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H.R. 2489—AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act
(Rep. Herseith-Sandlin, D-SD)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: Authorizing \$10 million a year from 2010 through 2019, H.R. 2489 establishes a National land remote sensing outreach program within the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) intended to expand the use of, and increase access to, geospatial imagery

for research and educational purposes. The Secretary of Interior will create a committee to advise the Director of the USGS on the program and distribute grants to advance the availability, distribution, and use of geospatial imagery for education, research to state and tribal governments.

Among other reasons, the stated purpose of this program is to “encourage expansion of geospatial imagery research at appropriate educational institutions, encourage expansion of the knowledge and use of geospatial imagery products in the workforce through outreach programs, workshops, and other training opportunities, and share and cooperate in the development of geospatial imagery applications, education, and training infrastructure in each participating State and the lands of an Indian tribe.” The federal cost share of the program may not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the program.

Committee Action: On May 19, 2009, the bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. On September 30, 2009, the committee held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to CBO, assuming the availability of appropriated funds, H.R. 2489 “would cost \$46 million over the 2010-2014 period and \$54 million after 2014. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues or direct spending.”

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates? No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? According to Committee Report 111-309, “H.R. 2489 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.”

Constitutional Authority: Committee Report 111-309 cites Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact the bill.

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H.R. 1471—To expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to re-designate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes. (Rep. Bishop, D-GA)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1471 would authorize the National Park Service to increase the size of the Jimmy Carter Historic Site located in Plains, Georgia by approximately 30 acres. The property could be acquired through acquisition by the NPS or through a donation. Additionally, the bill would change the designation from a historic site to a historic national park. The NPS anticipates about 20 acres of the location will be donated, including the [Billy Carter](#) Service Station Museum, the Georgia Welcome Center, and a former home of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter.

Additional Information: Established by Congress in 1987 as a national historic site, the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site is the boyhood home and current residence of President Jimmy Carter, our 39th President. The former President and his wife Rosalynn are actively involved in the interpretive work of the park. Located in Plains, Georgia, the home encompasses the Plains railroad depot that served as the headquarters of the 1976 Carter presidential campaign and local high school serves as the visitor's center. The purpose of H.R. 1471 is to expand the park to include a house that the Carter family lived in from 1956-1961 (one of the oldest houses in Sumter County) and re-designate the park from a national historic site to a national historical park.

Committee Action: On March 12, 2009, the bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. On September 30, 2009, the committee held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to CBO, assuming the availability of appropriated funds, "implementing H.R. 1471 would cost about \$17 million over the next five years."

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates? No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? According to Committee Report 111-307, "H.R. 1471 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI."

Constitutional Authority: Committee Report 111-307 cites Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact the bill.

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H.R. 2806—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades

National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness (Rep. Hastings, R-WA)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 2806 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to re-designate the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness area to exclude a 100-foot wide corridor in order to reroute a flood-damaged portion of the Stehekin Valley road. The purpose of the bill is to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of a floodplain, while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness area.

Additional Information: According to the committee, the Stephen Mather Wilderness was designated in 1988 as part of the Washington Park Wilderness Act and excluded from the wilderness area was a 100-foot corridor for an existing dirt road that followed the Stehekin River for 23 miles from Lake Chelan into the wilderness in order to provide limited vehicle access to trails and campgrounds in that portion of the wilderness. Routine flooding occurs on sections of the road, which makes the road impassible for vehicles above what used to be the halfway point. H.R. 2806 will maintain appropriate access to wilderness area without determinately affecting the original designation.

Committee Action: On June 10, 2009, the bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. On September 10, 2009, the committee held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to CBO, assuming the availability of appropriated funds, H.R. 2806 “would cost \$2.5 million over the next five years.”

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates? No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? According to Committee Report 111-293, “H.R. 2806 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.”

Constitutional Authority: Committee Report 111-293 cites Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact the bill.

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H.R. 1641—Cascadia Marine Trail Study Act (*Rep. Inslee, D-WA*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1641 would authorize a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail for possible inclusion in the National Trails System. A system of water routes in the Puget Sound region of Washington State, the 150-mile long trail was established in 1994 as a National Recreational Trail. Specifically, the bill authorizes the Secretary of interior to evaluate sites of recreational, scenic, or historic significance near the Cascadia Marine Trail for potential inclusion in the Trail. The encompassing area comprises approximately 2,300 miles of shoreline in the State of Washington, extending from Point Roberts near the Canadian border to the southern reach of Puget Sound near Olympia.

Additional Information: According to committee, the purpose of the Cascadia Marine Trail is to have a site every 5 to 8 miles along Puget Sound for the comfort and safety of recreational kayakers, rowers, canoeists, and small-boat sailors. The trail has 54 designated campsites between Olympia, Washington and the Canadian border.

Created in 1968, the [National Trails System](#) encompasses 26 trails total over 54,000 miles in combined lengths. In addition, over 1,050 National Recreation Trails (NRTs) – recognized by the Secretary of the Interior (and in the USDA Forest Service by Regional Foresters) -- have been designated on federal, state, local, and privately owned land throughout the country. According to the National Park Service, “the Act made it Federal policy to recognize and promote trails by providing financial assistance, support of volunteers, coordination with States, and other authorities. As a result, 11 national scenic trails (NSTs) and 19 national historic trails (NHTs) have been established by law (and are administered by the National Park Service, the USDA Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, depending on the trail); over 1000 national recreation trails have been recognized by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior; and 2 side-and-connecting trails have also been certified. In addition, other federal statutes support and fund trails through programs such as FHWA's Recreational Trails Program and Transportation Enhancements programs, HUD block grants, and the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.”

Committee Action: On March 13, 2009, the bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. On September 10, 2009, the committee held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to CBO, assuming the availability of appropriated funds, “completing the required study would cost \$400,000 over the next three years.”

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government? No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates? No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? According to Committee Report 111-292, “H.R. 1641 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.”

Constitutional Authority: Committee Report 111-292 cites Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact the bill.

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**H.Res. 854 - Recognizing Weber State University for the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institution of higher education.
(Bishop, R-UT)**

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 854 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates Weber State University on the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institution of higher education; and
- “Recognizes the contributions of Weber State University to its students and community.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “Weber State University (WSU) was founded in 1889 as Weber State Academy;
- “WSU is located in Ogden, Utah, and has an additional campus in Layton, Utah;
- “WSU serves more than 23,000 full-time and part-time students; and
- “Weber State University prides itself in its excellent teaching, commitment to meeting the needs of students, and ongoing service to the community.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 854 was introduced on October 22, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 368 - Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships (*Loebsack, D-IA*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 368 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Commends the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team for winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship; and
- “Congratulates the team on winning its 22nd national title since 1975 and finishing the season with a perfect 24-0 overall record and a perfect 8-0 conference record ending the season on a 38-match winning streak.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “The University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team Head Coach Tom Brands was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year and led the team to its 22nd national title and his 2nd national title, and also led the team to its 33rd Big Ten Conference title and his 2nd conference title;
- “Former Hawkeyes wrestling Head Coach, and Olympic Gold Medalist, Dan Gable helped establish one of the most successful wrestling programs in the Nation and is commended for his past leadership and guidance; and
- “The Hawkeyes wrestling team has brought honor to the team, the University of Iowa, the City of Iowa City, and the State of Iowa.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 368 was introduced on April 27, 2009, and referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 562 - Congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament (*Maffei, D-NY*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 562 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “On May 25, 2009, the Syracuse University Orange defeated the Cornell Big Red 10-9 in overtime, in the finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament in Foxboro, Massachusetts;
- “The Orange now hold 11 men's lacrosse national titles, the most in NCAA History; and
- “The Orange showed tremendous spirit in the championship game, coming back from what appeared to be an insurmountable three-goal deficit with less than four minutes to go, only to win the game in overtime.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 562 was introduced on June 18, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 824 - Congratulating the Northwestern University Wildcats on winning the 2009 NCAA women's lacrosse championship, and to commend Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic and academic excellence (*Schakowsky, D-IL*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 824 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates Northwestern University and its athletes, coaches, faculty, students, administration, and alumni on the winning of the 2009 NCAA women's lacrosse championship;
- “Recognizes and commends Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic as well as academic excellence; and
- “Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Northwestern University President Henry S. Bienen, Athletic Director James Phillips, and Head Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller for appropriate display.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “The Northwestern women's lacrosse team serves as important role models to young athletes, demonstrating excellence on the athletic field and in the classroom;
- “Northwestern defeated North Carolina 21-7 to win the national championship on May 24, 2009; and
- “Northwestern finished the season with a 23-0 record to win their fifth straight national championship.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 824 was introduced on October 13, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 817 - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence (*Green, D-TX*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, October 26, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 817 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and
- “Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “In 2005, 1,181 women were murdered by an intimate partner constituting 78 percent of all intimate partner homicides that year;

- “1 out of 3 Native American women will be raped and 6 out of 10 will be physically assaulted in their lifetimes;
- “Approximately 40 to 60 percent of men who abuse women also abuse children;
- “13 percent of teenage girls who have been in a relationship report being hit or hurt by their partners and one in four teenage girls has been in a relationship in which she was pressured by her partner into performing sexual acts;
- “There is a need to increase funding for programs aimed at intervening and preventing domestic violence in the United States; and
- “Those same understaffed programs were unable to meet 8,927 requests for help that day.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 817 was introduced on October 8, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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