



## The Weekly Preview

February 22 – 26, 2010

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

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
  - [H.R. 1078](#) (Arcuri): To establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes. *"Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park Act"*
  - [H.R. 4003](#) (Hinchey): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. *"Hudson River Valley Special Resource Study Act"*
  - [H.R. 4192](#) (Mike Thompson): To designate the Stornetta Public Lands as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. *"Stornetta Public Lands Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2009"*
  - [H.R. 1738](#) (Roybal-Allard): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the city of Downey, California, regional wastewater treatment and reclamation facility projects. *"Downey Regional Water Reclamation and Groundwater Augmentation Project of 2009"*
  - [H.R. 4252](#) (Baca): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of

California, and for other purposes. *“Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2009”*

- [H.R. 765](#) (Heller): To establish the Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, and for other purposes. *“Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 1769](#) (Reichert): To expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes. *“Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act”*
- [H.R. 2788](#) (Calvert): To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. *“Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act”*
- [H.R. 4395](#) (Platts): To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

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- Later on Wednesday, the **Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources** will receive testimony on the following bill:
  - [H.R. 3709](#) (Inslee): To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to authorize noncompetitive leasing of certain areas adjoining other lands for which a qualified company or individual holds a preexisting legal right to develop geothermal resources, and for other purposes. *“Geothermal Production Expansion Act”*

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- Also on Wednesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on the “President’s Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Requests for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).” The Subcommittee will review Administration proposals for improving quality of life, creating economic opportunities, and developing more efficient and effective government in the insular areas, as reflected in its budget request for the OIA. The Subcommittee will also examine the proposed budgets for fisheries, oceans, and wildlife programs under the jurisdiction of FWS and NOAA.

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- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following bills:
  - [H.R. 3511](#) (Sablan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and operate a visitor facility to fulfill the purposes of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes. *"Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009"*
  - [H.R. 4493](#) (Bordallo): To provide for the enhancement of visitor services, fish and wildlife research, and marine and coastal resource management on Guam related to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes. *"Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Management Enhancement Act of 2010"*

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- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony on the following bills:
  - [H.R. 2100](#) (Franks): To provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, for use as a public shooting range.
  - [H.R. 3425](#) (Norton): To authorize the Fair Housing Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate the enactment of the Fair Housing Act in 1968.
  - [H.R. 4438](#) (Rodriguez): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes. *"San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Leasing and Boundary Expansion Act of 2010"*
  - [H.R. 4491](#) (Speier): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes. *"Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act"*

- [H.R. 4524](#) (Shuler): To authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and for other purposes. “*Blue Ridge Parkway Protection Act*”

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### Quotable Quote

“The Inspector General’s findings are of serious concern to the fishing industry, Members of Congress, and all who care about the conservation and management of our nation’s fisheries resources. We need a complete and open discussion of these findings and recommendations to ensure that the problems identified are fully addressed by NOAA as quickly as possible. As soon as this report was released, my Subcommittee staff began discussions with the IG’s office to get more information on the full scope of their findings, and to schedule a hearing where these findings can be fully vetted and explored.”

– *Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Chairwoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), on February 9, 2010, upon announcing an upcoming oversight hearing to examine a recent Commerce Department Inspector General report uncovering “systematic, nationwide issues” that are affecting fishing industry law enforcement. Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [media advisory](#) for additional information on the [hearing](#).*

### Calendar

| Monday<br>2/22 | Tuesday<br>2/23 | Wednesday<br>2/24  | Thursday<br>2/25   | Friday<br>2/26 |
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|                |                 | Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)<br><br>Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Legislative Hearing (2:00 PM)<br><br>Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (2:00 PM) | Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)<br><br>Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM) |                |

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