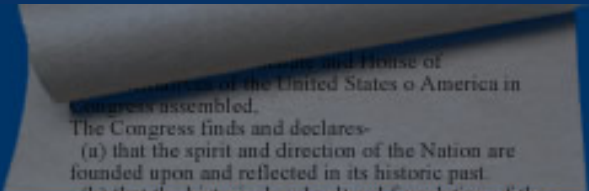


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**FY11 BUDGET OUTLOOK**

While House Republicans are demanding that Congress approve a fiscal year 2011 Congressional budget this year, Democratic leaders in both the House and Senate have admitted that the political gridlock between Republicans and blue-dog Democrats on one side and traditional Democrats on the other virtually guarantees neither House will pass a budget this year. Nevertheless, the Senate Budget Committee passed their version of the budget on Thursday. Their budget freezes non-security discretionary spending for three years and would cut the deficit by \$671 Billion more than President Obama's budget. Full Senate timing and potential for passage remains murky.

The federal budget only recommends how money should be spent. It does not go to the President for signature but establishes an overall discretionary domestic spending cap that is mandatory. That cap would then be given to the appropriations committee leadership who then decide how much each appropriations subcommittee receives.

With or without a Congressional budget, House appropriations subcommittees are expected to begin marking up fiscal year 2011 spending bills next month. More and more the expectation is that passing individual spending bills will be near impossible and continuing resolutions are likely until after the November 2<sup>nd</sup> elections, opening the door for an omnibus bill.



**OFFSHORE WIND LEGISLATION INTRODUCED**

A bipartisan group of five senators led by Sherrod Brown (D-OH) introduced legislation, S.3226, on Monday aimed at developing offshore wind

power. The bill, cosponsored by Democrats Thomas R. Carper and Ted Kaufman of Delaware with Republicans Susan Collins and Olympia J. Snowe of Maine, would authorize the Energy Department to establish an offshore wind power research and development program, to expand incentives for offshore wind development and to develop a comprehensive strategy for developing offshore power.

The legislation, which could be wrapped into the Senate's broader energy bill, may appeal to lawmakers from coastal states, such as New Jersey and Delaware, who are opposed to drilling off their shores.



**HOUSE NPS SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING**

On Tuesday, the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands will hold a hearing on the following bills:

H.R.2986 (Moran): To amend the Act of May 29, 1930 (Chapter 354; 46 Stat. 482; commonly known as the Capper-Cramton Act), to authorize a grant program to preserve resources in the National Capital region, and for other purposes. "*National Capital Region Land Conservation Act of 2009*"

H.R.3923 (Polis): To provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. "*Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2009*"

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H.R.3967 (Cummings): To amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015.

H.R.3989 (Lummis): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System. "*Heart Mountain Relocation Center Study Act of 2009*"

H.R.4514 (Clay): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. "*Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act*"

H.R.4686 (Sablan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System. "*Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act*"

H.R.4773 (Kingston): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes. "*Fort Pulaski National Monument*"



### NEW CLIMATE CHANGE BILL INCLUDES REVENUE SHARING

After much anticipation, the long awaited Kerry (D-MA)/Graham (R-SC)/Lieberman (I CT) climate change bill is expected to be introduced as soon as Monday. The legislation is expected to include state

revenue-sharing to gain the support of a few moderate Republicans and Democrats from oil-producing states.

So far Senators Graham and Landrieu have said that revenue sharing is essential for their support and it may help gain the support of Virginia Democrats Mark Warner and Jim Webb as well. However, in a "Dear Colleague" letter, three Democrats — Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, Commerce, Science and Transportation Chairman John D. Rockefeller of West Virginia, and Energy-Water Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Byron L. Dorgan of North Dakota, expressed "serious concern" about any move to shift revenue from drilling in federal waters to the states.

"The fiscal consequences of such a loss would be devastating, particularly given the enormous demands on the federal Treasury and our need to reduce the deficit," they wrote. "There is no justification for using these significant national resources to provide benefits only for a few coastal states and their citizens. Rather, they must be available for the important public needs of all Americans." With a possible razor thin margin for passage, disagreements over major provisions like this continue to dim the bill's chances - pleasing one group of senators likely means the alienating others. Projected offshore drilling revenue to the Treasury for the next five years is expected to total about \$40 billion, according to the Minerals Management Service.

Drafts of the legislation are not available for public consumption. In fact, Senators themselves are not allowed to have a copy so knowing what, if any, federal programs would receive OCS or other revenue stream funding remains uncertain. There are rumors that the bill includes some funding for the LWCF, but not at the level advocates desire. NCSHPO is working on legislative language to include permanent funding for the HPF in the hopes there may be an opportunity to amend the legislation.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28-30, 2010 – NCSHPO Summer Board Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI  
November 10-13, 2010 – NCSHPO Winter Board Meeting, San Diego, CA