



News from the
Committee on Natural Resources
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The Weekly Preview

April 27 – May 1, 2009

This Week's Hearings:

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- On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will hold an oversight hearing on "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Water Resources Division of the United States Geological Survey." The hearing will examine the reasoning, methodology, and process used to identify which projects are slated to receive ARRA funds. The hearing will also highlight the current priorities for the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, and explore how recovery money can be used to target some of the Nation's most pressing water and power needs.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. *(April 28, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)*

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
 - [H.R. 1018](#) (Rahall): To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 689](#) (Herger): To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. *(April 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building.)*

In Case You Missed It:

- On April 21, the **House of Representatives** approved the following bills under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
 - [H.R. 1694](#) (Holt): To authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.
 - [H.R. 388](#) (Baldwin): To assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes. *"Crane Conservation Act 2009"*
 - [H.R. 411](#) (Inslee): To assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations. *"Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 1219](#) (Bilbray): To make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992. *"Lake Hodges Surface Water Improvement and Reclamation Act of 2009"*
 - [S. 39](#) (McCain): To repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531, commonly known as the 'Bennett Freeze'.

- On April 22, the **Committee on Natural Resources** approved the following bills:
 - [H.R. 31](#) (McIntyre): To provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes. *"Lumbee Recognition Act"*
 - [H.R. 1385](#) (Moran): To extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. *"Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 860](#) (Bordallo): To reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes. *"Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009"*

Quotable Quote:

“Our oceans are too important and too fragile for us to move forward without taking the time to do so in a responsible fashion. A “hope for the best” strategy would not well serve the American people – and we should not take that step. Instead, our top priority should be to focus on putting together a comprehensive ocean use and protection plan, guided by the best information that we can gather. Learning, planning, and taking careful steps now will help to ensure that we do not have to take costly steps in the future to undo mistakes made in haste.”

-- Chairman Rahall, as quoted in an April 22, 2009, commentary piece (“Before Drilling, We Must Learn, and We Must Plan”) that appeared in *The Washington Times* Earth Day special report, in regard to future offshore drilling policy.

Calendar:

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Monday 4/27	Tuesday 4/28	Wednesday 4/29	Thursday 4/30	Friday 5/1
	Subcommittee on Water and Power Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)		

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