



The Weekly Preview

July 12 – July 16, 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 bill:
 - [H.R. 3534](#) (Rahall): To provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. *"Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (July 14, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will hold an oversight hearing on "Locally Grown: Creating Rural Jobs with America's Public Lands." The Subcommittee will receive testimony on efforts by local communities, small businesses, and non-profits to partner with Federal land managers to create jobs and build healthier rural communities. Witnesses will provide firsthand accounts of how they are collaborating with Federal land managers to use America's parks, forests, and public lands to create jobs while simultaneously conserving the natural resources that sustain their communities and make them unique.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (July 15, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will hold an oversight hearing on “The Bureau of Reclamation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: A Progress Report and Planning for the Future.” The Subcommittee will receive testimony on the progress made by the Bureau of Reclamation in administering the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and how projects identified to receive ARRA funding help to further Reclamation’s mission into the future.

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- Later on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on the “Technical Assistance Program: Evaluating its Ability to Meet the Needs of the Insular Areas.” The Subcommittee will receive testimony on the evolving nature of the program, its responsiveness to meeting the emerging needs of the insular areas, and the Department’s recently modified grant application process for the program.

Visit the Committee’s Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. *(July 15, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)*

Quotable Quote

“Today's IG report paints a troubling picture of the fiscal failures of the Office of Law Enforcement. I am very concerned by what the IG has found, and it is clear that further analysis and review will be needed. While the law allows fines and penalties to be used directly for enforcement expenses, some of the spending unearthed by the IG deserves special scrutiny. This account was never meant to be a slush fund for bureaucrats to go on a spending spree with a limitless credit card, and it is of the utmost importance that NOAA establish transparent guidelines for how this fund can be used.”

– *Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee Chairwoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), on July 1, 2010, reacting to a report by the U.S. Department of Commerce Inspector General on abuses of the Asset Forfeiture Fund by employees of the National Oceans and Atmospheric Administration’s Office of Law Enforcement. Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [press release](#) for additional information.*

Calendar

Monday 7/12	Tuesday 7/13	Wednesday 7/14	Thursday 7/15	Friday 7/16
		Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Water and Power Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (2:00 PM)	

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