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111th Congress, 1st Session

Congressional Legislation 2009

H.R.45

Title: To provide for the implementation of a system of licensing for purchasers of certain firearms and for a record of sale system for those firearms, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Rush, Bobby L.](#) [IL-1] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.48

Title: To amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, popularly known as the Lacey Act, to add certain species of carp to the list of injurious species that are prohibited from being imported or shipped.

Sponsor: [Rep Biggert, Judy](#) [IL-13] (introduced 1/6/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.80

Title: To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Blumenauer, Earl](#) [OR-3] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (27)

Latest Major Action: 3/12/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R.146

Title: An act to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Holt, Rush D.](#) [NJ-12] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2009 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Passed Senate, having acquired the requisite 60 vote majority, with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Yea-Nay Vote. 77 - 20. Record Vote Number: 106.

Note: Omnibus land bill.

H.R.324

Title: To establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.325

Title: To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

H.R.326

Title: To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/8/2009) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 3/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R.388

Title: 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.

Sponsor: [Rep Baldwin, Tammy](#) [WI-2] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

Related Bills: [S.197](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

H.R.404 (Included in Public Lands Omnibus-see H.R.146 and S.22)

Title: To establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (36)
Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.405

Title: To authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Heller, Dean](#) [NV-2] (introduced 1/9/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

H.R.411

Title: 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.

Sponsor: [Rep Inslee, Jay](#) [WA-1] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

H.R.503

Title: To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption.

Sponsor: [Rep Conyers, John, Jr.](#) [MI-14] (introduced 1/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (96)

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.510

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

Sponsor: [Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 1/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (25)

Latest Major Action: 1/14/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.551

Title: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

Sponsor: [Rep Giffords, Gabrielle](#) [AZ-8] (introduced 1/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

H.R.552 (Included in Public Lands Omnibus-see H.R.146 and S.22)

Title: To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

Sponsor: [Rep Giffords, Gabrielle](#) [AZ-8] (introduced 1/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [S.153](#), [S.22](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.642

Title: To provide opportunities for continued recreational shooting on certain Federal public land.

Sponsor: [Rep Flake, Jeff](#) [AZ-6] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.644

Title: To withdraw the Tusayan Ranger District and Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.647

Title: To authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to reimburse State and local governments of the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas for expenses incurred by such a government in designing, constructing, and rehabilitating water projects under the jurisdiction of such Commission.

Sponsor: [Rep Hinojosa, Ruben](#) [TX-15] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R.669

Title: To prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or other animal species' or human health, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z.](#) [GU] (introduced 1/26/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (13)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

H.R.699

Title: To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Rahall, Nick J., II](#) [WV-3] (introduced 1/27/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (25)

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.715

Title: To expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/27/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1018

Title: 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.

Sponsor: [Rep Rahall, Nick J., II](#) [WV-3] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1054

Title: To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Sponsor: [Rep Young, Don](#) [AK] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/20/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

H.R.1055

Title: To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada.

Sponsor: [Rep Young, Don](#) [AK] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

H.R.1328

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an unlimited exclusion from transfer taxes for certain farmland and land of conservation value, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Bishop, Timothy H.](#) [NY-1] (introduced 3/5/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1373

Title: To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a resource study along the "Ox-Bow Route" of the Butterfield Overland Trail in the States of Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Boozman, John](#) [AR-3] (introduced 3/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1520

Title: To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 3/16/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1584

Title: To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr.](#) [NJ-6] (introduced 3/18/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Latest Major Action: 3/18/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

S.22 (Now H.R. 146)

Title: A bill to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Bingaman, Jeff](#) [NM] (introduced 1/7/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills:

[H.R.169](#), [H.R.170](#), [H.R.222](#), [H.R.234](#), [H.R.280](#), [H.R.316](#), [H.R.328](#), [H.R.337](#), [H.R.338](#), [H.R.369](#), [H.R.401](#), [H.R.404](#), [H.R.407](#), [H.R.408](#), [H.R.419](#), [H.R.438](#), [H.R.454](#), [H.R.455](#), [H.R.488](#), [H.R.545](#), [H.R.552](#),
[H.R.604](#), [H.R.608](#), [H.R.763](#), [H.R.867](#), [H.R.921](#), [H.R.926](#), [H.R.1109](#), [S.40](#), [S.109](#), [S.110](#), [S.135](#), [S.153](#),
[S.159](#), [S.183](#), [S.188](#), [S.189](#), [S.190](#), [S.191](#), [S.215](#), [S.217](#), [S.219](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2009 Failed of passage/not agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 282 - 144 (Roll no. 117).

S.40 (Included in Public Lands Omnibus-see H.R.146 and S.22)

Title: A bill to designate Fossil Creek, a tributary of the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [S.22](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.152

Title: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona.

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.153 (Included in Public Lands Omnibus-see H.R.146 and S.22)

Title: A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.552](#), [S.22](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.197

Title: A bill 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 ecosystem of cranes.

Sponsor: [Sen Feingold, Russell D.](#) [WI] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (9)

Related Bills: [H.R.388](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/9/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.297

Title: A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Nelson, Bill](#) [FL] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [S.477](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.373

Title: A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal.

Sponsor: [Sen Nelson, Bill](#) [FL] (introduced 2/3/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.409

Title: A bill to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Kyl, Jon](#) [AZ] (introduced 2/11/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.462

Title: A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Boxer, Barbara](#) [CA] (introduced 2/24/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

Latest Major Action: 2/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.477

Title: A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Nelson, Bill](#) [FL] (introduced 2/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [S.297](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.489

Title: A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to authorize hunting under certain circumstances.

Sponsor: [Sen Vitter, David](#) [LA] (introduced 2/26/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.529

Title: A bill to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries 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.

Sponsor: [Sen Lieberman, Joseph I.](#) [CT] (introduced 3/5/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Related Bills: [H.R.411](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.632

Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

Sponsor: [Sen Baucus, Max](#) [MT] (introduced 3/18/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

Latest Major Action: 3/18/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.655

Title: A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to ensure adequate funding for conservation and restoration of wildlife, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Johnson, Tim](#) [SD] (introduced 3/19/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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