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*Highlighted information indicates that the information has changed or been added since the last issue of the Congressional Courant.

*The Arizona Game and Fish Commission's formal positions on legislation are indicated in the summaries below.

House Bills

H.R.302

Latest Title: Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep. Foxx, Virginia](#) [NC-5] (introduced 1/18/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (20)

Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011 - Requires the President, prior to designating a national monument, to obtain a state's approval for a monument located on federal land within the state.

Bars the Secretary of the Interior from implementing any restrictions on the public use of a national monument until the expiration of an appropriate review period providing for public input and state approval.

Latest Major Action: 9/13/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.758

Latest Title: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act

Amends the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require land reserved as part of a national monument to be confined to the smallest area essential to ensure the proper care and management of the objects of historic or scientific interest protected by the monument. Sets forth additional procedures for the designation of national monuments under the Act.

Sponsor: [Rep. Nunes, Devin](#) [CA-21] (introduced 2/17/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (25)

Related Bills: [S.407](#)

Latest Major Action: 9/13/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.817

Latest Title:

To amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Herger, Wally](#) [CA-2] (introduced 2/18/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (11)

Latest Major Action: 9/13/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Amends the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require, in addition to a presidential declaration, congressional approval prior to the establishment of a national monument.



H.R.872

Latest Title: Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011

SUMMARY AS OF: 6/21/2011--Reported to Senate without amendment. (There are 4 [other summaries](#))
(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on March 31, 2011. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act [CWA]) to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a state from requiring a permit under the CWA for a discharge from a point source into navigable waters of a pesticide authorized for sale, distribution, or use under FIFRA, or the residue of such a pesticide, resulting from the application of such pesticide.

Exempts from such prohibition the following discharges containing a pesticide or pesticide residue: (1) a discharge resulting from the application of a pesticide in violation of FIFRA that is relevant to protecting water quality, if the discharge would not have occurred but for the violation or the amount of pesticide or pesticide residue contained in the discharge is greater than would have occurred without the violation; (2) stormwater discharges regulated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); and (3) discharges regulated under NPDES of manufacturing or industrial effluent or treatment works effluent and discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, including a discharge resulting from ballasting operations or vessel bio-fouling prevention.

Sponsor: [Rep. Gibbs, Bob](#) [OH-18] (introduced 3/2/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (137)

Latest Major Action: 6/21/2011 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 78.

House Reports: [112-43](#) Part 1, [112-43](#) Part 2

H.R.919

Latest Title: Mohave Valley Land Conveyance Act of 2011

Directs the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to convey, without consideration, specified public lands in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for use as a public shooting range.

Sponsor: [Rep. Franks, Trent](#) [AZ-2] (introduced 3/3/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1038

Latest Title:

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to convey all interest of the United States in and to two parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, that contain private improvements that landowners developed based upon an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, to the person or legal entity representing the majority of those landowners.



Sponsor: [Rep. Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-1] (introduced 3/11/2011) **Cosponsors** (None)

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1042

Latest Title: Discredit Eternal Listing Inequality of Species Takings Act (DELIST Act)

Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) to treat a limited listed species as extinct for purposes of this Act upon the expiration of the 15-year period beginning on the date it is determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be an endangered species, unless the Secretary publishes a finding that: (1) there has been a substantial increase in the population of the species during that period; or (2) the continued listing of the species does not impose any economic hardship on communities located in the range of the species.

Defines "limited listed species" as any species that is listed as an endangered species for which it is not reasonably possible to determine whether the species has been extirpated from the range of the species that existed on the date the species was listed because not all individuals of the species were identified at the time of such listing.

Sponsor: [Rep. Baca, Joe](#) [CA-43] (introduced 3/11/2011) **Cosponsors** (16)

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1126

Latest Title: Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2011

Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to offer for disposal by competitive sale certain federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal in the report submitted to Congress on May 27, 1997, pursuant to the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

Sponsor: [Rep Chaffetz, Jason](#) [UT-3] (introduced 3/16/2011) **Cosponsors** (21)

Related Bills: [S.635](#)

Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1443

Latest Title: Outdoor Sports Protection Act

Prohibits the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from prohibiting or otherwise restricting, the manufacture, importation, sale, or use of any traditional hunting and fishing implement based on material content. Defines "traditional hunting and fishing implement" as any firearm, ammunition, ammunition component, fishing lure, fishing sinker or weight, and fishing line that contains lead, zinc, copper, or brass. Requires the Administrator to report any determination that the best scientific evidence available demonstrates that the use of any such implement has a substantially detrimental effect on the environment.

Prohibits the Departments of the Interior and of Agriculture (USDA) from newly prohibiting or limiting the use of any such implement on federal public lands based on material content. Directs the Secretary of either department to report any determination that the best scientific evidence available demonstrates that such use has a substantially detrimental effect on the sustainability of a local fish or wildlife population.



Prohibits a state or U.S. territory from being eligible for any funding or apportionment under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act or the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act if the state or territory newly prohibits or otherwise restricts the sale or use of any such implement based on material content.

Sponsor: [Rep. Broun, Paul C.](#) [GA-10] (introduced 4/8/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Related Bills: [H.R.1445](#)

Latest Major Action: 5/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

H.R.1444

Latest Title:

To require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Broun, Paul C.](#) [GA-10] (introduced 4/8/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (13)

Latest Major Action: 9/9/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1445

Latest Title:

To prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating, based on material composition, any type of firearm ammunition or fishing tackle.

Sponsor: [Rep. Broun, Paul C.](#) [GA-10] (introduced 4/8/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (9)

Related Bills: [H.R.1443](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/8/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.1452

Latest Title: Uranium Resources Stewardship Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Heinrich, Martin](#) [NM-1] (introduced 4/8/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Latest Major Action: 4/13/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.1485

Latest Title: Catastrophic Wildfire Community Protection Act

Directs the Secretaries of Agriculture (USDA) and the Interior to carry out eligible projects on National Forest System lands and public lands, respectively, which are within or adjacent to at-risk communities or watersheds if the project is consistent with the applicable community wildfire protection plan. Requires eligible projects on such lands to be carried out in a cost-effective manner that focuses on surface, ladder, and canopy fuels reduction activities or implements forest restoration activities in response to extreme weather events or natural disasters. Requires the Secretaries to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement



pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for each proposed eligible project and evaluate and consider an alternative recommendation if a project is or may be inconsistent with its community wildfire protection plan. Requires administrative and judicial review of eligible projects in accordance with the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.

Sponsor: [Rep. Herger, Wally](#) [CA-2] (introduced 4/12/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (13)

Latest Major Action: 5/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

H.R.1505

Latest Title: National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act

Sponsor: [Rep Bishop, Rob](#) [UT-1] (introduced 4/13/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (51)

SUMMARY AS OF: 4/13/2011--Introduced.

Latest Major Action: 10/5/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 17.

Prohibits the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) from taking action on public lands which impede the border security activities of the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) (Secretary).

States that the Secretary shall have immediate access to any public land managed by the federal government in order to conduct activities that assist in securing the border (including access to maintain and construct roads, construct a fence, use patrol vehicles, and set up monitoring equipment).

States that a specified waiver by the Secretary of certain laws regarding sections of the international border between the United States and Mexico and between the United States and Canada shall apply to all sections of the international land and maritime borders of the United States within 100 miles of such borders with respect to the Secretary's activities under this Act.

H.R.1507

Latest Title: Border Security Enforcement Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep Flake, Jeff](#) [AZ-6] (introduced 4/13/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [S.803](#), [S.1485](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

SUMMARY AS OF: 4/13/2011--Introduced.

Border Security Enforcement Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to deploy at least 6,000 National Guard personnel to perform operations in the Southwest Border region (Region) (the area in the United States that is within 150 miles of the U.S.-Mexico international border) to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection in securing such border.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to increase, by September 30, 2016, the number of Border Patrol agents stationed in the Region by 5,000.

Directs the Attorney General, the Secretary, and the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to: (1) implement Operation Streamline in the Region; and (2) reimburse state, local, and tribal law enforcement for related detention costs.

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Authorizes the chief judge of each federal judicial district in the Region to appoint additional full-time magistrate judges who shall have the authority to hear all cases and controversies in the district in which the respective judges are appointed.

Directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to enhance border enforcement preparedness and operational readiness through Operation Stonegarden.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) construct, as needed, additional Border Patrol stations in the Region to provide operational support in rural, high-trafficked areas; (2) upgrade existing Border Patrol forward operating bases and establish new bases as needed; (3) complete the construction of a permanent checkpoint near Tubac, Arizona, and deploy additional temporary roving checkpoints in the Region.

Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to direct the Secretary to: (1) complete the required 700 mile southwest border fencing by December 31, 2011; and (2) construct double- and triple-layer fencing at appropriate locations in the Region.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) and the Secretary of the Interior to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel with access to federal lands under their respective jurisdictions (within 150 miles of the Region) for security activities.

Directs the Secretary to establish a two-year grant program to improve emergency communications for persons who live or work in the Region and who are at greater risk from border violence.

Provides for: (1) specified equipment and technology enhancements; and (2) reimbursement of state, county, tribal, and municipal costs associated with the prosecution and pre-trial detention of federally initiated criminal cases declined by local U.S. Attorneys' offices.

Amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to include ultralight vehicles within the definition of "aircraft" for purposes of aviation smuggling provisions.

Provides for DOD-DHS cooperation in identifying DOD equipment and technology that could be used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to improve security along the U.S.-Mexico border by: (1) detecting border tunnels and ultralight aircraft, and (2) enhancing wide aerial surveillance.

H.R.1558

Latest Title:

Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to exclude from the definition of "chemical substance" for purposes of such Act: (1) any component of any pistol, revolver, firearm, shell, or cartridge the sale of which is subject to federal excise tax, including shot, bullets and other projectiles, propellants, and primers; and (2) any sport fishing equipment the sale of which is subject to federal excise tax and sport fishing equipment components.

Sponsor: [Rep Miller, Jeff](#) [FL-1] (introduced 4/14/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (134)

Related Bills: [S.838](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.

H.R.1581

Latest Title: Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011

Releases public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 that have not been designated as wilderness



and identified by BLM as not suitable for designation as wilderness from further study for wilderness designation. Makes such lands no longer subject to the Act's requirement pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair suitability for preservation as wilderness.

Releases inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that have not been designated as wilderness and were not recommended for designation as wilderness as a result of the second roadless area review and evaluation program (RARE II) or the subsequent revision of a land resource management plan, from further study for wilderness designation. Makes such System lands no longer subject to management to maintain roadless character and values and to comply with other land-use restrictions of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, as amended by the Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule (2001) and the State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule (2005).

Sponsor: [Rep. McCarthy, Kevin](#) [CA-22] (introduced 4/15/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (33)

Related Bills: [S.1087](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/26/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1620

Latest Title: Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2011

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of federal real property (an inventory of real property of the federal government) to assist with federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of real property. Authorizes the Secretary to enter into cost-sharing agreements with states to include any non-federal lands in a state in such cadastre. Limits the federal share of any such agreement to 50% of the total cost to a state for the development of the cadastre of the non-federal lands in the state.

Requires the Secretary to submit a report on: (1) existing real property inventories or any components of any cadastre, (2) consolidation of inventories and components, (3) the use of existing inventories and components of any cadastre, (4) the cost savings that will be achieved, and (4) recommendations for legislation.

Sponsor: [Rep. Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 4/15/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Latest Major Action: 4/22/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.1646

Latest Title: American Angler Preservation Act

Amends the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to require each scientific and statistical committee of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils to provide its respective Council with ongoing risk neutral scientific advice (current law does not specify that such advice be risk neutral) for fishery management decisions.

Prohibits such a committee from recommending to increase or decrease an annual catch limit by 20% or greater unless the recommendation has been approved in a peer review process conducted exclusively by nongovernmental entities.

Requires fishery management plans, amendments, or regulations for overfished fisheries to specify a time period for ending overfishing and rebuilding the fishery that is as short as



practicable (under current law, as short as possible). Modifies the exceptions to the requirement that such period not exceed ten years.

Requires consideration, in evaluating progress to end overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks, of factors other than commercial and recreational fishing.

Requires, when the Secretary of Commerce extends the rebuilding period under specified provisions, that the maximum rebuilding time not exceed the sum of the initial ten-year period, the expected time to rebuild the stock absent any fishing mortality and under prevailing environmental conditions, and the mean generation time of the stock.

Directs the Secretary, within 60 days after receiving a request from the governor of an affected state or a fishing community, to determine whether there is a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster resulting from certain causes.

Sets forth procedures for certification of a fishery management plan (or amendment) requested by a percentage of eligible fisherman to establish a limited access privilege program to harvest in fisheries under the authority of the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, or Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. Prohibits the Secretary, acting through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), from closing a fishery that would have an affect of at least \$50,000 on each of more than 25 small businesses related to the recreational, charter, or commercial fishing industries involved in the fishery being closed, unless the Secretary certifies that specified conditions have been met.

Sponsor: [Rep. Runyan, Jon](#) [NJ-3] (introduced 4/15/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Related Bills: [S.632](#), [H.R.2772](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1670

Latest Title: Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011

Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011 - Amends the Sikes Act (conservation programs on military installations and facilities) to include under such Act's coverage state-owned facilities used for National Guard training.

Authorizes the Secretary of a military department to develop and implement an integrated natural resources management plan for a state-owned National Guard installation.

Sponsor: [Rep. Bordallo, Madeleine Z.](#) [GU] (introduced 5/2/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 7/21/2011 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 115.

House Reports: [112-175](#) Part 1

H.R.1719

Latest Title: Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy](#) [WA-5] (introduced 5/4/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2011 - Requires the Administrator of each of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration to: (1) include in monthly billing statements sent to customers estimates of each customer's share of such Administration's direct and indirect costs for compliance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and (2) submit an annual report estimating such costs (on a project-by-project basis for the Western Area Power Administration and on a system-wide basis



for the other Administrations) to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Major Action: 9/22/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1819

Latest Title: State Wildlife Management Act of 2011

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for State management of population segments of gray wolves in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Miller, Candice S.](#) [MI-10] (introduced 5/10/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Latest Major Action: 5/10/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1851

Latest Title: Land-In-Trust Schools and Local Governments Equitable Compensation Act

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to attempt to negotiate an agreement among a local educational agency (LEA) or local government, the Secretary, the state, and, if appropriate, a federally recognized Indian tribe or individual Indian under which the parties agree that payments representing property tax revenues lost as a result of the Secretary's taking land into trust for such tribe or Indian shall be: (1) waived in whole or in part; (2) limited for an agreed upon number of years; or (3) otherwise adjusted, including the timing of such payments.

Directs the Secretary to pay each LEA or local government for each fiscal year for which such an agreement is not in effect amounts necessary to ensure that the LEA or local government receives full payment for the amount of property tax revenues lost as a result of lands being held in trust by the Secretary for the benefit of a federally recognized Indian tribe or an individual Indian.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer the amounts necessary for such payments directly to the Secretary from the Treasury's general fund without further appropriation.

Sponsor: [Rep. Owens, William L.](#) [NY-23] (introduced 5/11/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.1882](#), [S.988](#)

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.

H.R.1904

Latest Title: Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep. Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-1] (introduced 5/13/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (11)

Latest Major Action: 7/13/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 19.

Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011 - Authorizes and directs the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) (the Secretary), if Resolution Copper Mining, LLC offers to convey specified parcels of non-federal land in Gila, Yavapai, Maricopa, Coconino, Pinal, and/or Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona, that are acceptable to the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain federal land in Pinal County, Arizona, to Resolution Copper.

- Requires the Secretary and Resolution Copper to appraise lands exchanged or conveyed under this Act.

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- Makes the federal lands available to Resolution Copper for use for mining and related activities.
- Requires the Secretary to issue a special use permit to Resolution Copper to carry out mineral exploration activities: (1) under the Oak Flat Withdrawal Area if they would not disturb the surface of the area, and (2) within the Withdrawal Area (with the exception of within the Oak Flat Campground) if they are conducted from a single exploratory drill pad located to minimize visual and noise impacts on the Campground.
- Makes lands acquired by the Secretary under this Act part of the National Forest within which the land is located.
- Adds certain of the non-federal land acquired by the Secretary of the Interior in Gila, Pinal, and/or Santa Cruz Counties to the San Pedro Riparian and Las Cienegas National Conservation Areas.
- Instructs Resolution Copper to surrender, without compensation, the rights held by it under mining and other U.S. laws to commercially extract minerals under Apache Leap.
- Requires Resolution Copper to make value adjustment payments to the United States based upon locatable minerals produced from the federal land in Pinal County, Arizona.
- Authorizes the Secretary to issue to Resolution Copper special use permits that allow it to carry out underground activities (other than the commercial extraction of minerals) under the surface of Apache Leap that would not disturb the surface.
- Requires preparation of a management plan for Apache Leap.
- Directs the Secretary to convey specified lands in Pinal County to the town of Superior, Arizona.

H.R.1921

Latest Title: Build the Fence Now Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep Pompeo, Mike](#) [KS-4] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/2/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.

SUMMARY AS OF: 5/13/2011--Introduced.

Build the Fence Now Act of 2011 - Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) construct two layers of reinforced fencing along the entire international land border between the United States and Mexico; (2) provide for the installation of additional physical barriers, roads, lighting, cameras, radars, and sensors along the entire length of the international border between the United States and Mexico and the United States and Canada; and (3) complete such work within two years along the U.S.-Mexico border and within five years along the U.S.-Canada border.

Increases the FY2012 budget of the Tunnel Task Force (a joint Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE], Customs and Border Patrol [CBP], and Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] force tasked to pinpoint smuggling tunnels) by 100% above the FY2007 budget.

Directs the Secretary to implement a program to fully integrate and utilize aerial surveillance technologies, including unmanned aerial vehicles, to enhance the security of the international borders between the United States and Mexico and the United States and Canada.

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H.R.1922

Latest Title:

To provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with access to Federal lands to carry out certain security activities in the Southwest border region, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Quayle, Benjamin](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 5/13/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

Latest Major Action: 6/2/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

Grants U.S. Customs and Border Protection access to federal lands (excluding state-owned land within federal land boundaries) for security activities, including: (1) routine motorized patrols, and (2) the deployment of temporary tactical infrastructure.

Defines "federal lands" as all land, including a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, under the control of any federal department or agency with legal jurisdiction over such land that is located within 150 miles of the Southwest border region.

H.R.1989

Latest Title: Southern Arizona Public Lands Protection Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep. Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 5/25/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1990

Latest Title: Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 5/25/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/08/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.2562

Latest Title: Wallow Fire Recovery and Monitoring Act

Sponsor: [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-1] (introduced 7/15/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Related Bills: [S.1344](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/19/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.2834

Latest Title: To recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities.

Sponsor: [Rep Benishek, Dan](#) [MI-1] (introduced 9/2/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (36)

Latest Major Action: 9/13/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

H.R.2852

Latest Title: Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep Bishop, Rob](#) [UT-1] (introduced 9/7/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (15)

Related Bills: [S.1524](#)

Latest Major Action: 9/22/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings



Held.

H.R.3009

Latest Title: National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep Fleming, John](#) [LA-4] (introduced 9/22/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (11)

Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3155

Latest Title: Northern Arizona Mining Continuity Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Rep Franks, Trent](#) [AZ-2] (introduced 10/12/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Related Bills: [S.1690](#)

Latest Major Action: 10/17/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Senate Bills

S.115

Latest Title: Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act of 2011

Amends the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to allow an agricultural producer, or a hunter with the producer's permission, to take migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, if: (1) the manipulation occurs on the producer's land on which a crop was not harvestable during the current or immediately preceding crop year due to a natural disaster, and (2) a local representative of the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) confirms that the crop has been destroyed and that it would not be economically practicable to harvest the crop.

Sponsor: [Sen. Vitter, David](#) [LA] (introduced 1/25/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.1765](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.249

Latest Title:

A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that Act shall not apply to any gray wolf (*Canis lupus*).

Sponsor: [Sen. Hatch, Orrin G.](#) [UT] (introduced 2/1/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Related Bills: [H.R.509](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/1/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.321

Latest Title: Delisting Gray Wolves to Restore State Management Act of 2011



Grants the full force and effect of law to the final rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule To Identify the Northern Rocky Mountain Population of Gray Wolf as a Distinct Population Segment and To Revise the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife."

Sponsor: [Sen. Baucus, Max](#) [MT] (introduced 2/10/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 2/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.357

Latest Title: Wildlife Disease Emergency Act of 2011

Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to declare a wildlife disease emergency in one or more states for a disease that affects wildlife within the United States or, if it has the potential to enter the United States, outside the United States. Directs the Secretary, upon making such a declaration, to lead a coordinated response to the emergency. Authorizes the Secretary to implement a grant program to provide grants to state wildlife agencies and Indian tribes to coordinate the response to and address such declared emergencies. Establishes in the Treasury a Wildlife Disease Emergency Fund, to be administered by the Secretary to carry out this Act. Directs the Secretary to establish a Wildlife Disease Committee to assist the Secretary in increasing the level of preparedness needed to address emerging wildlife diseases. It also authorizes the Secretary to convene rapid response teams to address any wildlife disease emergency.

Sponsor: [Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R.](#) [NJ] (introduced 2/15/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Latest Major Action: 2/15/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.526 Latest Title: Mohave Valley Land Conveyance Act of 2011

Directs the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to convey specified federal land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for use as a public shooting range.

Requires the land conveyed under this Act to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to be managed for recreation or other public purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 3/9/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Date of scheduled hearing. SD-366. 2:30 p.m. Hearings held.

AGF Commission Position: Support

S.714

Latest Title: Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2011 Amends the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA) to reauthorize, until July 25, 2021, the program for the completion of appraisals and satisfaction of other legal requirements for the sale or exchange of public land identified for disposal under approved land use plans under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. Makes the FLTFA non-applicable to land eligible for sale under specified public land laws.

Sponsor: [Sen. Bingaman, Jeff](#) [NM] (introduced 4/4/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Latest Major Action: 9/6/2011 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No.



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Senate Reports: [112-69](#)

S.803

Latest Title: Border Security Enforcement Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 4/13/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.1507](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/13/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUMMARY AS OF: 4/13/2011--Introduced.

Border Security Enforcement Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to deploy at least 6,000 National Guard personnel to perform operations in the Southwest Border region (Region) (the area in the United States that is within 150 miles of the U.S.-Mexico international border) to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection in securing such border.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to increase, by September 30, 2016, the number of Border Patrol agents stationed in the Region by 5,000.

Directs the Attorney General (DOJ), the Secretary, and the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to: (1) implement Operation Streamline in the Region; and (2) reimburse state, local, and tribal law enforcement for related detention costs.

Authorizes the chief judge of each federal judicial district in the Region to appoint additional full-time magistrate judges who shall have the authority to hear all cases and controversies in the district in which the respective judges are appointed.

Directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to enhance border enforcement preparedness and operational readiness through Operation Stonegarden.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) construct, as needed, additional Border Patrol stations in the Region to provide operational support in rural, high-trafficked areas; (2) upgrade existing Border Patrol forward operating bases and establish new bases as needed; (3) complete the construction of a permanent checkpoint near Tubac, Arizona, and deploy additional temporary roving checkpoints in the Region.

Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to direct the Secretary to: (1) complete the required 700 mile southwest border fencing by December 31, 2011; and (2) construct double- and triple-layer fencing at appropriate locations in the Region.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) and the Secretary of the Interior to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel with access to federal lands under their respective jurisdictions (within 150 miles of the Region) for security activities.

Directs the Secretary to establish a two-year grant program to improve emergency communications for persons who live or work in the Region and who are at greater risk from border violence.

Provides for: (1) specified equipment and technology enhancements; and (2) reimbursement of state, county, tribal, and municipal costs associated with the prosecution and pre-trial detention of federally initiated criminal cases declined by local U.S. Attorneys' offices.

Amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to include ultralight vehicles within the definition of "aircraft" for purposes of aviation smuggling provisions.



Provides for DOD-DHS cooperation in identifying DOD equipment and technology that could be used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to improve security along the U.S.-Mexico border by: (1) detecting border tunnels and ultralight aircraft, and (2) enhancing wide aerial surveillance.

S.838

Latest Title: Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act

Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to exclude from the definition of "chemical substance" for purposes of such Act: (1) any component of any pistol, revolver, firearm, shell, or cartridge the sale of which is subject to federal excise tax, including shot, bullets and other projectiles, propellants, and primers; and (2) any sport fishing equipment the sale of which is subject to federal excise tax and sport fishing equipment components.

Sponsor: [Sen. Tester, Jon](#) [MT] (introduced 4/14/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (25)

Related Bills: [H.R.1558](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/14/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.901

Latest Title: Making Public Lands Public Access Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Tester, Jon](#) [MT] (introduced 5/5/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 5/5/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.927

Latest Title: Agency Overreach Moratorium Act

Prohibits a federal agency from: (1) retroactively withdrawing any permit issued for federal land or any area of the outer Continental Shelf that would have been used to produce or harvest a domestic natural resource or to create one or more jobs, or (2) issuing a designation under any law that would restrict or prohibit access to those resources on such land or any such area, unless approved by an Act of Congress.

Prohibits the implementation of a proclamation issued under the Antiquities Act of 1906 for the designation of a national monument unless approved by an Act of Congress.

Bars a federal agency from taking any action to modify its authority with respect to issuing permits for natural resource development on federal lands or making federal land designations under any law until the Secretary of Commerce submits to Congress an economic analysis to determine: (1) whether the proposed action has the potential to reduce revenue to the Treasury, and (2) the potential impact of the action on property rights and existing contracts.

Sponsor: [Sen Vitter, David](#) [LA] (introduced 5/10/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 5/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1087

Latest Title: Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Sen Barrasso, John](#) [WY] (introduced 5/26/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Related Bills: [H.R.1581](#)

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Latest Major Action: 5/26/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1249

Latest Title: Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act

Sponsor: [Sen Udall, Mark](#) [CO] (introduced 6/22/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Latest Major Action: 6/22/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1344

Latest Title: Arizona Wallow Fire Recovery and Monitoring Act

Sponsor: [Sen Kyl, Jon](#) [AZ] (introduced 7/11/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 8/3/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held.

S.1690

Latest Title: Northern Arizona Mining Continuity Act of 2011

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 10/12/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Related Bills: [H.R.3155](#)

Latest Major Action: 10/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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