

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO THE
INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS BILL

FOR FY 2015

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
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Manager's Amendment offered by Mr. Calvert of California

In the bill:

On page 13, line 24, reduce the dollar amount by \$25,129,000.

On page 19, line 6, increase the dollar amount by \$9,087,000.

On page 30, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,600,000.

On page 37, after line 24, insert the following new paragraph:

Funds made available under this Act may not be used to establish a satellite school of an existing school in the Bureau of Indian Education school system, except that the Director of the Bureau may waive this prohibition upon request by a tribe if establishment of such satellite school would provide comparable levels of education as are being offered at such existing Bureau school, and would avoid incurring extraordinary costs to the Federal Government, such as for transportation over extended distances: *Provided*, That no funds made available under this Act may be used to fund any facilities-related costs for satellite school assets that are not owned by the Bureau: *Provided further*, That the term "satellite school" means a school location physically separated from the existing Bureau school by more than 50 miles but that forms part of the existing school in all other respects.

On page 65, line 21, strike "\$2,946,895,000" and insert "2,951,895,000".

On page 68, after line 18, insert the following (and redesignate subsequent provisions accordingly):

(2) \$5,000,000 shall be for architectural, engineering, planning, design, construction and related activities in connection with the construction of high priority water and wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-Mexico Border, after consultation with the appropriate border commission; Provided, That no funds provided by this appropriations Act to address the water, wastewater and other critical infrastructure needs of the colonias in the United States along the United States-Mexico border shall be made available to a county or municipal government unless that government has established an enforceable local ordinance, or other zoning rule, which prevents in that jurisdiction the development or construction of any additional colonia areas, or the development within an existing colonia the construction of any new home, business, or other structure which lacks water, wastewater, or other necessary infrastructure;

On page 73, line 12, strike "\$40,000,000" and insert "\$45,000,000".

On page 106, line 7, increase the dollar amount by \$8,021,000.

On page 106, line 18, increase the dollar amount by \$8,021,000.

On page 106, line 19, increase the dollar amount by \$8,283,000.

On page 106, line 22, reduce the dollar amount by \$162,000.

On page 106, line 24, reduce the dollar amount by \$143,000.

In the report:

On page 11, under the heading "*Horse and Burro Management*", after the sentence regarding sterilization, insert the following sentence:

The Committee also supports continued research to develop and refine a variety of fertility-control methods, including immunocontraceptives, which allow for self-sustaining populations of wild horses and burros while maintaining the genetic viability of the protected herds.

On page 11, under the heading "*Plant Conservation Program*", insert the following sentence:

The Committee is supportive of the Bureau's existing plant conservation and native plant materials program and expects the Bureau to continue the program through resources provided under various accounts.

On page 15, at the appropriate place under the heading "*Listing and Critical Habitat*", insert the following new paragraph:

The Committee notes that there is substantial disagreement regarding the sufficiency and accuracy of the science underpinning the Service's proposal to list the northern long-eared bat. The Service made a prudent decision in June 2014 to extend a final listing decision for 6 months. If, at the end of the 6-month extension, the Service makes a final decision to list the species, the Committee encourages the Service to make every effort to consider including a special rule that addresses threats to the species while allowing activities that minimally affect the species to continue.

On page 32, before the paragraph starting with *Bill Language*, insert the following as a new paragraph:

National Park Service Diversity.—The Committee recognizes the importance of diversity within the professional staff of the National Park Service and encourages efforts to diversify the Service’s workforce. Further, the Committee encourages the Service to, within existing funds, emphasize communication and outreach strategy to underserved communities to alert them of cultural and historic programs recognizing and celebrating diversity. Lastly, the Committee encourages the Service to promote programs that will increase diversity amongst park service visitors.

On page 32, following the paragraph entitled, “*National Park Service Diversity*,” insert the following as a new paragraph:

NPS-administered Parkways.—The National Park Service is directed to prepare and submit to the Committee a report on traffic safety involving NPS-administered parkways. The report shall include recommendations on improving safety through enhanced traffic separation barriers and other means.

On page 37, in the section entitled “*Ecosystems*”, delete the following sentence in the second paragraph:

The Committee supports continuing the in-depth analysis of the extent and sources of endocrine disrupting chemicals impacting fish and wildlife in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed including the Potomac basin.

On page 37, in the section for “*Energy, Minerals, and Environmental Health*”, insert the following sentence as a new paragraph:

The Committee supports continuing the in-depth analysis of the extent and sources of endocrine-disrupting chemicals impacting fish and wildlife in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed including the Potomac basin.

On page 42, before the heading “*Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund*”, insert the following paragraph:

Within 180 days of enactment, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) shall conduct a study on the status of the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan and the 1993 Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan in relation to the solvency of the private sector contributors to the plans. In particular the Committee asks CRS to analyze the impact to the pensioners and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation in the event of the insolvency of the plans.

On page 45, before the paragraph starting with “The Committee remains concerned”, insert the following new paragraph:

The Committee includes new bill language providing the BIE Director with the authority to approve satellite schools of existing BIE schools if a tribe can demonstrate that the establishment of such satellite schools would provide comparable levels of education as are being offered at such existing BIE schools, and would not significantly increase costs to the Federal Government. The intent is to provide tribes with additional flexibilities as to where students are educated without compromising how they are educated and to significantly reduce the hardship and expense of transporting students over long distances, without unduly increasing costs that would otherwise unfairly come at the expense of other schools in the BIE system.

On page 46, under the heading “*Energy*”, add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:

The Secretary is encouraged to further pursue industry-funded employment agreements to increase permitting capacity on Indian lands, as recommended by the Office of Inspector General in June, 2014, and to carefully construct these agreements to avoid conflict-of-interest issues and minimize risks to the Federal Government.

On page 46, before the Construction account, insert the following:

Federal Recognition.—The Committee understands the Administration’s desire to improve the Federal tribal recognition process, including the long delay from the date of filing of the petition to the actual decision. The Committee encourages the Secretary to carefully consider the input of all stakeholders in the development of the final rule.

On page 64, before the paragraph starting with *Pending herbicide registrations*, insert the following as a new paragraph:

E15 outreach.—The Committee is aware of the potential for consumers to misfuel with E15 and higher ethanol grades of gasoline in engines not designed, approved, or warranted to use blends above 10 percent ethanol content (E10). Misfueling can damage engines, void product warranties, and result in undue economic loss to consumers. The Committee, therefore, encourages EPA to utilize general funds to establish and implement public educational outreach for proper and EPA-approved usage of 15 percent by volume ethanol blended gasoline in accordance with the Misfueling Mitigation Program.

On page 67, before the paragraph starting with *Superfund Special Accounts*, insert the following as a new paragraph:

Lead at Superfund sites.— Using the funds provided, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall contract with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study of the sources of lead in the environment at each designated Superfund site that is proximal to a historic surface lead mining district. The study shall focus on whether naturally occurring lead, lead-based paint, and the consumer use of products containing lead are significant sources of lead at such sites. The Administrator shall transmit to Congress a report containing the results of the study not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

On page 67, before the paragraph starting with *Superfund Special Accounts*, insert the following as a new paragraph:

On page 70, strike the section entitled *U.S. Mexico Border*.

On page 90, under the section entitled, *Collections Care*, insert the following sentence at the end of the first sentence:

The Committee directs the Smithsonian to provide the Committee, within 90 days of enactment of this Act, a progress report on the multi-year effort to improve the stewardship of national collections, including the Armed Forces History Collection, at the National Museum of American History.

On Page 147, on the line item entitled “Post secondary programs (forward funded)”, increase the amount in the column entitled “Bill” by \$1,600,000.

On Page 148, on the line item entitled “Executive direction and administrative services”, decrease the amount in the column entitled “Bill” by \$1,600,000.

Make associated conforming changes to the report as necessary.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
(INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS)
OFFERED BY MR. WOLF OF VIRGINIA

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

- 1 SEC. _____. (a) Section 6103(a) of title 5, United
- 2 States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to
- 3 Washington's Birthday and inserting the following: .
- 4 "Washington's Birthday, February 22."
- 5 (b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be-
- 6 come effective on February 22, 2017.



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**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF GEORGIA**

At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

- 1 SEC. ____.
- 2 None of the funds made available by this
- 3 Act may be used to finalize, implement, administer, or en-
- 4 force the proposed rule entitled "Administrative Wage
- 5 Garnishment" published by the Environmental Protection
- 6 Agency in the Federal Register on July 2, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 37704 et seq.).



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**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO**

On page 32 in the Committee Report, before the paragraph relating to "Bill Language", insert the following:

America's First Frontier.—The Committee urges the Service to advance interpretive efforts at existing National Park Service sites and in collaboration with other Federal, State, and local agencies to detail the start of westward expansion through the Northwest Territory as America's First Frontier.

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**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. ADERHOLT OF ALABAMA AND
MR. VISCLOSKY OF INDIANA**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

- 1 SEC. ____ . (a)(1) None of the funds made available
- 2 by a drinking water treatment revolving loan fund as au-
- 3 thorized by section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act
- 4 (42 U.S.C. 300j-12) shall be used for a project for the
- 5 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public
- 6 water system or treatment works unless all of the iron and
- 7 steel products used in the project are produced in the
- 8 United States.
- 9 (2) In this section, the term "iron and steel products"
- 10 means the following products made primarily of iron or
- 11 steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers
- 12 and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges,
- 13 pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, rein-
- 14 forced precast concrete, and construction materials.
- 15 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or cat-
- 16 egory of cases in which the Administrator of the Environ-

1 mental Protection Agency (in this section referred to as
2 the “Administrator”) finds that—

3 (1) applying subsection (a) would be incon-
4 sistent with the public interest;

5 (2) iron and steel products are not produced in
6 the United States in sufficient and reasonably avail-
7 able quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

8 (3) inclusion of iron and steel products pro-
9 duced in the United States will increase the cost of
10 the overall project by more than 25 percent.

11 (e) If the Administrator receives a request for a waiv-
12 er under this section, the Administrator shall make avail-
13 able to the public on an informal basis a copy of the re-
14 quest and information available to the Administrator con-
15 cerning the request, and shall allow for informal public
16 input on the request for at least 15 days prior to making
17 a finding based on the request. The Administrator shall
18 make the request and accompanying information available
19 by electronic means, including on the official public Inter-
20 net Web site of the Environmental Protection Agency.

21 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
22 sistent with United States obligations under international
23 agreements.

24 (e) The Administrator may retain up to 0.25 percent
25 of the funds appropriated in this Act for the Clean and

1 Drinking Water State Revolving Funds for carrying out
2 the provisions described in subsection (a)(1) for manage-
3 ment and oversight of the requirements of this section.



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**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. AMODEI OF NEVADA**

At the appropriate place in the Committee Report, insert the following:

The Committee has a history of including a provision affording a procurement preference for iron and steel products produced in the United States in projects receiving funds from the State revolving fund or, now, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. The Committee emphasizes that the key consideration in determining eligibility for the preference is the location of the melting and casting of the iron and steel products and the iron and steel components of such products, which must occur in the United States. Any processes, including vulcanization processes, that merely append rubber elements to iron and steel components of such iron and steel products, which occurs outside the United States, should not render such products ineligible for the procurement preference provided that all such iron and steel components of iron and steel products were melted

and cast in the United States and final assembly of the products occurs in the United States.

