

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
LEGISLATIVE HEARING
1324 Longworth House Office Building
September 9, 2014
10:00 a.m.**

- **H.R. 1314 (Flores)**, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements;
- **H.R. 1927 (Costa)**, *"More Water and Security for Californians Act;"*
- **H.R. 4256 (Stewart)**, *"Endangered Species Improvement Act of 2014;"*
- **H.R. 4284 (Neugebauer)**, *"ESA Improvement Act of 2014;"*
- **H.R. 4319 (Crawford)**, *"Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2014;"* and
- **H.R. 4866 (Mullin)**, *"Lesser Prairie Chicken Voluntary Recovery Act of 2014."*

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