2273, a bill to designate the Talkeetna Ranger Station in Talkeetna, Alaska, as the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station;

S. 2286, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 2316, a bill to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at the Cape Cod National Seashore as the "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center";

S. 2324, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Neches River in the State of Texas for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System;

S. 2372, a bill to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area;

S. 3078, a bill 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 United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; and

S. 3300, a bill to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

JEANNE SHAHEEN, New Hampshire, *Chairman*

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JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee includes oversight and legislative responsibilities for: irrigation; reclamation projects, including related flood control purposes; power marketing administrations (i.e., Bonneville Power, Southwestern Power, Western Area Power, Southeastern Power); energy development impacts on water resources; groundwater resources and management; hydroelectric power; low head hydro; and energy related aspects of deepwater ports.

HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on Water and Power held 3 legislative hearings and 4 oversight hearings.

May 19, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–63.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 201, a bill to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes;

S. 333, a bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch;

S. 334, a bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 419, the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System Act of 2011;

S. 499, the Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act;

S. 519, the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011; and

S. 808, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, and for other purposes.

June 23, 2011—S. Hrg. 112–129.

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 500, the South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act;

S. 715, the Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act;

S. 802, the Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act of 2011;
 S. 997, the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act;

S. 1033, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes;

S. 1047, the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Act of 2011;

S. 1224, the Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2011, and

S. 1225, the Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act.

October 20, 2011—S. Hrg. 112-247.

Oversight hearing to examine shale gas production and water resources in the Eastern United States.

December 8, 2011—S. Hrg. 112-268.

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on opportunities and challenges to address domestic and global water supply issues.

March 12, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-389.

Field hearing to receive testimony on specific energy and water policies and programs that the U.S. Department of Navy is implementing as it pertains to its operations and facilities.

July 25, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-564.

Oversight hearing is to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use.

September 19, 2012—S. Hrg. 112-624

Legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 3265, a bill to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation;

H.R. 2842, Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2012;

S. 3464, Mni Wiconi Project Act Amendments of 2012; and

S. 3483, Crooked River Collaborative Water Security Act.

MEASURES ENACTED INTO LAW

Public Law 112–45 (H.R. 489): An Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S. 201) on May 19, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–63. The Committee ordered S. 201 reported without amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–48. H.R. 489 passed the House on October 3, 2011, and was placed on the Senate Calendar on October 4, 2011. H.R. 489 passed the Senate on October 18, 2011, and was approved by the President on November 7, 2011.

Public Law 112–46 (H.R. 765): An Act 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. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S. 382) on May 18, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–39. The Committee ordered S. 382 reported without amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–55. H.R. 765 passed the House on October 3, 2011, and was placed on the Senate Calendar on October 4, 2011. H.R. 765 passed the Senate on October 18, 2011, and was approved by the President on November 7, 2011.

Public Law 112–52 (H.R. 818): An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. The Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S. 808) on May 19, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–63. The Committee ordered S. 808 reported without amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–62. H.R. 818 passed the House on October 24, 2011, and was placed on the Senate Calendar on October 31, 2011. H.R. 818 passed the Senate without amendment on November 3, 2011, and was approved by the President on November 9, 2011.

Public Law 112–69 (S. 535): An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on S. 535 on May 11, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–124. The Committee ordered the bill reported without amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–59. S. 535 passed the Senate without amendment on November 2, 2011, passed the House on December 7, 2011, and was approved by the President on December 19, 2011.

Public Law 112–70 (S. 683): An Act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held a hearing on S. 683 on May 18, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–39. The Committee ordered the bill reported with amendments on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–60. S.

683 passed the Senate, with amendments on November 2, 2011, passed the House on December 7, 2011, and was approved by the President on December 19, 2011.

Public Law 112-72 (H.R. 470): An Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S. 519) on May 19, 2011. S. Hrg. 112-63. The Committee ordered S. 519 reported with amendments on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112-58. H.R. 470 passed the House on October 3, 2011, and was placed on the Senate Calendar on October 4, 2011. H.R. 470 passed the Senate on October 18, 2011, along with S. Con. Res. 32, authorizing the Clerk of the House to correct the enrollment of H.R. 470. The House passed S. Con. Res. 32 on December 7, 2011. The President approved H.R. 490 on December 27, 2011.

Public Law 112-79 (S. 278): An Act to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held a hearing on S. 278 on May 18, 2011. S. Hrg. 112-39. The Committee ordered S. 278 reported without amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112-51. S. 278 passed the Senate without amendment on November 2, 2011, and passed the House with an amendment on December 16, 2011. The Senate agreed to the House amendment on December 17, 2011, and the President approved the bill on December 23, 2011.

Public Law 112-100 (S. 1134): An Act to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on S. 1134 on July 28, 2011. S. Hrg. 112-214. The Committee ordered the bill reported with an amendment on November 10, 2011. S. Rept. 112-124. S. 1134 passed the Senate with an amendment (No. 1468) on January 23, 2012, passed the House on March 1, 2012, and was approved by the President on March 14, 2014.

Public Law 112-129 (H.R. 2947): An Act 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. 2947 passed the House on April 24, 2012, and was referred to the Committee on April 25, 2012. The bill was discharged from the Committee and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on May 16, 2012. The Senate discharged the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and passed the bill on May 24, 2012. The President approved the bill on June 8, 2012.

Public Law 112-133 (S. 292): An Act to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held a hearing on S. 292 on May 18, 2011. S. Hrg. 112-39. The Committee ordered the bill reported with an amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112-52. S. 292 passed the Senate, with an amendment, on October

18, 2011, passed the House on June 6, 2012, and was approved by the President on June 15, 2012.

Public Law 112–137 (S. 404): An Act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on S. 404 on May 11, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–124. The Committee ordered the bill reported without amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–56. S. 404 passed the Senate without amendment on October 18, 2011, passed the House on June 18, 2012, and was approved by the President on June 27, 2012.

Public Law 112–138 (S. 684): An Act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held a hearing on S. 684 on May 18, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–39. The Committee reported the bill with amendments on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–61. S. 684 passed the Senate, with amendments, on November 2, 2011, passed the House on June 18, 2012, and was approved by the President on June 27, 2012.

Public Law 112–139 (S. 997): An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District. The Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on S. 997 on June 23, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–129. The Committee ordered the bill reported without amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–65. S. 997 passed the Senate without amendment on November 2, 2011, passed the House on June 18, 2012, and was approved by the President on June 27, 2012.

Public Law 112–164 (S. 270): An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held a hearing on S. 270 on May 18, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–39. The Committee ordered the bill reported with an amendment on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–49. S. 270 passed the Senate with an amendment on October 18, 2011, passed the House on August 1, 2012, and was approved by the President on August 10, 2012.

Public Law 112–165 (S. 271): An Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests held a hearing on S. 271 on May 18, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–39. The Committee ordered the bill reported with amendments on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–50. S. 271 passed the Senate with amendments on November 2, 2011, passed the House on August 1, 2012, and was approved by the President on August 10, 2012.

Public Law 112–182 (H.R. 2240): An Act to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S. 1215) on March 7, 2012. S. Hrg. 112–401. H.R. 2240 passed the House on April 26, 2012, was placed on the Senate Calendar on May 8, 2012, passed the Senate on September 22, 2012, and was approved by the President on October 5, 2012.

Public Law 112-197 (H.R. 2606): An Act 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. 2606 passed the House on February 7, 2012, and was referred to the Committee on February 9, 2012. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the bill on March 7, 2012. S. Hrg. 112-401. The Senate discharged the Committee and passed H.R. 2606 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2869) on September 22, 2012. The House agreed to the Senate amendment on November 14, 2012, and the President approved the bill on November 27, 2012.

Public Law 112-244 (H.R. 3263): An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of non-project water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S.802) on June 23, 2011. S. Hrg. 112-129. The Committee ordered S. 802 reported without amendment on November 10, 2011. S. Rept. 112-117. H.R. 3263 passed the House on June 5, 2012, passed the Senate on December 30, 2012, and was approved by the President on January 10, 2013.

Public Law 112-245 (H.R. 3641): An Act to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S. 161) on May 11, 2011. S. Hrg. 112-124. H.R. 3641 passed the House on July 31, 2012, passed the Senate on December 30, 2012, and was approved by the President on January 10, 2013.

Public Law 112-259 (S. 925): An Act to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on S. 925 on July 28, 2011. S. Hrg. 112-214. The Senate discharged the Committee and passed the bill without amendment on October 18, 2011. S. 925 passed the House on December 20, 2012, and was approved by the President on January 10, 2013.

Public Law 112-268 (H.R. 4606): An Act to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S. 2229) on June 27, 2012. S. Hrg. 112-578. H.R. 4606 passed the House on December 17, 2012, passed the Senate on January 2, 2013, and was approved by the President on January 14, 2013.

Public Law 112-270 (H.R. 6060): An Act to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019. The Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the Senate companion measure (S. 1224) on June 23, 2011. S. Hrg. 112-129. H.R. 6060 passed the House on September 19, 2012, and was referred to the Committee on September 20, 2012. The Senate discharged the Committee and passed the bill without amendment on January 1, 2013. The President approved the bill on January 14, 2013.

In addition, two bills that were referred to the Committee were enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239:

S. 99, a bill to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes. The Committee held a hearing on S. 99 on February 1, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–4. The Committee ordered the bill reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, on April 12, 2011. S. Rept. 112–17. The Senate passed the bill with an amendment (No. 1223) on November 17, 2011. The text of S. 99 was subsequently offered as an amendment (No. 3208) to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (S. 3254). The Senate adopted the amendment on December 3, 2012, and it was enacted as subtitle F of title XXXI of Public Law 112–239.

S. 883, a bill to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on S. 883 on July 28, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–214. The Committee ordered the bill reported without amendment on November 10, 2011. S. Rept. 112–118. The text of S. 883 was offered as an amendment (No. 3276) to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (S. 3254). The Senate adopted the amendment on December 3, 2012, and it was enacted as section 2860 of Public Law 112–239.

In addition, Public Law 112–210 (H.R. 6582), an Act to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow American manufacturers to remain competitive, contained several provisions drawn from S. 398, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve the energy efficiency of certain appliances and equipment, and for other purposes, and S. 1000, a bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes. The Committee held a hearing on S. 398 on March 10, 2011, S. Hrg. 112–10, and on S. 1000 on June 9, 2011. S. Hrg. 112–273. The Committee ordered S. 398 reported on April 2, 2011, S. Rept. 112–18, and S. 1000 reported on July 14, 2011. S. Rept. 112–71. The House passed H.R. 6582 on December 4, 2012, and the Senate passed it without reference to the Committee on December 6, 2012. The President signed H.R. 6582 on December 18, 2012.