

On Tuesday July 12, 2011, the House Appropriations Committee reported the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill to the House by a vote of 28 to 18. The Committee adopted the following amendments related to the Department of the Interior.

- Manager’s amendment makes technical changes to the bill and includes additional, non-controversial report language. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote. The manager’s amendment included the following changes:
 - Increased the amount provided for the FWS Land Acquisition program by \$4.0 million for Highlands Conservation Act and limits the amount of administration for Highlands to \$120,000.
 - Decreased the amount provided for NPS Operations of the National Park System by \$4.0 million, and within the ONPS account, decreased the amount for Maintenance, Repair and Rehab by \$6.210 million.
 - Revised bill citation language in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement Ocean Energy Management account.
 - Added bill language to the Bureau of Indian Affairs administrative provision to include language on Jones Academy.
 - Supplemented the report language on expired programs on page 9-10 of the report by adding clarifying language regarding Northern Rocky Mountain wolves.
 - Updated estimates in the report language on page 27 regarding the National Wildlife Refuge Fund.
 - Strengthened the language included in the report on page 30 regarding the Civil War Sesquicentennial.
 - Corrected report language on page 52 for the Working Capital Fund to correct the amount for FBMS to \$52,019,000.
 - Deletes the sentence “Rescinds certain prior year amounts.” on page 121 of the report.
- **Jackson (D-IL)** The amendment increases visitor services funding by \$1 million for the National Park Service related to the 150-year Civil War commemoration, offset by a cut to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) oil and gas program. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.
- **Culberson (R-TX)** The amendment inserts report language requiring the **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE)** to provide quarterly reports to Congress on the status of permits, as well as reasons permits were denied. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.
- **Kingston (R-GA)** The amendment allows the Department of Interior to lease land to the Savannah Bar Pilots association, which assists pilots in moving vessels into the Port of Savannah. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.
- **Dent (R-PA)** The amendment inserts report language to direct the National Park Service to adhere to the original schedule for an environmental impact statement related to electric transmission lines within the Delaware Gap National Recreation Area. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.
- **McCollum (D-MN)** The amendment prohibits funds for contracts or agreements with entities with unpaid Federal tax liabilities that have not entered into payment agreements to remedy the liability. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

- **McCollum (D-MN)** The amendment prohibits the government from entering into contracts or agreements with any corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal or State law within the preceding 24 months. The amendment was accepted on a voice vote.
- **Cole (R-OK)** The amendment reinstates a demonstration program to allow certain tribes to maintain some autonomy from the Department of Interior in the management of their trust funds and finances. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.
- **Lummis (R-WY)** The amendment prohibits funding for the Wild Lands Secretarial Order, which would negatively impact ranching, energy production, recreation, and other activities on BLM land. A similar provision passed the House in the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.
- **Culberson (R-TX)** The amendment inserts report language requiring BLM and the Forest Service to provide written notification of land exchanges to adjacent landowners. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.
- **Flake (R-AZ)** The amendment inserts report language requiring the Department of Interior to report on the progress of safety recommendations related to the Deep Water Horizon Commission report. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.