

**House Amendment to S. 2012**  
*Committee on Natural Resources Provisions*

**H.R. 2295 – The Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act | One Pager**

The Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act, introduced by Reps. Tom MacArthur (R-NJ) and Cedric Richmond (D-LA), passed the House on December 3, 2015. The bill streamlines the approval process for natural gas pipelines across federal lands to better serve American families and businesses.

**H.R. 2358 – The National Energy Security Corridors Act | One Pager**

The National Energy Security Corridors Act, introduced by Reps. Ryan Zinke (R-MT) and Kurt Schrader (D-OR), passed the House on December 3, 2015. The bill improves the safety and reliability of the electric grid on federal lands reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfires and costly electricity blackouts.

**H.R. 2647 – Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015 | One pager**

The Resilient Federal Forests Act, introduced by Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR), passed the House on July 9, 2015. The bill addresses the growing economic and environmental threats of catastrophic wildfire. If enacted, the bill could be implemented immediately by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to dramatically improve the health and resiliency of our federal forests and rangelands. It simplifies environmental process requirements, reduces project planning times and reduces the cost of implementing forest management projects while still ensuring robust protection of the environment.

**H.R. 538 – Native American Energy Act | One Pager**

The Native American Energy Act, introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK), passed the House on October 19, 2015. The bill addresses the federal government's overregulation of Indian lands to promote energy development by Indian tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. This bill streamlines and standardizes duplicative federal processes for Indian energy development and empowers the tribes to develop more of their own natural resources. This bill has widespread support from Indian tribes including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and the National Congress of American Indians. This piece of legislation also has strong support from the business community including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

## **H.R. 2898 – Western Water and American Food Security Act | One Pager**

The Western Water and American Food Security Act, introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA), passed the House on July 16, 2015. The bill addresses the underlying policy failures that are contributing to increasingly severe drought conditions in communities in California and across the Western United States by:

- **Improving Science and Transparency.** Requires federal and state agencies to use the most updated available science in water management decisions and to allow the public to access such data, delivering improved habitat conditions for species without adversely affecting millions of people.
- **Expanding Infrastructure.** Enacts “one-stop-shop” permitting reforms aimed at building infrastructure to capture more water.
- **Expanding Storage.** Requires the federal government to expedite and complete consideration of feasibility studies for water storage projects that have been languishing in bureaucratic purgatory for over ten years.
- **Regulatory Common Sense.** Requires federal agencies to consider other less water-costly alternatives that would benefit the listed species, such as installing temporary barriers to prevent saltwater intrusion or removing non-native predator fish that eat protected species.
- **Emergency Drought Response.** Provides federal agencies the operational flexibility during times of crises to effectively make and implement operational decisions in real time without unnecessary regulatory hurdles.
- **Water Rights Protection:** Prevents federal agencies from requiring certain entities to relinquish their water rights to the United States in order to use public lands.

## **H.R. 1937 – The National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act | One Pager**

The National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act, introduced by Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV), passed the House on October 22, 2015. The bill addresses permitting issues concerning American mineral resources. The current permitting process takes seven to ten years or longer. Minerals are critical for manufacturing competitiveness and economic and national security. The bill requires both the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of strategic and critical minerals and mineral materials. This multi-faceted bipartisan action plan cuts red tape, fixes and badly broken regulatory climate, and is a win for the taxpayers.

## **H.R. 2406 – The Sportsmen’s Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act | One Pager**

The Sportsmen’s Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act, introduced by Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA), passed the House on February 26, 2016. The bill is a package of thirteen provisions that will increase opportunities for hunters, anglers and recreational shooters. The bill eliminates regulatory impediments and safeguards against new regulations that will impede outdoor sporting activities while protecting Second Amendment rights.

## Committee Suspension Bills:

- **HR 404 (Northport irrigation early repayment)** - authorizes early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska (passed House 6/1/15)
- **HR 482 (Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2016)** - redesignates Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary (passed House 3/22/16)
- **HR 959 (Medgar Evers House Study Act)** - authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi (passed House 9/16/15)
- **HR 979 (designate "Sky Point")** - designates a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as 'Sky Point' (passed House 6/1/15)
- **HR 984 (Chief Standing Bear Trail study)** - amends the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail (passed House 4/28/15)
- **HR 1289 (John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act)** - authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, to add to existing historic site (passed House 9/16/15)
- **HR 1324 (Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015)** - adjusts the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado (passed House 4/28/15)
- **HR 1541 (Preservation Research at Institutions Serving Minorities Act)** -amends title 54, United States Code, to make Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for technical and financial assistance for the establishment of preservation training and degree programs (passed House 11/30/15)
- **HR 1554 (Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015)** - requires a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado (passed House 9/16/15)
- **HR 1949 (National Liberty Memorial Clarification Act of 2015)** - provides for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia (passed House 9/16/15)
- **HR 2223 (Craggs, Colorado Land Exchange Act of 2015)** - authorizes, directs, expedites, and facilitates a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado (passed House 9/16/15)
- **HR 2288 (remove reversionary interest in Rockingham County land)** - removes the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia (passed House 11/30/15)
- **HR 2857 (Coltsville Nat'l Park administration)** - facilitates the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park (passed House 3/22/16)
- **HR 2880 (Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act of 2016)** - redesignates the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia (passed House 2/24/16)

- **HR 3004 (extend authorization for Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act)** - amends the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission (passed House 2/24/16)
- **HR 3036 (9/11 Memorial Act)** - designates the National September 11 Memorial located at the World Trade Center site in New York City, New York, as a national memorial (passed House 2/9/16)
- **HR 3371 (Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015)** - adjusts the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill (passed House 2/24/16)
- **HR 3620 (vehicle access at Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Rec Area)** - amends the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (passed House 2/24/16)
- **HR 4119 (Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2016)** - authorizes the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (passed House 3/22/16)
- **HR 1475 (Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2016)** - authorizes a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance (passed House 2/24/16)
- **HR 1214 (National Forest Small Tracts Act Amendments Act of 2015)** - amends the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, to resolve minor encroachments (passed House 9/16/15)
- **HR 2791 (Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act)** - requires that certain Federal lands be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of certain Indian tribes in Oregon (passed House 9/16/15)