



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAIRMAN BRUCE WESTERMAN

To: House Committee on Natural Resources Republican Members
From: House Committee on Natural Resources Republican Staff
Date: February 1, 2023
Subject: Full Committee Meeting -- Consideration of Committee Rules and Staff Resolution

The Natural Resources Committee will meet to organize on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 10:15 a.m.** in room 1324 Longworth House Office Building. The Committee will consider the Committee Rules and a Committee Resolution appointing Committee staff.

Member offices are requested to notify Madeline Bryant (Madeline.Bryant@mail.house.gov) by 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2023, if their Member intends to participate in the meeting.

I. KEY MESSAGES & TOP LINE ACTIONS

- Members should plan to attend for the entirety of the Organizational meeting. Electronically recorded votes are anticipated.
- Staff anticipates that the Committee Rules for the 118th Congress will move under regular order. Roll call votes on amendments and adoption of the rules measures are expected.
- Staff anticipates that the Committee Staff Resolution will move under unanimous consent, consistent with past Committee practice.
- The Chair and Ranking Member will also introduce new Committee Members and will announce the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Subcommittees.

II. MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED

A. Rules for the Committee on Natural Resources – 118th Congress

The first measure to be considered is the Committee Rules for the 118th Congress. The Committee Rules being proposed for the 118th Congress are substantially similar to those adopted by the Committee in the 117th Congress, with some technical changes to reflect amendments to House Rules. Examples of such technical changes include removal of references to remote participation by Members or witnesses, and the removal of COVID-related protocols. Additionally, the rules for the 118th Congress amend certain Subcommittee titles and slightly

alter the jurisdiction of the Subcommittees to reflect these changes. Finally, the Committee has amended the rule relating to subpoena authority and has struck the rule relating to deposition authority, as it is superfluous and redundant of the authority to conduct depositions granted to all standing Committees of the House pursuant to House Resolution 5 (118th Cong.).

B. Committee Resolution Appointing Staff for the Committee on Natural Resources – 118th Congress

The final matter to be considered is the Committee Staff Resolution. The purpose of this resolution is to appoint both majority and minority Committee staff. Adoption of this resolution is a formality but has ample precedent throughout the history of the Committee on Natural Resources. The Staff Resolution is typically adopted at the end of the Organizational Meeting by unanimous consent.

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