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**MEMORANDUM OF THE CHAIRMAN**

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

The enclosed report reviews the accomplishments of the Committee in the 110th Congress. It will be submitted to the Senate pursuant to section 8 of Senate Rule XXVI.

JEFF BINGAMAN, *Chairman.*



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Mr. BINGAMAN, 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 110th Congress. A total of 502 bills and resolutions, 16 nominations, and 294 Executive Communications were referred to the Committee for consideration.

The Committee and its 4 subcommittees held a total of 118 public hearings, including 8 field hearings during the 110th Congress. These hearings included 70 oversight hearings, 42 legislative hearings, and 6 nomination hearings. The Committee also held 9 business meetings.

Action was completed on a broad range of oversight, legislative, and executive matters. A total of 217 bills and resolutions were reported by the Committee, and the Committee was discharged of 2 other matters.

Only 3 of the 217 bills reported by the Committee passed both the House and the Senate and were signed into law. In addition, however, 62 separate legislative measures under the jurisdiction of the Committee were combined into the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (S. 2739), which was enacted as Public Law No. 110-229. Although S. 2739 was placed directly on the Senate Calendar without reference to the Committee, all of the measures that made up S. 2739 were previously reported by the Committee. Similarly, another 160 separate legislative measures reported by the Committee during the 110th Congress were consolidated into the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (S. 22), which passed the Senate at the beginning of the 111th Congress.

Sixteen nominations submitted by President Bush were referred to the Committee during the 110th Congress. Three nominations

were withdrawn by the President. Nine nominations were reported by the Committee and confirmed by the Senate. Four nominations were returned to the President under the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate upon the *sine die* adjournment of the Senate at the end of the 110th Congress.

The Committee filed 162 reports on measures it ordered reported, and published 118 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 110th 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; strategic petroleum reserves; Outer Continental Shelf leasing; 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

Sixteen presidential nominations were referred to the Committee during the 110th Congress.

#### *Nominations confirmed*

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

#### *Department of the Interior*

R. Lyle Laverty, to be the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior. Received March 26, 2007. Hearing held May 10, 2007. Reported May 23, 2007. (Joint referral with Committee on Environment and Public Works.)

James L. Caswell, to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior. Received June 4, 2007. Hearing held July 12, 2007. Reported July 25, 2007.

Brent T. Wahlquist, to be the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior. Received June 28, 2007. Hearing held July 12, 2007. Reported July 25, 2007.

#### *Department of Energy*

Kevin M. Kolevar, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability), Department of Energy. Received January 9, 2007. Reported July 25, 2007.

Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz, to be the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy. Received February 8, 2007. Hearing held

March 20, 2007. Reported May 2, 2007. Confirmed by the Senate May 25, 2007.

Lisa E. Epifani, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs), Department of Energy. Received June 13, 2007. Hearing held July 12, 2007. Reported July 25, 2007.

Clarence H. Albright, to be an Under Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy. Received June 21, 2007. Hearing held July 12, 2007. Reported July 25, 2007.

*Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

Joseph Timothy Kelliher, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Received March 7, 2007. Hearing held May 10, 2007. Reported May 23, 2007.

Jon Wellinghoff, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2013. Received December 11, 2007. Hearing held December 18, 2007. Reported December 18, 2007.

*Nominations withdrawn*

Three nominations were withdrawn by President Bush. They were:

John Ray Correll, to be the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior. Received January 9, 2007. Withdrawn by the President June 28, 2007.

Stanley C. Suboleski, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy). Received December 11, 2007. Withdrawn by the President February 26, 2008.

J. Gregory Copeland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. Received January 22, 2008. Hearing held February 27, 2008. Reported March 5, 2008. Withdrawn by the President June 24, 2008.

*Nominations not confirmed*

Four other nominations were not confirmed, as follows:

Kameran L. Onley to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Received April 1, 2008. Hearing held April 30, 2008. Reported May 7, 2008.

Jeffrey F. Kupfer to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. Received April 3, 2008. Hearing held April 30, 2008. Reported May 7, 2008.

James A. Slutz to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy). Received July 31, 2008.

F. Chase Hutto III to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy). Received September 26, 2008.

HEARINGS

*January 10, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–6.*

Oversight hearing on the geopolitics of oil and its implications for U.S. economic and national security.

*January 18, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–7.*

Oversight hearing on issues relating to oil and gas royalty management at the Department of the Interior.

*January 24, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–9.*

Oversight hearing on the Energy Information Administration's analysis of energy market and economic impacts of a proposal to reduce greenhouse gas intensity with a cap and trade system.

*January 25, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–10.*

Oversight hearing on oil and gas resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and areas available for leasing in the Gulf of Mexico.

*January 30, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–11.*

Oversight hearing on the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildfire suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts.

*January 30, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–15.*

Oversight hearing on transportation sector fuel efficiency, including challenges to and incentives for increased oil savings through technological innovation including plug-in hybrids.

*February 1, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–16.*

Oversight hearing on accelerated biofuels diversity, focusing on how home-grown, biologically derived fuels can blend into the nation's transportation fuel mix.

*February 7, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–37.*

Oversight hearing on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy.

*February 8, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–50.*

Oversight hearing on issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*February 13, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–52.*

Oversight hearing on the Stern Review of the Economics of Climate Change, examining the economic impacts of climate change and stabilizing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

*February 15, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–57.*

Oversight hearing on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior.

*February 28, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–58.*

Oversight hearing on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 for the Forest Service.

*March 1, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–59.*

Oversight hearing on the Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Outlook.

*March 7, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–63.*

Oversight hearing on market constraints on large investments in advanced energy technologies and ways to stimulate additional private sector investment in the deployment of these technologies.

*March 20, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–67.*

Hearing on the nomination of Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz to be the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy.

*March 22, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–69.*

Oversight hearing on the “Future of Coal” report by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

*March 26, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–72.*

Oversight hearing on the progress of the European Union’s Emissions Trading Scheme.

*April 12, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–81.*

Legislative hearing on S. 987, the Biofuels for Energy Security and Transportation Act.

*April 16, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–83.*

Legislative hearing on S. 731, the National Carbon Dioxide Storage Capacity Assessment Act of 2007, and S. 962, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Storage Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 2007.

*April 23, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–85.*

Legislative hearing on S. 1115, a bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes.

*May 10, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–97.*

Hearing on the nominations of Joseph T. Kelliher to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and R. Lyle Lavery to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

*May 15, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–99.*

Oversight hearing on the Energy Information Administration’s short-term energy outlook for the summer of 2007.

*May 24, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–20.*

Oversight hearing on coal gasification.

*June 7, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–134.*

Oversight hearing on opportunities, issues, and implementation of section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 related to alternative energy uses of the Outer Continental Shelf.

*June 26, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–139.*

Oversight hearing on wildfire management.

*June 27, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–148.*

Legislative hearing on S. 1171, the Northwestern New Mexico Water Projects Act.

*July 12, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–157.*

Hearing on the nominations of Clarence H. Albright to be Under Secretary of Energy, Lisa E. Epifani to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, James L. Caswell to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and Brent T. Wahlquist to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

*July 19, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–164.*

Legislative hearing on S. 1634, the Northern Mariana Islands Covenant Implementation Act.

*August 1, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–174.*

Oversight hearing on advances in clean coal technology.

*August 7, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–174.*

Oversight field hearing on reducing barriers to growth of emerging energy technologies—relationships between Federal, State, and local governments. (Held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.)

*August 14, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–179.*

Oversight field hearing on the Rural Water Supply Act of 2006 and Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Supply Project. (Held in Clovis, New Mexico.)

*September 12, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–195.*

Legislative hearing on S. 2017, the Energy Efficient Lighting for a Brighter Tomorrow Act of 2007.

*September 24, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–228.*

Oversight hearing to consider scientific assessments of the impacts of global climate change on wildfire activity in the United States.

*September 25, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–243.*

Legislative hearing on S. 1756, the Republic of the Marshall Islands Supplemental Nuclear Compensation Act of 2007.

*September 26, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–246.*

Legislative hearing on S. 1543, the National Geothermal Initiative Act of 2007.

*September 27, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–272.*

Oversight hearing on hard-rock mining on federal lands.

*November 6, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–288.*

Oversight hearing on the domestic energy industry's workforce.

*November 13, 2007—S. Hrg. 110-298.*

Oversight hearing on the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

*November 14, 2007—S. Hrg. 110-306.*

Oversight hearing on the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership.

*November 15, 2007—S. Hrg. 110-307.*

Legislative hearing on S. 2203, the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund Reauthorization Act of 2007.

*December 11, 2007—S. Hrg. 110-312.*

Legislative hearing on S. 2156, the Science and Engineering to Comprehensively Understand and Responsibly Enhance (SECURE) Water Act.

*December 18, 2007—S. Hrg. 110-325.*

Hearing on the nomination of Jon Wellinghoff to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2013.

*January 24, 2008—S. Hrg. 110-339.*

Oversight hearing on reform of the Mining Law of 1872.

*January 31, 2008—S. Hrg. 110-343.*

Legislative hearing on S. 2323, the Carbon Capture and Storage Technology Act of 2007, and S. 2144, the Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Study Act of 2007.

*February 6, 2008—S. Hrg. 110-351.*

Hearing on the U.S. Department of Energy's budget for fiscal year 2009.

*February 7, 2008—S. Hrg. 110-362.*

Oversight hearing on the energy market effects of the recently-passed renewable fuel standard.

*February 13, 2008—S. Hrg. 110-353.*

Hearing on the President's fiscal year 2009 budget for the Department of the Interior.

*February 14, 2008—S. Hrg. 110-354.*

Hearing on the President's fiscal year 2009 budget request for the USDA Forest Service.

*February 26, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on U.S. oil inventory policies, including the Strategic Petroleum Reserve policies.

*February 27, 2008—S. Hrg. 110-361.*

Hearing on the nomination of J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

*February 28, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–388.*

Hearing on the impact of increased minimum wages on the economies of the American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*March 4, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–387.*

Oversight hearing on the Energy Information Administration's Revised Energy Outlook.

*March 5, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–422.*

Oversight hearing on recent amendments to the Russian Suspension Agreement.

*March 12, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–426.*

Oversight hearing on hardrock mining and issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining.

*April 1, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–453.*

Legislative hearing on S. 2593, a bill to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, and for other purposes.

*April 3, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–459.*

Hearing on the influence of non-commercial, institutional investors on the price of oil.

*April 30, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–502.*

Hearing on the nominations of Kameron L. Onley to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Jeffrey F. Kupfer to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

*May 1, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–509.*

Oversight hearing on the adequacy of state and federal regulatory structures for governing electric utility holding companies.

*May 1, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–510.*

Oversight hearing on the military build-up on Guam, and the impact on the civilian community, planning, and response.

*May 13, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–522.*

Oversight hearing on the impacts of climate change on the reliability, security, economics and design of critical energy infrastructure in coastal regions.

*May 15, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–515.*

Oversight hearing on the development of oil shale resources.

*May 20, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation.

*June 5, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–546.*

Oversight hearing on off-highway vehicle management on public lands.

*June 12, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–529.*

Oversight hearing on the relationship between U.S. renewable fuels policy and food prices.

*June 17, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–539.*

Oversight hearing to examine the challenges and regional solutions to developing transmission for renewable electricity resources.

*June 18, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–540.*

Oversight hearing on the preparedness of Federal land management agencies for the 2008 wildfire season.

*June 25, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–541.*

Oversight hearing on the challenges to meeting future energy needs and to developing the technologies for meeting increased global energy demand in the context of the need to address global climate change.

*July 2, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–570.*

Oversight field hearing to consider the value and examine the progress of electricity generation from concentrating solar power. (Held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.)

*July 15, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on S. 3233, introduced by Senator Bingaman and S. 2730, introduced by Senator Domenici, legislation to improve the availability of financing for deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and to enhance United States' competitiveness in this market.

*July 17, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on fuel prices are so high and what can be done about it.

*July 23, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on the status of existing federal programs targeted at reducing gasoline demand in the near term and to discuss additional proposals for near term gasoline demand reductions.

*July 31, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on the state of the nation's transmission grid, as well as the implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 transmission provisions, including reliability, siting and infrastructure investment.

*September 12, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on how to achieve a more secure, reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy future for the American people.



*September 16, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on the current state of vehicles powered by the electric grid and the prospects for wider deployment in the near future.

*September 23, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on why diesel prices have been so high, and what can be done to address the situation.

*December 10, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on investments in clean energy and natural resources projects and programs to create green jobs and to stimulate the economy.

#### BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Committee held 9 business meetings, at which it ordered reported 11 nominations and 223 bills or resolutions, as follows:

*January 24, 2007.*

The Committee approved the following matters:

Subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress;

Rules of procedure; and

S. Res. 38, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 110th Congress.

*January 31, 2007.*

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 200, the Alaska Water Resources Act of 2007;

S. 202, the Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act of 2007;

S. 216, the Pecos National Historical Park Land Exchange Act of 2007;

S. 220/H.R. 467, the Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2007;

S. 232, the Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Agreements Act of 2007;

S. 235, the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2007;

S. 240, the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2007;

S. 241, the Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act;

S. 245, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 255, the New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act;

S. 260, the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area Act;

S. 262, the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Act;

S. 263, the Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 2007;

S. 264, the Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act of 2007;

S. 265, the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins Water Feasibility Act;

S. 266, the North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2007;

S. 268, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail Designation Act;

S. 275, the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument Establishment Act;

S. 277, the Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007;

S. 283, the Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2007;

S. 320, the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act; and

H.R. 57, an Act to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands.

*May 2, 2007.*

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Stephen J. Isakowitz to be the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy; and

S. 1321, an original bill drawn from the text of S. 731, S. 962, S. 987, and S. 1115.

*May 23, 2007.*

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Joseph T. Kelliher to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

The nomination of R. Lyle Laverty to be Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior;

S. Con. Res. 6, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States";

S. 126, the Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007;

S. 175, a bill to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District;

S. 324, the New Mexico Aquifer Assessment Act of 2007;

S. 542, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes;

S. 553, the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act;

S. 580, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and for other purposes;

S. 686, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act;

S. 797, the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act;

S. 890, a bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes;

S. 1037, the Tumalo Water Conservation Project Act of 2007;

S. 1110, the Juab County Surface and Ground Water Study and Development Act of 2007;

S. 1139, the National Landscape Conservation System Act;

S. 1152, the Wildland Fire Safety and Transparency Act of 2007;

H.R. 161, the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Monument Act of 2007;

H.R. 235, an act to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes;

H.R. 276, the Piedras Blancas Historic Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007;

H.R. 376, an act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

H.R. 482, the American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2007;

H.R. 497, the Brigadier General Francis Marion Memorial Act of 2007;

H.R. 512, the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act of 2007;

H.R. 658, the Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act;

H.R. 839, the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act;

H.R. 886, the Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007;

H.R. 902, the More Water and More Energy Act of 2007; and

H.R. 1047, an act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System.

*July 25, 2007.*

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of Kevin M. Kolevar to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability), Department of Energy;

The nomination of James L. Caswell to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior;

The nomination of Lisa E. Epifani to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs), Department of Energy;

The nomination of Clarence H. Albright to be Under Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy;

The nomination of Brent T. Wahlquist to be the Director of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior;

S. 169, the National Trails System Willing Seller Act;

S. 278, the National Heritage Areas Partnership Act;  
S. 289, the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act;  
S. 443, the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Act;  
S. 444, the South Park National Heritage Area Act;  
S. 471, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail;  
S. 637, the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor Study Act of 2007;  
S. 645, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals;  
S. 647, the Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2007;  
S. 722, the Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2007;  
S. 800, the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act;  
S. 817, the National Heritage Areas and National Heritage Corridors Technical Corrections Act of 2007;  
S. 838, the United States-Israel Energy Cooperation Act;  
S. 955, the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Act;  
S. 1089, a bill to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, and for other purposes;  
S. 1148, the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission Act of 2007;  
S. 1182, the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Amendments Act of 2007;  
S. 1203, the Department of Energy Electricity Programs Enhancement Act of 2007;  
S. 1728, the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission Reauthorization Act of 2007;  
H.R. 85, the Energy Technology Transfer Act;  
H.R. 247, an act to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives;  
H.R. 407, the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study Act;  
H.R. 995, to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;  
H.R. 1100, the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007;  
H.R. 1126, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; and  
H. Con Res. 116, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States".

*January 30, 2008.*

The Committee ordered reported:

- S. 86, the Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Act of 2007;
- S. 127, a bill to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge;
- S. 128, the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area Technical Amendments Act of 2007;
- S. 189, a bill to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan;
- S. 300, the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act;
- S. 327, the Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act;
- S. 390, the Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2007;
- S. 617, the Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act;
- S. 783, the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act of 2007;
- S. 868, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;
- S. 1039, a bill to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey;
- S. 1143, the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007;
- S. 1247, the Weir Farm National Historic Site Amendment Act;
- S. 1281, the Snake Headwaters Legacy Act of 2007;
- S. 1304, the Arizona National Scenic Trail Act;
- S. 1329, the Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2007;
- S. 1341, the Las Cienegas Enhancement and Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act;
- S. 1365, a bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, and for other purposes;
- S. 1377, the Southern Nevada Limited Transition Area Act;
- S. 1380, the Rocky Mountain National Park Wilderness and Indian Peaks Wilderness Expansion Act;
- S. 1433, the Thomas P. O'Hara Public Land Career Opportunity Act of 2007;
- S. 1476, the Tule Lake Segregation Center Special Resource Study Act;
- S. 1522, the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2007;
- S. 1634, the Northern Mariana Islands Covenant Implementation Act;
- S. 1740, the North Dakota Enabling Act and First Morrill Act Amendments Act of 2007;
- S. 1802, the Idaho Wilderness Boundary Modification Act of 2007;
- S. 1921, the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007;

S. 1939, the Santa Fe National Forest Title Claim Resolution Act;

S. 1940, the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program Reauthorization Act;

S. 1941, the Wolf House Study Act of 2007;

S. 1961, a bill to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama;

S. 1969, the Alexander Hamilton Boyhood Home Study Act of 2007;

S. 1991, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study Act of 2007;

S. 2034, the Copper Salmon Wilderness Act;

S. 2098, the Northern Plains Heritage Area Act;

S. 2220, the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963 Amendments Act;

H.R. 30, the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project;

H.R. 299, the Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act;

H.R. 759, a bill to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library";

H.R. 807, the Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial Study Act;

H.R. 815, the Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act;

H.R. 830, the Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Exchange Act of 2007;

H.R. 1021, the Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act;

H.R. 1025, the Lower Republican River Basin Study Act;

H.R. 1191, a bill to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park;

H.R. 1239, the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Amendments Act of 2007;

H.R. 1462, the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act;

H.R. 1526, the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act of 2007; and

H.R. 1662, the Bureau of Reclamation Site Security Costs Act of 2007.

*March 5, 2008.*

The Committee ordered reported:

The nomination of J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

*May 7, 2008.*

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 27, the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act;

S. 570, the Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2008;

S. 617, the Public Land Military Pass Act;

- S. 662, the Harriet Beecher Stowe House Special Resource Study Act;
- S. 783, the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act of 2008;
- S. 827, the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Act;
- S. 832, a bill to provide for the sale of approximately 25 acres of public land to the Turnabout Ranch, Escalante, Utah, at fair market value;
- S. 868, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;
- S. 900, the Boy Scouts of America Land Transfer Act of 2008;
- S. 1171, the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act;
- S. 1281, the Craig Thomas Snake Headwaters Legacy Act of 2008;
- S. 1380, the Rocky Mountain National Park Wilderness and Indian Peaks Wilderness Expansion Act;
- S. 1477, the Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2008;
- S. 1633, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefield and related sites of the Battle of Shepherdstown in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, as part of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park or Antietam National Battlefield, and for other purposes;
- S. 1929, the Sierra Vista Subwatershed Feasibility Study Act;
- S. 2124, the Montana Cemetery Act of 2007;
- S. 2207, the Green McAdoo School National Historic Site Study Act of 2008;
- S. 2229, the Wyoming Range Legacy Act of 2008;
- S. 2254, the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area Act of 2008;
- S. 2262, the Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act;
- S. 2370, the Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act;
- S. 2379, the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Voluntary and Equitable Grazing Conflict Resolution Act;
- S. 2512, the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area Act of 2008;
- S. 2513, the Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act;
- S. 2593, the Forest Landscape Restoration Act of 2008;
- S. 2604, the Baltimore National Heritage Area Act;
- S. 2804, the Everglades National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2008;
- S. 2814, the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act;
- S. 2833, the Owyhee Public Land Management Act of 2008;
- H.R. 123, a bill to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund;
- H.R. 189, the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Act of 2008;
- H.R. 356, a bill to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States;

H.R. 523, the Douglas County, Washington, PUD Conveyance Act;  
 H.R. 1285, the Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act;  
 H.R. 1311, the Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act;  
 H.R. 1483, the Celebrating America's Heritage Act;  
 H.R. 1528, the New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act;  
 H.R. 1725, the Rancho California Water District Recycled Water Reclamation Facility Act of 2008;  
 H.R. 1855, the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Act;  
 H.R. 2085, the McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act;  
 H.R. 2197, the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act;  
 H.R. 2515, the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act;  
 H.R. 2627, the Act Commemorating the LITE, or Lifetime Innovations of Thomas Edison;  
 H.R. 3332, the Kalaupapa Memorial Act of 2008;  
 H.R. 3998, the America's Historical and Natural Legacy Study Act;  
 H.R. 5151, the Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places;  
 The Nomination of Jeffrey Kupfer, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy; and  
 The nomination of Kameran Onley to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

*September 11, 2008.*

The Committee ordered reported:

S. 390, the Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2008;  
 S. 1477, the Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2008;  
 S. 1680, the Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge Enhancement Act of 2008;  
 S. 1756, the Republic of the Marshall Islands Supplemental Nuclear Compensation Act of 2007;  
 S. 1816, the National Women's Rights History Project Act;  
 S. 2093, the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008;  
 S. 2156, the Science and Engineering to Comprehensively Understand and Responsibly Enhance Water Act;  
 S. 2255, the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail Studies Act;  
 S. 2354, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey 4 parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho;  
 S. 2359, the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission Act of 2008;  
 S. 2448, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 Technical Corrections Act;  
 S. 2535, the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act;



S. 2561, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War;

S. 2779, 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;

S. 2805, the Rio Grande Pueblos Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Act;

S. 2842, the Aging Water Infrastructure and Maintenance Act;

S. 2875, the Wolf Livestock Loss Prevention and Mitigation Act;

S. 2943, the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Act of 2008;

S. 2974, the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act of 2008;

S. 3010, the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program Reauthorization Act;

S. 3011, the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park Boundary Expansion and Redesignation Act of 2008;

S. 3017, the Beaver Basin Wilderness Act;

S. 3045, the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area Act;

S. 3051, the National Park Service Special Resource Studies and Technical Corrections Act of 2008;

S. 3065, the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area Act;

S. 3069, the Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act;

S. 3085, the Cooperative Watershed Management Act of 2008;

S. 3088, the Oregon Badlands Wilderness Act of 2008;

S. 3089, the Spring Basin Wilderness Act of 2008;

S. 3096, a bill to amend the National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations for the National Cave and Karst Research Institute;

S. 3158, the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission Reauthorization Act;

S. 3179, the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute Land Conveyance Act;

S. 3189, the Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2008;

S. 3226, the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park Act of 2008;

H.R. 29, an act 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, California, and for other purposes;

H.R. 31, the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act of 2007;

H.R. 236, the North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007;

H.R. 813, the Santa Ana River Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2008;

H.R. 816, the Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act;

H.R. 838, an act to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah, and for other purposes;

H.R. 903, the Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act;  
H.R. 1139, the Riverside-Corona Feeder Water Supply Act;  
H.R. 1737, the City of Oxnard Water Recycling and Desalination Act of 2007;  
H.R. 1803, the San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act of 2007;  
H.R. 2246, an act to provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada;  
H.R. 2614, an act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California;  
H.R. 2632, the Sabinoso Wilderness Act of 2008;  
H.R. 3022, the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Act of 2008;  
H.R. 3323, the Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2008;  
H.R. 3473, the Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act;  
H.R. 3490, the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2008;  
H.R. 3682, the California Desert and Mountain Heritage Act of 2008; and  
H.R. 5137, an act to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

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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 one legislative hearing, five oversight hearings, and a joint oversight hearing with the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*February 12, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–38.*

Oversight hearing on policies and programs to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and to expand the role of electric and gas utilities in energy efficiency programs.

*May 22, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 645, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals;

S. 838, the United States-Israel Energy Cooperation Act;

S. 1089, a bill to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transpor-

tation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, and for other purposes;

S. 1203, the Department of Energy Electricity Programs Enhancement Act of 2007;

H.R. 85, the Energy Technology Transfer Act; and

H.R. 1126, an act to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness act of 1988. S. Hrg. 110–112.

*July 31, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–169.*

Oversight hearing to receive testimony on the renewable fuels infrastructure.

*December 11, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–315.*

Joint oversight hearing with the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security on the role of speculation in recent record crude oil prices.

*March 26, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–425.*

Oversight field hearing on the challenges associated with rapid deployment of large-scale carbon capture and storage technologies. (Held in Bismarck, North Dakota.)

*September 16, 2008.*

Oversight hearing on recent analyses of the role of speculative investment in energy markets.

## 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 eight legislative hearings and four oversight hearings.

*March 1, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–60.*

Legislative hearing on S. 380, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

*May 3, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 205/H.R. 865, the Copper Valley Native Allotment Resolution Act of 2007;

S. 390, the Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2007;

S. 647, the Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2007;

S. 1139, the National Landscape Conservation System Act;

H.R. 276, the Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007; and

H.R. 356, an act to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States. S. Hrg. 110–91.

*May 30, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–119.*

Oversight field hearing on the impacts of the Chinese hardwood plywood trade on the National Forest System and other public lands, and the communities that depend on them. (Held in Medford, Oregon.)

*September 20, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 1143, the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007;

S. 1377, the Southern Nevada Limited Transition Area Act;

S. 1433, the Thomas P. O'Hara Public Land Career Opportunity Act of 2007;

S. 1608/H.R. 815, the Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act;

S. 1740, the North Dakota Enabling Act and First Morrill Act Amendments Act of 2007;

S. 1802, the Idaho Wilderness Boundary Modification Act of 2007;

S. 1939, the Santa Fe National Forest Title Claim Resolution Act;

S. 1940, the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program Reauthorization Act; and

S. 2034, the Copper Salmon Wilderness Act. S. Hrg. 110–216.

*October 11, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–273.*

Oversight field hearing to consider the major environmental threats to the Great Basin in the 21st century. (Held in Las Vegas, Nevada.)

*December 13, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–315.*

Oversight hearing on forest restoration and hazardous fuels reduction efforts in the forests of Oregon and Washington.

*February 27, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 832, a bill to provide for the sale of approximately 25 acres of public land to the Turnabout Ranch, Escalante, Utah, at fair market value;

S. 2229, the Wyoming Range Legacy Act of 2007;

S. 2379, the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Voluntary and Equitable Grazing Conflict Resolution Act;

S. 2508/H.R. 903, the Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act;

S. 2601/H.R. 1282, the Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 523, the Douglas County, Washington, PUD Conveyance Act; and

S. 532/H.R. 838, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land to Park City, Utah, and for other purposes. S. Hrg. 110–364.

*March 13, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–430.*

Oversight hearing on old-growth forest science, policy and management in the Pacific Northwest region.

*April 15, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 570/H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes;

S. 758/H.R. 1311, the Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act;

S. 1680, the Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge Enhancement Act of 2008;

S. 2109, the California Desert and Mountain Heritage Act;

S. 2124, the Montana Cemetery Act of 2007; and

S. 2581, the Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places. S. Hrg. 110–485.

*April 22, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 934/H.R.1374, to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, and for other purposes;

S. 2833, the Owyhee Public Land Management Act of 2008; and

S. 2834, the Washington County Growth and Conservation Act of 2008. S. Hrg. 110–493.

*July 9, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 2443/H.R. 2246, to provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada;

S. 2779, 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 non-coal reclamation projects;

S. 2875, the Wolf Livestock Loss Prevention and Mitigation Act;

S. 2898/H.R. 816, the Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act;

S. 3088, the Oregon Badlands Wilderness Act of 2008;

S. 3089, the Spring Basin Wilderness Act of 2008;

S. 3157, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2008; and

S. 3179, the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute Land Conveyance Act. S. Hrg. 110–572.

*July 16, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 2354, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey four parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho;

S. 2448, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977  
Technical Corrections Act;  
S. 3065, the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area  
and Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area Act;  
S. 3069, the Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Her-  
itage Act;  
S. 3085, the Cooperative Watershed Management Act of 2008;  
H.R. 2632, the Sabinoso Wilderness Act of 2008;  
H.R. 3473, the Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act;  
H.R. 3490, the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2008;  
and  
H.R. 3651, the Utah National Guard Readiness Act.



## 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.

### LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on National Parks held 12 legislative hearings encompassing bills, and 1 field hearing.

*March 20, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 126, the Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007;

S. 257, the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study Act;

S. 289, the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act;

S. 443, the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Act;

S. 444, the South Park National Heritage Area Act;

S. 500/H.R. 512, the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act of 2007;

S. 637, the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor Study Act of 2007;

S. 817, the National Heritage Areas and National Heritage Corridors Technical Corrections Act of 2007; and

S. Con. Res. 6, Expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the “National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States.” S. Hrg. 110–73.

*April 26, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 169, the National Trails System Willing Seller Act;

S. 312/H.R. 497, the Brigadier General Francis Marion Memorial Act of 2007;

S. 580, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability of four national historic trails, and for other purposes;

S. 686, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act;

S. 722, the Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2007;

S. 783, the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act of 2007;

S. 890, a bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 1047, an act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System. S. Hrg. 110-88.

*May 15, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 553, the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act;

S. 800, the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act;

S. 916, the Minidoka National Historic Site Act of 2007;

S. 1057, the New River Wild and Scenic River Act of 2007;

S. 1209, the Channel Islands National Park Management Act of 2007;

S. 1281, the Snake Headwaters Legacy Act of 2007;

H.R. 161, the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Monument Act of 2007;

H.R. 247, an act to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives; and

H.R. 376, an act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. S. Hrg. 110-104.

*July 12, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 488/H.R. 1100, the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007;

S. 617, the Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act;

S. 824/H.R. 995, to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

S. 955, the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Act;

S. 1148, the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission Act of 2007;

S. 1182, the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Amendments Act of 2007;

S. 1380, the Rocky Mountain National Park Wilderness and Indian Peaks Wilderness Expansion Act; and

S. 1728, the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission Reauthorization Act of 2007. S. Hrg. 110–158.

*August 2, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–185.*

To receive testimony on S. 1253, the National Park Centennial Challenge Fund Act.

*September 11, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 127, a bill to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge;

S. 327/H.R. 359, the Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act;

S. 868, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 1184/H.R. 1021, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 1247, the Weir Farm National Historic Site Amendment Act;

S. 1304, the Arizona National Scenic Trail Act;

S. 1329, the Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2007;

H.R. 759, a bill to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”; and

H.R. 807, the Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial Study Act. S. Hrg. 110–213.

*September 27, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 128, the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area Technical Amendments Act of 2007;

S. 148, the Paterson Great Falls National Park Act of 2007;

S. 189, a bill to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan;

S. 697, the Steel Industry National Historic Site Act;

S. 867/H.R. 299, the Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act;

S. 1039, a bill to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey;

S. 1341, the Las Cienegas Enhancement and Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act;

S. 1476, the Tule Lake Segregation Center Special Resource Study Act;

S. 1709/H.R. 1239, the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2007; and

S. 1808, the Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Land Exchange Act of 2007. S. Hrg. 110–266.

*November 8, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 86, the Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Act of 2007;

S. 1365, a bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, and for other purposes;

S. 1449, the Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center Act of 2007;

S. 1921, the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007;

S. 1941, the Wolf House Study Act of 2007;

S. 1961, a bill to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama;

S. 1991, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study Act of 2007;

S. 2098, the Northern Plains Heritage Area Act;

S. 2220, the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963 Amendments Act; and

H.R. 1191, an act to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park. S. Hrg. 110–282.

*April 9, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 1633, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefield and related sites of the Battle of Shepherdstown in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, as part of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park or Antietam National Battlefield, and for other purposes;

S. 1933/H.R. 2197, the Small Community Drinking Water Funding Act;

S. 2207, the Green McAdoo School National Historic Site Study Act of 2007;

S. 2254, the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area Act of 2007;

S. 2262, the Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act;

S. 2329/H.R. 2627, the Act Commemorating the LITE, or Lifetime Innovations of Thomas Edison;

S. 2502/H.R. 3332, the Kamapapa Memorial Act of 2007;

S. 2512, the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area Act of 2007; and

H.R. 3998, the America's Historical and Natural Legacy Study Act. S. Hrg. 110-480.

*April 23, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 662, the Harriet Beecher Stowe House Special Resource Study Act;

S. 827, the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Act;

S. 923/H.R. 1528, the New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act;

S. 956, the Land Between the Rivers Southern Illinois National Heritage Area Act of 2007;

S. 2073, the Trails Act Technical Correction Act of 2007;

S. 2513, the Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act;

S. 2604, the Baltimore National Heritage Area Act;

S. 2804, the Everglades National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2008;

H.R. 53, the Virgin Islands National Park School Lease Act; and

H.R. 1483 (Subtitles C, D, and F of title II, title III, section 4006 of title IV, and titles V and VI only), the Celebrating America's Heritage Act. S. Hrg. 110-514.

*June 17, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 1774/H.R. 3022, the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Act of 2008;

S. 2255, the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail Studies Act;

S. 2359, the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission Act of 2008;

S. 2943, the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Act of 2008;

S. 3010, the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program Reauthorization Act;

S. 3017, the Beaver Basin Wilderness Act;

S. 3045, the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area Act;

S. 3096, a bill to amend the National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations for the National Cave and Karst Research Institute; and

H.R. 1143, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes. S. Hrg. 110-539.

*July 21, 2008.*

Oversight field hearing on the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory of all species within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (Held in Asheville, North Carolina.)

*July 30, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 1816, the National Women's Rights History Project Act;

S. 2093, the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008;

S. 2535, the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act;

S. 2561, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War;

S. 3011, the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park Boundary Expansion and Redesignation Act of 2008;

S. 3113, a bill to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service;

S. 3148, the Oregon Caves National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2008;

S. 3158, the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission Reauthorization Act;

S. 3226, the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park Act of 2008;

S. 3247, the River Raisin National Battlefield Act; and

H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

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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 eight legislative hearings, two oversight hearings, and one field hearing.

*April 25, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 175, a bill to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District;

S. 324, the New Mexico Aquifer Assessment Act of 2007;

S. 542, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes;

S. 752, the Plate River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act of 2007;

S. 1037, the Tumalo Water Conservation Project Act of 2007;

S. 1112, a bill to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes;

S. 1116/H.R. 902, the More Water and More Energy Act of 2007; and

H.R. 235, an act to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes. S. Hrg. 110–86.

*May 3, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on S. 27, the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act. S. Hrg. 110–93.

*June 6, 2007—S. Hrg. 110–130.*

Oversight hearing on the impacts of climate change on water supply and availability in the United States, and related issues from a water use perspective.

*July 26, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 300, the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act;

S. 1258, a bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities;

S. 1477, the Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007;

S. 1522, Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2007; and

H.R. 1025, the Lower Republican River Basin Study Act. S. Hrg. 110–52.

*August 1, 2007.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 1054/H.R. 122, the Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Initiative;

S. 1472, the North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007;

S. 1475/H.R. 1526, the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act of 2007;

H.R. 30, the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project;

H.R. 609, the Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2007; and

H.R. 1175, an act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project. S. Hrg. 110–170.

*February 28, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 177/H.R. 2085, the McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act;

S. 1473/H.R. 1855, the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Act;

S. 1474/H.R. 1139, the Riverside-Corona Feeder Water Supply Act;

S. 1929, the Sierra Vista Subwatershed Feasibility Study Act;

S. 2370, the Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act; and

H.R. 2381, the Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act. S. Hrg. 110–376.

*April 8, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:



S. 2259/H.R. 813, the Santa Ana River Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2007;

H.R. 31, the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act of 2007;

H.R. 716, the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan Act;

H.R. 786, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1140, the South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act;

H.R. 1503, the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project;

H.R. 1725, the Rancho California Water District Recycled Water Reclamation Facility Act of 2007;

H.R. 1737, the City of Oxnard Water Recycling and Desalination Act of 2007; and

H.R. 2614, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California. S. Hrg. 110–460.

*April 17, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–488.*

Oversight hearing on the increasing number of issues associated with aging water resource infrastructure that is operated and maintained, or owned, by the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

*April 24, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 2680, Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Environmental Improvement Act of 2008;

S. 2805, Rio Grande Pueblos Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Act;

S. 2814, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act;

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, California, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1803, San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act of 2007; and

H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund.

*May 27, 2008—S. Hrg. 110–517.*

Oversight field hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's implementation of the Rural Water Supply Act of 2006, and the status of implementation of authorized rural water projects in the Great Plains Region. (Held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.)

*July 8, 2008.*

Legislative hearing on:

S. 2842, the Aging Water Infrastructure and Maintenance Act;  
S. 2974, the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act of 2008;  
H.R. 3323, the Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance  
Act of 2008; and  
S. 3189, the Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement  
Act of 2008. S. Hrg. 110–571.

## MAJOR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

### *Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007*

The Committee began consideration of comprehensive energy legislation in the 110th Congress with three oversight hearings on fuel efficiency in the transportation sector, biofuels, energy efficiency programs, advanced energy technologies, and coal during the first three months of 2007. On the basis of the Committee's hearing record, the Chairman and Ranking Member introduced three bipartisan bills on carbon capture and storage (S. 962), biofuels (S. 987), and energy efficiency (S. 1115). In addition, Senator Salazar introduced another carbon capture and storage bill (S. 731). The Committee held legislative hearings on the four bills on April 12 (S. 987), April 16 (S. 731 and S. 962), and April 23, 2007 (S. 1115). The Chairman and Ranking Member consolidated the four bills into an original bill, which the Committee amended and ordered favorably reported as S. 1321, the Energy Savings Act of 2007, on May 2, 2007.

The Majority Leader combined the text of the Committee's bill (S. 1321) with measures on energy efficiency in public buildings reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works (S. 992), automobile fuel economy standards reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (S. 357), and energy diplomacy reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations (S. 193). The Majority Leader introduced the consolidated text as S. 1419, the Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act of 2007, and as Senate amendment 1502, an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 6, the CLEAN Energy Act of 2007.

The Senate passed H.R. 6, as amended by Amendment 1502, on June 21, 2007. The House of Representatives passed a different omnibus energy policy bill, H.R. 3221, the New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act, on August 4, 2007. The differences between H.R. 3221 and the Senate amendment to H.R. 6 were resolved by amendments between the House and the Senate without a conference. On December 6, 2007, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6 with a further amendment, which included a renewable electricity portfolio standard, new tax incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy, and the modification of certain taxes on oil and natural gas production.

The Senate failed to invoke cloture on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6 on December 7, 2007. The Majority Leader then offered Amendment 3850 to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6. Amendment 3850 eliminated the renewable electricity standard and most of the tax provisions. The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6 with Amendment 3850 on December 13,

2007. The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate amendment on December 18, 2007. H.R. 6, as amended and retitled the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, was signed into law by President Bush on December 19, 2007, and became Public Law 110–140.

*Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008*

The Senate has traditionally passed most of the public land bills reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by unanimous consent. The Committee was unable to get unanimous consent to take up and pass most of its bills during the 110th Congress. Thus, in order to facilitate Senate consideration of the large number of public land bills reported from the Committee, the Chairman consolidated 62 separate legislative measures into a single bill, S. 2739, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, which he introduced on March 10, 2008, and which was placed on the Senate Calendar the following day. All but one of the 62 measures incorporated in S. 2739 had previously passed the House of Representatives, and all had been ordered reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The Senate passed S. 2739 on April 10, 2008. The House passed it on April 29, and the President signed it into law on May 8, 2008. It became Public Law 110–229.

*Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009*

Following the enactment of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, the Chairman introduced the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2008 (S. 3213), a collection of 90 additional House or Senate public land bills reported by the Committee, but was unable to obtain floor time for its consideration. The Chairman reintroduced S. 3213, as expanded by the addition of over 60 additional measures, as Amendment 5662 to H.R. 5151, a bill to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, but was unable to obtain floor time for this or any other vehicle before the *sine die* adjournment of the 110th Congress.

The Chairman reintroduced the text of Amendment 5662, as further expanded by the addition of several other measures, as the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (S. 22) at the beginning of the 111th Congress. Although S. 22 was placed directly on the Senate Calendar without reference to the Committee, the 160 measures included in the bill that were within the jurisdiction of the Committee were previously reported by the Committee during the 110th Congress. The Senate passed S. 22 on January 15, 2009.

#### OTHER MEASURES ENACTED INTO LAW

Public Law 110-40 (H.R. 57): An Act to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands. Passed the House on January 17, 2007. Reported on February 15, 2007. S. Rept. 110-19. Passed by the Senate by unanimous consent on June 12, 2007. Signed by the President on June 29, 2007.

Public Law 110-47 (S. 277): Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007. Reported on February 15, 2007. S. Rept. 110-16. Passed by the Senate by unanimous consent with an amendment (S. Am. 1709) on June 19, 2007. Passed the House on June 27, 2007. Signed by the President on July 13, 2007.

Public Law 110-106 (H.R. 995): An Act to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who become disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. National Parks Subcommittee hearing held on July 12, 2007. S. Hrg. 110-158. Reported on September 17, 2007. S. Rept. 110-165. Passed by the Senate without amendment by unanimous consent on October 24, 2007. Signed by the President on October 25, 2007.

