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## 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:** 2/25/2009 Received in the Senate.

### 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:** 3/2/2009 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

#### **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**

**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:** 1/14/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

#### **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**

**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](#)

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

### **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:** 2/17/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

### **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:** 2/12/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **H.R.1055**

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**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.

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### **S.22**

**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.316](#), [H.R.608](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/16/2009 Held at the desk.

### **S.40**

**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)

**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**

**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](#)

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

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**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.

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