



# News from the Committee on Natural Resources

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## The Weekly Preview

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### This Week's Hearings:

- On Wednesday, the **House Natural Resources Committee** will hold an oversight field hearing on "Oklahoma Indian Issues: Proposed Regulations Governing Economic Development." [Visit our Web site to read witness testimony following the conclusion of the hearing.](#) (February 20, 2008, at 8:30 a.m., Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, Student Ballroom, 200 I Street NE, Miami, OK)
- On Friday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs** will hold an oversight field hearing on "The Economic Effects of the Recently Increased Minimum Wage." [Visit our Web site to read witness testimony following the conclusion of the hearing.](#) (February 22, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium, American Samoa)

### In Case You Missed It:

- On February 12, 2008, the **House of Representatives** passed the following five bills:
  - [H.R. 2251](#): To extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, and for other purposes.
  - [H.R. 3332](#): To provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, and for other purposes.
  - [H.Res. 868](#): Recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Muir Woods National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt.
  - [H.Con.Res. 209](#): Expressing the sense of Congress that the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, located in Paducah, KY, should be designated as the "National Quilt Museum of the United States."

- [H.R. 29](#): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, CA, and for other purposes.
- On February 13, 2008, the **Committee on Natural Resources** approved the following seven bills:
  - [H.R. 2176](#) would provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.
  - [H.R. 4115](#) would provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
  - [H.R. 1143](#) would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park.
  - [H.R. 1311](#), the Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act, would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, NV, for the development of a cancer treatment facility.
  - [H.R. 1922](#), the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007, would designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System.
  - [H.R. 816](#), the Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act, would provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the release land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project.
  - [H.R. 3473](#), the Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act, would provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, UT, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest.

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- On February 13, 2008, the **Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans** approved the following six bills:
  - [H.R. 1187](#), the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act, would expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary.

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

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**Quotable Quote:**

“Mr. Secretary, the new budget initiatives, Birds Forever, National Parks Centennial and Water for America, remind me of large bars of enticing but hollow chocolate; they look good on the outside but there is no creamy filling.”

– *Chairman Rahall, during his opening remarks at a Full Committee oversight hearing on the President’s FY 2009 budget request, which featured testimony from Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne.*

**Calendar:**

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<b>Monday 2/18</b>	<b>Tuesday 2/19</b>	<b>Wednesday 2/20</b>	<b>Thursday 2/21</b>	<b>Friday 2/22</b>
		Full Committee Oversight Field Hearing on “Oklahoma Indian Issues: Proposed Regulations Governing Economic Development” (8:30 AM)		Subcommittee on Insular Affairs Oversight Field Hearing on “The Economic Effects of the Recently Increased Minimum Wage” (1:00 PM)

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