



News from the
Committee on Natural Resources
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The Weekly Preview

February 11-15, 2008

Highlights:

- On Tuesday, the **House of Representatives** is expected to consider under suspension of the rules the following six bills:
 - [H.R. 2251](#): To extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 3332](#): To provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, and for other purposes.
 - [H.Res. 868](#): Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the declaration of Muir Woods National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt.
 - [H.Con.Res. 209](#): Expressing the sense of Congress that the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, located in Paducah, KY, should be designated as the "National Quilt Museum of the United States."
 - [H.R. 29](#): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, CA, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 664](#): To amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, CA, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, CA.

This Week's Hearings and Markups:

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following seven bills:
 - [H.R. 2176](#) would provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.
 - [H.R. 4115](#) would provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
 - [H.R. 1143](#) would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park.
 - [H.R. 1311](#), the Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act, would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, NV, for the development of a cancer treatment facility.
 - [H.R. 1922](#), the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007, would designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System.
 - [H.R. 816](#), the Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act, would provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the release land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project.
 - [H.R. 3473](#), the Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act, would provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, UT, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest.

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- Also on Wednesday, the **Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans** will meet in open markup session to consider the following five bills:
 - [H.R. 1187](#), the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act, would expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary.

- [H.R. 1907](#), the Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act, would authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities.
- [H.R. 2342](#), the National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007, would direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System.
- [H.R. 3352](#) would amend the Hydrographic Service Improvement Act.
- [H.R. 3891](#) would amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
- [H.R. 4933](#) would amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections.

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- On Thursday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will hold an oversight hearing on the "President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior." Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne is scheduled to testify.

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In Case You Missed It:

- President Bush released his [FY 2009 budget](#) on Monday, February 4, 2008. Visit the Committee's Web site to read the [press release](#) on the Administration's budget request for Department of the Interior programs and the [press release](#) on the Administration's budget request for Bureau of Indian Affairs programs.

Quotable Quote:

"This is a true Groundhog Day budget that simply and agonizingly repeats the ludicrous budgetary policies that the Congress and the American people have consistently rejected, year after year, after year, after year. This budget axes forest programs, undercuts our wildlife refuges, puts programs to save endangered species under the knife, neglects the needs of our National Parks, and puts a stopper in important water programs."

– *Chairman Rahall, reacting to the President's FY 2009 budget request for the Department of the Interior.*

Calendar:

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Monday 2/11	Tuesday 2/12	Wednesday 2/13	Thursday 2/14	Friday 2/15
		Full Committee Markup of seven Bills (11:00 AM) Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans: Markup of six Bills (3:00 PM)	Full Committee Oversight Hearing on the "President's FY 2009 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior" (10:00 AM)	

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