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Congress assembled.
The Congress finds and declares-
(a) that the spirit and direction of the Nation are
founded upon and reflected in its historic past.

CONGRESS PASSES FY10 BUDGET RESOLUTION

This week the House and Senate passed the \$3.5 trillion FY10 Budget Resolution conference agreement by votes of 233-193 and 53-43, respectively. The budget resolution is nonbinding, setting a framework for future tax and appropriations spending decisions. The budget resolution largely tracks President Obama's spending and tax priorities but would provide for \$530 billion less in non-defense discretionary spending. The budget resolution includes \$35.5 billion in discretionary spending for natural resource and environmental programs, \$200 million more than the President's proposal. However, the appropriators will have the final decision of which agencies and programs will see increases.

The resolution also includes controversial reconciliation instructions that would ease passage of legislation to overhaul the nation's health care system and curtail the role of private lenders in the federal student aid program. These instructions would allow the legislation to be passed in the Senate with a simple majority vote, rather than the usual 60 votes needed to end debate.



INTERIOR NOMINATIONS UPDATE

By a vote of 89-2, the Senate overwhelmingly confirmed Tom Strickland's nomination as Interior's assistant secretary for fish, wildlife, and parks on Thursday. However, holds by Senators Bennett (R-UT) and Murkowski (R-AK) might delay the appointment of two of his fellow deputies.

Senator Bennett announced he will try to hold up

the nomination of Hilary Tompkins to be solicitor at Interior until Sec. Salazar clarifies the administration's position on an agreement reached in 2003 between Utah and Interior, where the department agreed to stop designating land as wilderness study areas. He also has a hold on David Hayes to be Interior deputy secretary because he wants more answers regarding why the administration canceled oil and gas leases in Utah.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources ranking member, Lisa Murkowski, announced that she will add to Bennett's hold on Hayes because of Tuesday's announcement that the administration will toss out Bush administration changes to the Endangered Species Act and reinstate the requirement for federal agencies to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service before doing projects that might harm threatened plants and animals.



NTHP RELEASES 11 MOST ENDANGERED SITES

On Tuesday the National Trust for Historic Preservation unveiled their 2009 list of America's most Endangered Historic Places. This year's list is associated with themes such as public lands, infrastructure, diversity, community revitalization, modernism, heritage tourism and sustainability. Visit www.preservationnation.org/11Most to watch a public service announcement by History TM and 11 short videos about each site.

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[Miami Marine Stadium, FL](#)

[Dorchester Academy, Midway, GA](#)

[Lānaʻi City, HI](#)

[Unity Temple, Oak Park, IL](#)

[Ames Shovel Shops, Easton, MA](#)

[Memorial Bridge, Portsmouth, NH & Kittery, ME](#)

[Mount Taylor, Grants, NM](#)

[Human Services Center, Yankton, SD](#)

[Cast-Iron Architecture of Galveston, TX](#)

[The Manhattan Project's Enola Gay Hangar, UT](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8-12, 2009 – NCSHPO Summer Board Meeting, Big Bend, Texas