

On July 25, 2011, the House began consideration of H.R. 2584, the 2012 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The House continued consideration through July 27, 2011, but did not complete the bill before recessing for August. The House is expected to return in September and the timing of continued consideration of the Interior Bill is unknown. The following amendments were considered on the House floor during debate through July 27, 2011:

July 25, 2011 Floor Action:

A manager's amendment package offered by Mr. Simpson of Idaho was adopted by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Richmond of Louisiana to reduce the BLM Management of Lands and Resources account by \$6,000,000 and increase the BOEMRE Ocean Energy Management account by \$5,000,000. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221 to 192.

An amendment by Mr. Moran of Virginia to reduce funds in the BLM Management of Lands and Resources account by \$18,663,000 and increase the Indian Health Facilities account by \$18,663,000. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 175 to 237.

An amendment by Mr. Huelskamp of Kansas to reduce various accounts in the bill by \$3,000,231,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 126 to 284.

An amendment by Mr. Cleaver of Missouri to reduce the BLM Management of Lands and Resources account by \$3,000,000 and increase the EPA Environmental Programs and Management account by \$3,000,000. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 165 to 248.

An amendment by Mr. Richmond of Louisiana to reduce the BLM Management of Lands and Resources account by \$10,617,000 and increase the FWS North American Wetlands Conservation Fund account by the same amount. The amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

An amendment by Ms. Hochul of New York to reduce the BLM Management of Lands and Resources account by \$4.4 million and provide the funding for deficit reduction. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 141 to 271.

July 26, 2011 Floor Action:

An amendment by Mr. Clarke of Michigan to increase funding for the EPA Geographical Programs, specifically the Great Lakes Restoration Program for work on Asian carp. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 173 to 251.

An amendment by Mr. Bass of New Hampshire to increase funding for land acquisition account of BLM (\$1 million), FWS (\$4.0 million), NPS (\$4.0 million), and FS (\$4.0 million), offset by a reduction of \$20 million to the Office of the Secretary Departmental Operations account. The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Lamborn of Colorado to zero out the land acquisition accounts of BLM, FWS, NPS, and FS. The amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Tipton of Colorado to increase funding for BLM land acquisition by \$2.5 million and to increase funding for acquisition of lands for national forests special acts by \$2.5 million offset by a reduction in funds of \$5 million from environmental programs and management accounts. Amendment agreed to by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Dicks of Washington to strike the rider in the FWS Resource Management account prohibiting funding for specific unauthorized ESA actions. Amendment was adopted by a vote of 224 to 202.

An amendment by Mr. Griffin of Arkansas to increase funding for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act by \$3.0 million, offset by a \$3.0 million decrease to the EPA Operations and Administration account. Amendment adopted by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Tonko of New York to increase funding for National Heritage Areas by \$8.408 million, offset by an \$8.408 million reduction to the Operation of the National Park System account. Amendment defeated by a vote of 184 to 232.

An amendment by Mr. Amash of Michigan to decrease funding for the ONPS account for National Capital Performing Arts program by \$2.206 million and applies the savings to the deficit reduction account. Amendment defeated by a vote of 131 to 294.

An amendment by Ms. Norton of the District of Columbia to designate \$300,000 for a NPS study regarding whether applying the same rules to all parks benefits individual parks. Amendment was withdrawn by the Congresswoman.

An amendment by Mr. Carter of Texas to provide \$1.0 million within the Construction account to assist NPS prioritize a joint law enforcement center on the Southwest Border. Amendment would ensure the project is prioritized by NPS. Amendment would jumpstart interagency project agreed to by DOI and DHS. Amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Mica of Florida to increase NPS Construction by \$2 million offset by a decrease to the EPA Environmental Programs and Administration account of \$2 million. The amendment was withdrawn.

An amendment by Mr. Gosar to allow the use of funds in the bill to operate charter schools. The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Dold of Illinois to reduce the Office of the Secretary Departmental Operations by \$24.7 million and increase the EPA EPM Geographic programs by \$24.7 million. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 137 to 291.

An amendment by Mr. Reed of New York to decrease the Office of the Secretary Departmental Operations account by \$8.291 million and increase the Forest Service State and Private Forestry by \$8.291 million. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 237 to 189.

An amendment by Mr. Scalise of Louisiana to reduce Office of the Secretary Departmental Operations account by \$420,000 so the Department will stop delaying the offshore permitting process. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215 to 213.

An amendment by Ms. Jackson Lee of Texas to decrease the Office of the Secretary Departmental Operations by \$4 million and increase the Forest Service State and Private Forestry by \$4 million. The amendment failed by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Gosar to decrease the Office of the Solicitor Salaries and Expenses by \$4.367 million and increase the Indian Health Service by \$4.367 million. The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

July 27, 2011

An amendment by Mr. Dicks of Washington to strike Sec. 116 – Yukon-Charley National Preserve. Amendment defeated by a vote of 174 to 237.

An amendment by Mr. Dicks of Washington to strike Sec. 118 – Review Process for Certain BLM Actions. Amendment defeated by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Dicks of Washington to strike Sec. 119 – Gray Wolves. Amendment defeated by a vote of 174 to 250.

Amendment by Mr. Dicks of Washington to strike Sec. 120 – Trailing Livestock. Amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

Amendment by Mr. Dicks of Washington to strike Sec. 121 – BOEMRE Reporting Requirements. Amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

Amendment by Mr. Moran of Virginia to strike Sec. 124 – Wild Lands Policy. Amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

Amendment by Mr. LaTourette of Ohio, considered en bloc, to increase the EPA Environment and Program Management account by \$13 million, offset by a decrease of \$19 million to the Science and Technology account; to increase the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative by \$50 million, offset by a decrease to the EPA Climate Change programs; and to increase the EPA transfer authority for the Great Lakes by \$13 million. Amendment was adopted by a vote of 220 to 206.

Amendment by Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas to insert “and fellowship” after development within the EPA Science and Technology account. A point of order was raised that the provision appropriated funds for a program not authorized and the amendment was defeated on the point of order.

Amendment by Mr. Flemming of Louisiana to decrease the EPA Environmental Programs and Management by \$48,206,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account for deficit reduction. The intent of the amendment is to eliminate the EPA share of funding for the Energy Star program. Amendment defeated by a voice vote.

Amendment by Mr. Pompeo to reduce the EPA Environmental Programs and Management Greenhouse Gas Registry Program by \$6.246 million and apply the funding to the spending reduction account for deficit reduction. Amendment adopted by a vote of 235 to 191.

Amendment by Ms. Richardson of California to decrease the EPA Buildings and Facilities account by \$10 million and increase the State and Tribal Assistance Grants for diesel engine reduction by \$10 million. Amendment was defeated by a vote of 193 to 232.

An amendment by Ms. Blackburn of TN to reduce the State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$30 million and apply the funding to the spending reduction account for deficit savings. Amendment defeated by a vote of 114 to 314.

An amendment by Ms. Richardson of California to increase funding for the State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$5 million offset by a reduction of \$5 million to the Forest Service Capital Improvement and Maintenance account. Amendment defeated by a vote of 168 to 258.

An amendment by Mr. Bishop of New York to increase funding for the EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$1.411 billion. A point of order was raised against the amendment since the amendment proposes a net increase in the bill. The point of order was sustained and the amendment was not in order.

Amendment by Mr. Lankford of Oklahoma to modify the EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants appropriations language to strike "not less than 30 percent" and insert "30 percent or less". The amendment was defeated by a vote of 161 to 263.

An amendment by Mr. Broun of Georgia to decrease the Forest Service State and Private Forestry by \$20.8 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account for deficit reduction. The amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

An amendment by Ms. Hanabusa of Hawaii to increase funding for the Forest Service State and Private Forestry account by \$50 million and decrease the Forest Service Wildland Fire Management account by \$50 million. The amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

An amendment by Mr. Gosar of Arizona to increase funding for the Forest Service National Forest System by \$10 million and decrease the Forest Service Wildland Fire account by \$16.6 million. Amendment is defeated by a vote of 130 to 295.

An amendment by Mr. Lankford of Oklahoma to eliminate funding for the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality (\$2.7 million) and applies the funding to the spending reduction account for deficit reduction. Amendment defeated by a vote of 198 to 227.

Amendment by Mr. Broun of Georgia reducing funding for the Smithsonian Institution Salaries and Expenses by \$55,624,000 and applies the funding to the spending reduction account for deficit reduction. Amendment defeated by a vote of 110 to 317.

An amendment by Mr. Walberg of Michigan to reduce the funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$10.6 million and applies the savings to the spending reduction account for deficit reduction. Amendment defeated by a vote of 181 to 240 with one voting present.

An amendment by Mr. Broun of Georgia to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$13.5 million and applies the funding to the spending reduction account for deficit reduction. Amendment continues debate the next time the House takes up the Interior bill.