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1/6/09	<a href="#">HR 14</a>	<i>Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009</i>	Representative Brian Baird (D WA-3)						To provide for ocean acidification research and monitoring, and for other purposes.	OAR
1/6/09	<a href="#">HR 21</a>	<i>Ocean Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act</i>	Representative Sam Farr (D CA-17)	6/18/09					To establish a national policy for our oceans, to strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a national and regional ocean governance structure, and for other purposes. <b>** NOAA's Senior Advisor, Monica Medina, testified. **</b>	NOS
1/6/09	<a href="#">HR 81</a>	<i>Shark Conservation Act of 2009</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)			3/2/09			To amend the <i>High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act</i> and the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to improve the conservation of sharks. <b>Related Bills: S 850</b>	NMFS
1/6/09	<a href="#">HR 223</a>	<i>Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act</i>	Representative Lynn Woolsey (D CA-6)						To expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. <b>Related Bills: S 212</b>	NOS
1/6/09	<a href="#">S 92</a>	<i>Imported Seafood Safety Enhancement Act of 2009</i>	Senator David Vitter (R-LA)						A bill to ensure the safety of seafood and seafood products being imported into the United States.	NMFS

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1/7/09	<a href="#"><u>S 22</u></a>	<i>Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009</i>	Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)			Failed to pass the House on 3/11	1/15/09		The bill includes a number of NOAA related sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean exploration</li> <li>• NOAA Undersea Research Program Act of 2009</li> <li>• Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act</li> <li>• Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009</li> <li>• Federal Ocean Acidification research and Monitoring Act of 2009</li> <li>• Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELP)</li> <li>• SECURE Water Bill</li> </ul> <b>Related Bills: HR 146</b>	NOS, OAR
1/8/09	<a href="#"><u>HR 300</u></a>	<i>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act</i>	Representative Vern Ehlers (R MI-3)						To provide for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.	NOAA
1/8/09	<a href="#"><u>HR 320</u></a>	<i>CJ's Home Protection Act of 2009</i>	Representative Brad Ellsworth (D IN-8)						To amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States.	NWS
1/8/09	<a href="#"><u>HR 327</u></a>	<i>National Hurricane Research Initiative Act of 2009</i>	Representative Alcee Hastings (D FL-23)						To establish the National Hurricane Research Initiative to improve hurricane preparedness, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 1485</b>	NWS, OAR
1/8/09	<a href="#"><u>S 170</u></a>	<i>Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act</i>	Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH)						A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 368</b>	NOS

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1/8/09	<a href="#">S 171</a>	<i>Coastal and Ocean Observing System Act of 2009</i>	Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)						A bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes.	OAR
1/8/09	<a href="#">S 172</a>	<i>NOAA Ocean Exploration and Undersea Research Program Act of 2009</i>	Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)						A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. <b>Related Bills: HR 366</b>	OAR
1/8/09	<a href="#">S 173</a>	<i>Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009</i>	Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)						A bill to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within NOAA.	OAR
1/8/09	<a href="#">S 174</a>	<i>Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act</i>	Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI)						A bill to establish a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping program. <b>Related Bills: HR 365</b>	NOS
1/9/09	<a href="#">HR 365</a>	<i>Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)						To direct the President to establish a program to develop a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the continental shelf of the United States, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 174</b>	NOS
1/9/09	<a href="#">HR 366</a>	<i>Ocean Research and Exploration Enhancement Act of 2009 and NOAA Undersea Research Program Act of 2009</i>	Representative Sam Farr (D CA-17)						To establish the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish and maintain an undersea research program. <b>Related Bills: S 172</b>	OAR

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1/9/09	<a href="#">HR 367</a>	<i>Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observing System Act of 2009</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)						To establish a national integrated system of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observing systems, and for other purposes.	NOS
1/9/09	<a href="#">HR 368</a>	<i>Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Act</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)						To authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities. <b>Related Bills: S 170</b>	NOS
1/12/09	<a href="#">S 212</a>	<i>Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act</i>	Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)		5/20/09 Senate				A bill to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. <b>Related Bills: HR 223</b>	NOS
1/14/09	<a href="#">HR 500</a>	<i>Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act and National Invasive Species Council Act</i>	Representative Vern Ehlers (R MI-3)						To establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes. <b>Related Bills: S 237</b>	NOS
1/14/09	<a href="#">HR 509</a>	<i>Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009</i>	Representative Henry Brown (SC R-1)		6/10/09 House	7/28/09			To reauthorize the <i>Marine Turtle Conservation Act</i> of 2004.	NMFS
1/14/09	<a href="#">S 237</a>	<i>Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act and National Invasive Species Council Act</i>	Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)						A bill to establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes. <b>Related Bills: HR 500</b>	NOS

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1/15/09	<a href="#">HJ Res 18</a>	Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to interagency cooperation under the <i>Endangered Species Act of 1973</i> .	Representative Nick Rahall (D WV-3)						Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to interagency cooperation under the <i>Endangered Species Act of 1973</i> .	NMFS
1/15/09	<a href="#">HR 556</a>	<i>Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act</i>	Representative Sam Farr (D CA-17)		6/10/09 House	7/28/09			To establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter.	NMFS
1/22/09	<a href="#">S 297</a>	<i>Charter and Recreational Fishing Collective Marketing Act of 2009</i>	Senator Bill Nelson (D FL)						A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen. <b>Related Bills: S 477</b>	NMFS
1/26/09	<a href="#">HR 669</a>	<i>Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)						While the bill focuses on directives to the Department of Interior, the activities prescribed relate to NOAA through our membership on the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and via the Department of Commerce, the National Invasive Species Council.	All
1/29/09	<a href="#">S 345</a>	<i>Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009</i>	Senator Dick Lugar (R-IN)		5/5/09 Senate				A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the <i>Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998</i> as the " <i>Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009</i> ", and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 52</b>	NOS

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2/2/09	<a href="#">HR 790</a>	<i>Georges Bank Preservation Act</i>	Representative Ed Markey (D MA-7)						To prohibit issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the United States. <b>Related Bills: S 851</b>	NOS
2/3/09	<a href="#">HR 843</a>	To amend the <i>Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972</i> .	Representative Don Young (R AK-At Large)						To amend the <i>Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972</i> to repeal the long-term goal for reducing to zero the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in commercial fishing operations, and to modify the goal of take reduction plans for reducing such takings.	NMFS
2/3/09	<a href="#">HR 844</a>	<i>Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2009</i>	Representative Don Young (R AK-At Large)			3/2/09			To amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 859</b>	NMFS
2/4/09	<a href="#">HR 860</a>	<i>Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)	2/25/09	4/22/09 House	9/22/09			To reauthorize the <i>Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000</i> , and for other purposes. <b>**The Director of NOAA's National Ocean Service Coral Reef Program, Kacky Andrews, testified.**</b>	NOS
2/4/09	<a href="#">S 380</a>	<i>Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act</i>	Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)		5/20/09 Senate				A bill to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 905</b>	NOS
2/4/09	<a href="#">HR 875</a>	<i>Food Safety Modernization Act of 2009</i>	Representative Rosa DeLauro (D CT-3)						The bill reorganizes several inspection services and agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish a new Food Safety Administration within HHS. Part of the "consolidation" of food safety agencies within HHS includes moving all of the personnel and assets of the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program into the newly formed Food Safety Administration.	NMFS

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2/4/09	<a href="#">HR 905</a>	<i>Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act</i>	Representative Bart Stupak (D MI-1)	7/8/09	7/29/09 House	9/1/09			To expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 380</b> <b>**The Director of NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office, Peyton Robertson, testified.**</b>	NOS
2/12/09	<a href="#">HR 1053</a>	<i>Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009</i>	Representative Rob Wittman (R VA-1)		7/29/09 House	9/30/09			To require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes.	NMFS
2/13/09	<a href="#">HR 1080</a>	<i>Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2009</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)	3/19/09	6/10/09 House	9/22/09			To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes. <b>**The Director of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service Office of International Affairs, Dr. Rebecca Lent, testified.**</b>	NMFS
2/23/09	<a href="#">HR 1108</a>	<i>Grow American Supply Act and Rigs to Reef Act of 2009</i>	Representative Steve Scalise (R LA-1)						To provide for State enhanced authority for coastal and ocean resources, expansion of America's supply of natural gas and oil, and for other purposes.	NMFS, NOS
2/23/09	<a href="#">S 454</a>	<i>Weapons System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009.</i>	Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)			5/13/09	5/7/09	5/22/09 Became Public Law No: 111-23	A bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems. If passed, this bill has the potential to impact the procedures surrounding the acquisition and management of the NPOESS satellite program that NOAA is managing together with the Air Force. <b>Related Bills: HRES 432, HRES 463, HR1830, HR 2101</b>	NESDIS
2/24/09	<a href="#">HR 1145</a>	<i>National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009</i>	Representative Bart Gordon (D TN-6)		4/21/09 House	4/23/09			To implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HRES 352</b>	NWS

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2/25/09	<a href="#">S 472</a>	<i>National Monuments Act of 2009</i>	Senator David Vitter (R-LA)						A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.	NOS
2/25/09	<a href="#">S 477</a>	<i>Fishermen's Collective Marketing Act of 2009</i>	Senator Bill Nelson (D FL)						A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen. <b>Related Bills: S 297</b>	NMFS
3/2/09	<a href="#">S 507</a>	<i>Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009</i>	Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI)		4/1/09 Senate				Noted as important to NWS: A bill to provide for retirement equity for federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. <b>Related Bills: HR 1266</b>	NWS
3/2/09	<a href="#">HR 1266</a>	<i>Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009</i>	Representative Neil Abercrombie (D HI-1)						Noted as important to NWS: A bill to provide for retirement equity for federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. <b>Related Bills: S 507</b>	NWS
3/5/09	<a href="#">HR 1370</a>	<i>Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act</i>	Representative Anthony Weiner (D NY-9)						To improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption.	NMFS
3/5/09	<a href="#">S 533</a>	<i>Working Waterfront Preservation Act of 2009</i>	Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)						A bill to amend the <i>Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972</i> to establish a grant program to ensure waterfront access for commercial fisherman, and for other purposes.	NOS
3/6/09	<a href="#">HR 1379</a>	To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic striped bass in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone.	Representative Frank Pallone (D NJ-6)						To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic striped bass in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone.	NMFS

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3/16/09	<a href="#">S 601</a>	<i>Weather Mitigation Research and Development Policy Authorization Act of 2009</i>	Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (D-TX)		5/20/09 Senate				A bill to establish the Weather Mitigation Research Office, and for other purposes.	OAR, NWS
3/16/09	<a href="#">HR 1584</a>	<i>Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2009</i>	Representative Frank Pallone (D NJ-6)						To amend the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding certain overfished fisheries. <b>Related Bills: S 1255</b>	NMFS
3/19/09	<a href="#">HR 146</a>	Omnibus Public Lands Bill, originally S 22 (see above). HR 146 was 'stripped' by the Senate and replaced with the Omnibus text.	Representative Rush Holt (D NJ-12)			3/25/09	3/19/09	3/30/2009 Became Public Law No: 111-11	The bill includes a number of NOAA related sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean exploration</li> <li>• NOAA <i>Undersea Research Program Act of 2009</i></li> <li>• <i>Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009</i></li> <li>• <i>Federal Ocean Acidification research and Monitoring Act of 2009</i></li> <li>• Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELP)</li> <li>• SECURE Water Bill</li> </ul>	OAR, NOS
3/19/09	<a href="#">HR 1612</a>	<i>Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009</i>	Representative Raul Grijalva (D AZ-7)		6/10/09 House				To amend the <i>Public Lands Corps Act of 1993</i> to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service. <b>Related Bills: S 1442</b>	NOS
3/23/09	<a href="#">S 668</a>	<i>Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009</i>	Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)		7/8/09 Senate				A bill to reauthorize the <i>Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act</i> to promote protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 1672</b>	NOS

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3/23/09	<a href="#">HR 1672</a>	<i>Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009</i>	Representative Rick Larsen (D WA-2)	10/20/09					A bill to reauthorize the <i>Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act</i> to promote protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 668</b> <b>**The Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management for NOAA's National Ocean Service, David Kennedy, testified.**</b>	NOS
3/24/09	<a href="#">S 684</a>	<i>Oil Pollution, Prevention, and Response Act of 2009</i>	Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)						A bill to provide NOAA and the Coast Guard with additional authorities under the <i>Oil Pollution Act of 1990</i> , to strengthen the <i>Oil Pollution Act</i> of 1990, and for toher purposes.	NOS
3/24/09	<a href="#">S 685</a>	<i>Oil Spill Prevention Act of 2009</i>	Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)		5/20/09 Senate				A bill to require new vessels for carrying oil fuel to have double hulls, and for other purposes.	NOS
3/24/09	<a href="#">HR 1690</a>	<i>Coastal State Renewable Energy Promotion Act</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)						To amend the <i>Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972</i> to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make grants to coastal states to support voluntary State efforts to initiate and complete surveys of coastal waters to identify potential areas suitable for the exploration, development, and production of renewable energy, and for other purposes.	NOS
3/25/09	<a href="#">HR 1709</a>	<i>STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009</i>	Representative Bart Gordon (D TN-6)		6/2/09 House	6/8/09			To establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies. <b>Related Bills: S 1210</b>	OAR
3/26/09	<a href="#">HR 1736</a>	<i>International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009</i>	Representative Brian Baird (D WA-3)		4/29/09 House	6/8/09			To provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.	OAR

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3/26/09	<a href="#">HR 1771</a>	<i>Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009</i>	Representative John Sarbanes (D MD-3)	7/8/09	7/29/09 House	9/30/09			To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of NOAA, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 1224</b> <b>**The Director of NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office, Peyton Robertson, testified. **</b>	NMFS
3/31/09	<a href="#">HR 1830</a>	<i>Weapons System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009.</i>	Representative Ellen Tauscher (D CA-10)						A bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems. If passed, this bill has the potential to impact the procedures surrounding the acquisition and management of the NPOESS satellite program that NOAA is managing together with the Air Force. <b>Related Bills: S 454</b>	NESDIS
4/2/09	<a href="#">S 817</a>	<i>Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act of 2009</i>	Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)						A bill to establish a Salmon Stronghold Partnership Program to conserve wild Pacific salmon and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 2055</b>	NMFS
4/2/09	<a href="#">HR 1905</a>	<i>Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)						To amend the <i>Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972</i> to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation planning and response program, and for other purposes.	NOS
4/22/09	<a href="#">HRes 354</a>	Recognizing that the climate system of the Earth is warming and that most of the increase in global average temperatures is very likely due to the observed increase in human greenhouse gas emissions.	Representative Nita Lowey (D NY-18)						Recognizing that the climate system of the Earth is warming and that most of the increase in global average temperatures is very likely due to the observed increase in human greenhouse gas emissions.	All
4/22/09	<a href="#">S 849</a>	A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.	Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)		5/14/09 Senate				A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.	OAR

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4/22/09	<a href="#">HR 2055</a>	<i>Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act of 2009</i>	Representative Mike Thompson (D CA-1)	6/16/09					A bill to establish a Salmon Stronghold Partnership Orgram to conserve wild Pacific salmon and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 817</b> <b>** The Acting Assistant Administrator of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Jim Balsiger, testified. **</b>	NMFS
4/22/09	<a href="#">S 850</a>	<i>Shark Conservation Act of 2009</i>	Senator John Kerry (D-MA)						A bill to amend the <i>High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act</i> and the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to improve the conservation of sharks. <b>Related Bills: HR 81</b>	NMFS
4/22/09	<a href="#">S 851</a>	<i>Georges Bank Preservation Act</i>	Senator John Kerry (D-MA)						A bill to prohibit the issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the United States. <b>Related Bills: HR 790</b>	NOS
4/22/09	<a href="#">S 858</a>	<i>National Oceans Protection Act of 2009</i>	Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)						A bill to protect the oceans and Great Lakes, and for other purposes.	All
4/22/09	<a href="#">S 859</a>	<i>Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2009</i>	Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)		5/20/09 Senate				A bill to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 844</b>	NMFS
4/22/09	<a href="#">HR 2029</a>	<i>National Marine Mammal Research Program Act of 2009</i>	Representative Neil Abercrombie (D HI-1)						The bill would authorize the Marine Mammal Commission to establish a national research program to fund basic and applied research on marine mammals. It would also create a National Marine Mammal Research Coordinating Committee, which would be composed of representatives from various agencies, including, but not limited to: NOAA, Navy, NSF, EPA, and Fish and Wildlife Service.	NMFS

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4/27/09	<a href="#">HR 2101</a>	<i>Weapons Acquisition System Reform Through Enhancing Technical Knowledge and Oversight Act of 2009</i>	Representative Ike Skelton (D MO-4)			5/13/09			A bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems. If passed, this bill has the potential to impact the procedures surrounding the acquisition and management of the NPOESS satellite program that NOAA is managing together with the Air Force. <b>Related Bills: HRES 432, S 454</b>	NESDIS
4/28/09	<a href="#">HR 2148</a>	<i>Marine Renewable Energy Promotion Act of 2009</i>	Representative Jay Inslee (D WA-1)						To promote the development and use of marine renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.	OAR
4/28/09	<a href="#">S 918</a>	<i>New York Fair Fishing Act of 2009</i>	Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY)						A bill to amend the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to add New York to the New England Fishery Management Council, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 3270</b>	NMFS
4/29/09	<a href="#">S 923</a>	<i>Marine Renewable Energy Promotion Act of 2009</i>	Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)						To promote the development and use of marine renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes.	OAR
4/30/09	<a href="#">H Res 387</a>	Supporting the goals and ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week.	Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R FL-25)			5/13/09			Supporting the goals and ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week	NWS
4/30/09	<a href="#">HR 2192</a>	<i>Climate Change Safeguards for Natural Resources Conservation Act</i>	Representative Raul Grijalva (D AZ-7)						To establish an integrated Federal program to protect, restore, and conserve the Nation's natural resources in response to the threats of climate change and ocean acidification.	OAR
5/1/09	<a href="#">S 952</a>	<i>Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009</i>	Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)			8/5/09 Senate			A bill to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events.	NOS

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5/7/09	<a href="#">HR 2306</a>	<i>National Climate Service Act of 2009</i>	Representative Norm Dicks (D WA-6)						To provide for the establishment of a National Climate Service, and for other purposes.	All
5/12/09	<a href="#">HR 2346</a>	<i>DoD Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 2009</i>	Representative David Obey (D WI-7)			5/14/09	5/21/09	6/24/09 Became Public Law No: 111-32	The act includes language in two sections related to oversight of the NPOESS program. The language calls on DoD (in one section), and NOAA and NASA (in the other section), to evaluate restructure options for the NPOESS program and how each would affect data for operational weather prediction and the monitoring of climate change. The language directs the evaluations to use NASA cost estimating principles, rather than DoD's. While this provision adds another study to the many being handled by the NPOESS program, the call to use NASA cost estimating procedures, rather than DoD's, is helpful to NOAA given our ongoing disagreements with how DoD does its cost estimating. <b>Related Bills: HRES 434, HRES 545, S 1054</b>	NESDIS
5/14/09	<a href="#">HR 2407</a>	<i>National Climate Service Act of 2009</i>	Representative Bart Gordon (D TN-6)		6/3/09 House				To establish a National Climate Service at NOAA.	All
5/15/09	<a href="#">HR 2454</a>	<i>American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 - Safe Climate Act</i>	Representative Henry Waxman (D CA-30)		5/21/09 House	6/26/09			To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy. - Includes provision to establish National Climate Service in NOAA. <b>Related Bills: HRES 587, HR 2998, S 1733</b>	All
5/21/09	<a href="#">HR 2548</a>	<i>Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2009</i>	Representative Chellie Pingree (D ME-1)	10/20/09					To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require establishment of a Working Waterfront Grant Program, and for other purposes. <b>**The Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management for NOAA's National Ocean Service, David Kennedy, testified.**</b>	NOS

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5/21/09	<a href="#">HR 2565</a>	<i>National Fish Habitat Conservation Act</i>	Representative Ron Kind (D WI-3)	6/16/09					To conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 1214</b> <b>** The Acting Assistant Administrator of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Jim Balsiger, testified. **</b>	NMFS
5/21/09	<a href="#">HR 2627</a>	<i>National Windstorm Impact Reduction Reauthorization Act of 2009</i>	Representative Dennis Moore (D KS-3)						To reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.	NWS, OAR
6/2/09	<a href="#">HR 2647</a>	<i>National Defense Authorization Act</i>	Representative Ike Skelton (D MO-4)		6/16/09 House	6/25/09 - Conf. Report passed 10/8	7/23/09 - Conf. report passed 10/22		The act includes report language directing the Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space, in collaboration with NOAA and NASA, to evaluate options for restructuring the NPOESS program. This direction to DoD is not consistent with action already being taken by the White House, including OSTP, NSC and OMB, to analyze how to restructure the program. <b>Related Bills: HRES 572, HRES 808, HR 2990, S 1390</b>	NESDIS
6/3/09	<a href="#">HR 2685</a>	<i>Climate and Ocean Research and Coordination Act of 2009 and the National Climate Enterprise Act of 2009</i>	Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)						The bill aims to establish NOAA, through organic legislation, and a National Climate Enterprise.	All
6/3/09	<a href="#">HR 2693</a>	<i>Federal Oil Spill Research Program Act</i>	Representative Lynn Woolsey (D CA-6)						The bill would create a new Committee comprised of NOAA, US Coast Guard, the EPA, and other agencies to coordinate a new oil spill research program and assess the status of spill prevention and response capabilities. NOAA would Chair the committee.	NOS

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6/8/09	<a href="#">S 1210</a>	<i>STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009</i>	Senator Ted Kaufman (D-DE)						A bill to establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 1709</b>	OAR
6/9/09	<a href="#">S 1214</a>	<i>National Fish Habitat Conservation Act</i>	Senator Joe Lieberman (I-CT)						A bill to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 2565</b>	NMFS
6/10/09	<a href="#">S 1224</a>	<i>Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009</i>	Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)						A bill to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of NOAA, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 1771</b>	All
6/11/09	<a href="#">HR 2834</a>	To direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States.	Delegate Eni Faleomavaega (D-AS)						To direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States.	NOS

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6/11/09	<a href="#">S 1252</a>	<i>Oceans and Human Health Reauthorization Act</i>	Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV)						<p>A bill to promote ocean and human health and for other purposes. Specifically the bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the <i>Oceans and Human Health Act of 2004</i>-- extends authorization of funds through 2014</li> <li>• Establishes an Interagency Oceans and Human Health Task Force to revise and improve upon the 2007 Interagency Oceans and Human Health Research Implementation Plan--managed by the National Science and Technology Council and includes NOAA, NSF, NIH, NIEHS, and CDC</li> <li>• Reauthorizes the Oceans and Human Health Initiative within NOAA, which facilitates OHH research through 4 competitive funding opportunities (National Centers of Excellence, Extramural Research Grants, Traineeships, and Distinguished Scholars)</li> <li>• Recognizes the effect of climate change on human health</li> </ul>	NOS
6/11/09	<a href="#">S 1255</a>	<i>Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2009</i>	Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY)						<p>A bill to amend the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act</i> to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 1584</b></p>	NMFS
6/12/09	<a href="#">HR 2847</a>	<i>Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2010</i>	Representative Alan Mollohan (D WV-1)		6/12/09 House	6/18/09			<p>Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HRES 544, HRES 552</b></p>	All

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6/12/09	<a href="#">HR 2864</a>	To amend the <i>Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998</i> .	Representative Don Young (R AK-At Large)						To amend the <i>Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998</i> to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes. <b>Related Bills: S 1515</b>	NOS
6/18/09	<a href="#">HR 2955</a>	To amend the <i>Whaling Convention Act of 1949</i> .	Representative Nick Rahall (D WV-3)						To amend the <i>Whaling Convention Act of 1949</i> to require that the United States Commissioner to the International Whaling Commission must be a Federal employee.	NMFS
6/23/09	<a href="#">HR 2998</a>	<i>American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009</i> <i>National Climate Service Act of 2009</i>	Representative Henry Waxman (D CA-30)						To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy. Includes provisions for the establishment of a National Climate Service at NOAA. <b>Related Bills: HR 2454</b>	All
7/2/09	<a href="#">S 1390</a>	<i>National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010</i>	Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)				7/23/09		An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. text in the bill related to NPOESS may constrain the range of options considered by the White House task force for restructuring the program. <b>Related Bills: HR 2647, S 1391, S 1392, S 1393</b>	NESDIS

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7/10/09	<a href="#">S 1442</a>	<i>Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009</i>	Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)						To amend the <i>Public Lands Corps Act of 1993</i> to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service. <b>Related Bills: HR 1612</b>	NOS
7/16/09	<a href="#">HR 3237</a>	<i>Charles 'Pete' Conrad Astronomy Awards Act and National Aeronautics and Space Act</i>	Representative John Conyers (D MI-14)						To enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs".	NESDIS
7/21/09	<a href="#">HR 3270</a>	<i>New York Fair Fishing Act of 2009</i>	Representative Timothy Bishop (D NY 1)						To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add New York to the New England Fishery Management Council, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 918</b>	NMFS
7/21/09	<a href="#">S 1485</a>	<i>National Hurricane Research Initiative Act of 2009</i>	Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL)						A bill to improve hurricane preparedness by establishing the National Hurricane Research Initiative and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 327</b>	NWS, OAR
7/23/09	<a href="#">HR 3307</a>	To direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study of the population of the South Atlantic red snapper fishery, and to limit the authority of the Secretary to promulgate any interim rule that prohibits fishing in the South Atlantic red snapper fishery.	Representative John Mica (R FL-7)						To direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study of the population of the South Atlantic red snapper fishery, and to limit the authority of the Secretary to promulgate any interim rule that prohibits fishing in the South Atlantic red snapper fishery.	NMFS

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7/24/09	<a href="#">S 1514</a>	<i>Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment Implementation Act of 2009</i>	Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)						A bill to ensure safe, secure, and reliable marine shipping in the Arctic including the availability of aids to navigation, vessel escorts, spill response capability, and maritime search and rescue in the Arctic, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: HR 2865</b>	NOS
7/24/09	<a href="#">S 1515</a>	A bill to amend the <i>Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998</i> .	Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)						A bill to amend the <i>Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998</i> to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes. <b>Related Bills: HR 2864</b>	NOS
7/29/09	<a href="#">S 1538</a>	<i>Black Carbon and Other Aerosols Research Act of 2009</i>	Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV)						A bill to establish a black carbon and other aerosol research program in NOAA that supports observations, monitoring, modeling, and for other purposes.	OAR
7/29/09	<a href="#">S 1539</a>	<i>Greenhouse Gas Observation and Analysis System Act of 2009</i>	Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV)						A bill to authorize NOAA to establish a comprehensive greenhouse gas observation and analysis system, and for other purposes.	OAR
7/31/09	<a href="#">HR 3503</a>	<i>Salmon Solutions and Planning Act</i>	Representative Jim McDermott (D WA-7)						To ensure that proper information gathering and planning are undertaken to secure the preservation and recovery of the salmon and steelhead of the Columbia River Basin in a manner that protects and enhances local communities, ensures effective expenditure of Federal resources, and maintains reasonably priced, reliable power, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to seek scientific analysis of Federal efforts to restore salmon and steelhead listed under the <i>Endangered Species Act of 1973</i> , and for other purposes.	NMFS
7/31/09	<a href="#">H Res 710</a>	Supporting the goals and ideals of National Estuarine Day.	Representative Kathy Castor (D FL-11)			10/6/09			Supporting the goals and ideals of National Estuarine Day. <b>Related Bills: SRES 247</b>	NOS

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8/3/09	<a href="#">S 1562</a>	<i>Arctic Ocean Research and Science Policy Review Act of 2009</i>	Senator Mark Begich (D-AK)						A bill to provide for a study and report on research on the United States Arctic Ocean and for other purposes. NOAA is tasked with supporting the Department of Commerce in implementation of the required reports and studies.	OAR
8/3/09	<a href="#">S 1564</a>	<i>Arctic Oil Spill, Research, and Prevention Act of 2009</i>	Senator Mark Begich (D-AK)						A bill to enhance the readiness of the United States to deal with increased maritime and development activity in the Arctic as a result of climate change, and for other purposes. NOAA shall direct research and action to address these issues.	OAR, NOS
8/6/09	<a href="#">S Res 247</a>	A resolution designating September 26, 2009, as National Estuaries Day.	Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)				9/10/09		A resolution designating September 26, 2009, as National Estuaries Day. <b>Related Bills: HRES 710</b>	NOS
8/6/09	<a href="#">S 1609</a>	<i>Longline Catcher Processor Subsector Single Fishery Cooperative Act</i>	Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)						A bill to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, and for other purposes.	NMFS
9/8/09	<a href="#">HR 3534</a>	<i>The Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009</i>	Representative Nick Rahall (D WV-3)	9/16/09					The bill would significantly reform the way the federal government conducts leasing and revenue collection for energy resources on public lands, including our oceans. The bill includes provisions that would remove the Department's current authority to permit or regulate offshore aquaculture under the <i>Magnuson-Stevens Act</i> . <b>**The Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator, Dr. Jane Lubchenco, testified.**</b>	NOS, NMFS
9/14/09	<a href="#">S 1667</a>	<i>Abrupt Climate Change Research Act of 2009</i>	Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)						A bill to provide for the development and coordinator of a comprehensive and integrated United States research program that assists the people of the United States and the world to understand past, assess present, and predict future human-induced and natural processes of abrupt climate change, and for other purposes.	OAR

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9/24/09	<a href="#">HR 3644</a>	<i>Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environmental Literacy Grant Program Act</i>	Representative Lois Capps (D CA-23)	10/15/09					To direct NOAA to establish education and watershed programs which advance environmental literacy, including preparedness and adaptability for the likely impacts of climate change in coastal watershed regions. <b>**The Director of NOAA's Office of Education, Louis Koch, testified.**</b>	All
9/28/09	<a href="#">HR 3650</a>	<i>Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009</i>	Representative Brian Baird (D WA-3)		10/7/09 House				To establish a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program, to develop and coordinate a comprehensive and integrated strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, and to provide for the development and implementation of comprehensive regional action plans to reduce harmful algal blooms and hypoxia.	NOS
9/28/09	<a href="#">HR 3654</a>	<i>Hurricane Satellite Modernization Act</i>	Representative Ron Klein (D FL-22)						To authorize the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to procure, launch, and operate the next generation of weather forecasting satellites.	NESDIS, NWS
9/30/09	<a href="#">S 1733</a>	<i>Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act</i>	Senator John Kerry (D-MA) and Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)						To create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy. The bill Contains a provision authorizing a National Climate Service to be authorized in NOAA and also authorizes NOAA and DOI to lead a natural resources climate adaptation program. <b>Related Bills: HR 2454</b>	OAR
10/2/09	<a href="#">S 1748</a>	<i>Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act</i>	Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)						A bill to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter. NOAA must address sea otters under the <i>Marine Mammal Protection Act</i> , although they mostly fall under DOI jurisdiction.	NMFS

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10/15/09	<a href="#">HR 3820</a>	<i>Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2009, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2009</i>	Representative David Wu (D OR-1)		10/21/09 House				Reauthorizes the <i>National Windstorm Impacts Reduction Act</i> , which provides NOAA authority to conduct windstorm impact mitigation research and development activities. Also, provides new authority for an interagency committee to coordinate federal hazard research and development mitigation activities.	OAR
10/22/09	<a href="#">HR 3910</a>	<i>Longline Catcher Processor Subsector Single Fishery Cooperative Act</i>	Representative Rick Larsen (D WA-2)						To authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, and for other purposes. <b>Related Bills: S 1609</b>	NMFS
10/27/09	<a href="#">S 1933</a>	<i>Natural Resources Climate Adaptation Act</i>	Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)						A bill to establish an integrated Federal program that protects, restores, and conserves natural resources by responding to the threats and effects of climate change, and for other purposes.	OAR

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