



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:** January 17, 2025  
**Subject:** Full Committee Meeting -- Consideration of Committee Rules, Authorization and Oversight Plan, and Staff Resolution

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The Natural Resources Committee will meet to organize on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** in room 1324 Longworth House Office Building. The Committee will consider the Committee Rules, the Authorization and Oversight Plan, and a Committee Resolution appointing Committee staff.

Member offices are requested to notify Madeline Kelley ([Madeline.Kelley@mail.house.gov](mailto:Madeline.Kelley@mail.house.gov)) by 4:30 p.m. on January 21, 2025, if their Member intends to participate in the meeting.

## **I. KEY MESSAGES & TOP LINE ACTIONS**

- Members should plan to attend the entirety of the Organizational meeting. Electronically recorded votes are anticipated throughout.
- Staff anticipates that the Committee Rules for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress will move under regular order. Roll call votes on amendments and adoption of the rules measures are expected.
- Staff anticipates that the Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress will move under regular order. Minority amendments and roll-call votes on the adoption of the Authorization and Oversight Plan 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 announce the Subcommittee Chairs.

## **II. MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED**

### **A. Rules for the Committee on Natural Resources – 119<sup>th</sup> Congress**

The Committee Rules for the 119th Congress is the first measure to be considered. The Committee Rules being proposed for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress are substantially similar to those adopted by the Committee in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, with some technical changes to reflect amendments to House Rules. The Committee has amended the rule relating to subpoena authority to include a provision providing for notice to the Minority for any subpoena issued pursuant to Committee Rule 4(d)(1).

### **B. Authorization and Oversight Plan for the Committee on Natural Resources – 119<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Next, the Committee will consider the Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress. Under clause 2 of House Rule X, the Committee has general oversight responsibilities to determine whether laws and programs addressing subjects within its jurisdiction are being implemented and carried out in accordance with congressional intent.

Pursuant to clause 2(d)(1) of House Rule X, the Committee is required to adopt an Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 119th Congress. The Committee must adopt the Authorization and Oversight Plan no later than March 1 of the first session of each Congress. Upon adoption, the Committee is required to submit the Authorization and Oversight Plan to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on House Administration.

### **C. Committee Resolution Appointing Staff for the Committee on Natural Resources – 119<sup>th</sup> 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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