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H.R. 3644 and H.R. 1612 are both scheduled to be considered on Friday, March 12, 2010, under a structured rule that provides consideration for both bills.

The rule (H.Res.1192) provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the majority and minority, waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI (earmarks & "pay-go"), makes in order one amendment that self-executes under Part A of the rule, provides for one amendment under Part B of the rule, consideration of 2 amendments under Part C of the rule, and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

AMENDMENT CONSISDERED TO BE ADOPTED FOR H.R. 3644– PART A

1. *Capps (D-ME).* The self-executing amendment makes a number of changes to the legislation summarized in the legislative bulletin. Many of these changes were made to accommodate some of the concerns raised by Republican Members of the Committee on Natural Resources during mark-up.

AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER FOR H.R. 3644–PART B

1. **Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits the use of any of the funds authorized under the act to be used for congressional earmarking as defined under House rules. (Up to 10 minutes of debate)

AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER FOR H.R 1612–PART C

1. **Bishop (R-UT).** Reverts the annual authorization levels back to a cap of $12 million per year. The underlying bill changes the authorization to "such sums."

2. **Cole (R-OK).** Amends the bill to permit the Secretary to allow tribes to provide temporary housing under Residential Conservation support in addition to federal agencies, state governments, or private organizations.