



## The Weekly Preview

October 5 – October 9, 2009

### *This Week's Hearings and Markups*

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will hold an oversight hearing on the "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)." Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA provides for the disposition of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony excavated or discovered on Federal or tribal lands. It also allows for the repatriation of such items found or currently controlled by a museum receiving Federal funds and Federal agencies back to Native Americans. The oversight hearing will focus on the Administration's goals for NAGPRA and will explore possible improvements to the implementation of the Act.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (October 7, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

### *In Case You Missed It*

- This week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following bills under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
  - [H.R. 685](#) (Clay): To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States Civil Rights Trail, and for other purposes. "*United States Civil Rights Trail Special Resource Study Act of 2009*"
  - [H.R. 2950](#) (Matheson): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

- [H.R. 3123](#) (Lamborn): To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado, and for other purposes. *“Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 905](#) (Stupak): To expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes. *“Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act”*
- [H.R. 1771](#) (Sarbanes): To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. *“Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 1053](#) (Wittman): To require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes. *“Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009”*
- On September 30, the **Committee on Natural Resources** approved the following bills:
  - [H.R. 2489](#) (Herseth Sandlin): To authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs. *“AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act”*
  - [H.R. 1471](#) (Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.): To expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes.
  - [H.R. 3537](#) (Ortiz): To amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994. *“Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009”*
  - [H.R. 3433](#) (Wittman): To amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes.
  - [H.R. 1065](#) (Kirkpatrick): To resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes. *“White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009”*

- [H.R. 3254](#) (Lujan): To approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and for other purposes. *“Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act”*
- [H.R. 3342](#) (Lujan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque. *“Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act”*

### Quotable Quote

“The black granite that comprises the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has become an internationally recognized memorial, and an enduring symbol of the sacrifice and timeless bravery exemplified by the heroic veterans of our longest war. The visitor center will serve to help carry on the process of healing promoted by the Memorial, and to educate future generations of visitors - many far removed from the war itself - on the true meaning of the Wall. The leadership of the House Natural Resources Committee, with jurisdiction over National memorials, has pledged to work together in a bipartisan fashion to ensure that this process of healing and acceptance can continue on.”

– *Chairman Rahall, upon introduction of bipartisan legislation on October 1, 2009, that would provide an extended time frame to complete the construction of an underground visitor and education center near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [press release](#) with additional information.*

### Calendar

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Monday 10/5	Tuesday 10/6	Wednesday 10/7	Thursday 10/8	Friday 10/9
		Full Committee Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)		

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