

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO THE  
INTERIOR/ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
FOR FY 2016

Full Committee  
House Appropriations Committee  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015

~~Page 1 Amendment~~  
Calvert 1  
AG LED TO VI

House Appropriations Committee  
FY 2016 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Bill  
Full Committee Markup  
June 16, 2015

Manager's Amendment offered by Mr. Calvert of California

In the bill:

On page 15, line 7, strike the period and insert the following:

*:Provided*, That such competitive grants shall be made without imposing the matching requirements in Section 102(a)(3) of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470(a)(3)).

On page 60, after line 25, insert the following:

ECHINODERMS

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 14.21(a)(1) of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended by inserting “,including echinoderms commonly known as sea urchins and sea cucumbers,” after “products”.

On page 62, line 8, increase the dollar amount by \$3,000,000.

In the report:

At the appropriate place on or after page 13 in the report, under the heading “Listing”, insert the following paragraph:

The Committee is aware that the Service will be re-opening the public comment period for the Big Sandy and Guyandotte crayfish and publishing in the Federal Register the methods, results, and conclusions of the population surveys underway. The Committee is

supportive of these efforts to take into consideration any additional comments received between June 8, 2015, and the end of the re-opened comment period, and to refrain from publishing a final rule until April 7, 2016.

At the appropriate place on or after page 14 in the report, under the heading "Recovery", insert the following paragraph:

The Committee understands that the listing of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened under the Endangered Species Act gave States containing lesser prairie chicken habitats the opportunity to implement voluntary range-wide conservation plans. Several States are now engaged in voluntary range-wide lesser prairie chicken conservation plan implementation. The Committee supports ongoing State management of the lesser prairie chicken and the cooperative efforts between States and the Fish and Wildlife Service to fully implement voluntary range-wide conservation plans.

In the report on page 14, under the heading "Conservation and Restoration", after the sentence referring to the sagebrush steppe ecosystem, insert the following:

The Committee is aware that under a court settlement the Fish and Wildlife Service must complete a status review for greater sage-grouse by September 30, 2015, and make a determination as to whether or not listing greater sage-grouse is warranted. However, such determination has no legal force or effect pursuant to section 122 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (division F of Public Law 113-235; 128 Stat. 2421), any similar provision in this Act, or any continuing resolution carrying forward the terms and conditions from fiscal year 2015 into fiscal year 2016.

On page 51, under the heading, "*Geographic Programs*", change the dollar amount to \$403,523,000.

On page 52, under the heading, “Puget Sound”, change the dollar amount to \$28,000,000.

On page 53, at the appropriate place, insert the following new paragraph:

*Toxics Risk Review and Prevention.*—The Committee recommends \$89,521,000, \$3,000,000 below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level and \$1,816,000 above the budget request.

On page 53, under the heading “Water: Ecosystems”, insert the following sentence after the second sentence:

The Committee recognizes the role that the San Juan Bay Estuary program can serve in environmental restoration projects and encourages EPA to coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on project planning and implementation in fiscal year 2016.

At the appropriate place on page 54, insert the following new paragraph:

*Ammonium Nitrate.*—The Committee understands that EPA is considering whether ammonium nitrate should be included in its Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulations. Ammonium nitrate safety has been regulated since 1971 under standards promulgated by OSHA, and the Committee is aware that OSHA is in the process of determining whether these standards need to be updated or whether other approaches to ensure ammonium nitrate safety are necessary. The Committee believes that OSHA’s actions are critical to informing EPA decision making, and, therefore, urges EPA to consider the approach OSHA takes to ensure the safety of ammonium nitrate prior to making a determination regarding the need for RMP standards for ammonium nitrate.

At the appropriate place on page 54, insert the following new paragraph:

*Carbon Utilization.*—The Committee is concerned about the EPA's low prioritization of policies that incentivize the utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> in the production of valuable products. The Committee understands that there are technologies which have the potential to create a market for utility and industrial CO<sub>2</sub>. The Committee strongly encourages the EPA to implement policies which encourage and incentivize the utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> to make valuable products.

At the appropriate place on page 55, insert the following new paragraph:

*Worker Protection Standards.*—The Committee recognizes the importance of agricultural worker protection standards, especially for migrant farm workers, children who work on farms and pesticide handlers, and encourages the Agency to engage the U.S. Department of Agriculture, farmers, farm workers, industry, and other interested organizations as it updates its standards.

On page 69, insert the following paragraph above "CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE":

*DeSoto National Forest.*—The Committee directs the Service to provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a report on any closures that occurred between January 1, 2010, and June 1, 2015, including the rationale for the closure, in the DeSoto National Forest.

Make associated conforming changes to the report as necessary.

Visclosky  
AG NEED TO VV

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

Page 130, beginning on line 9, strike paragraph (3).

Page 131, beginning on line 22, strike subsection  
(f).



AG DEED TO  
VV

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

On page 60 of the Committee Report, under the heading "Infrastructure Assistance", add at the end the following:

The Committee emphasizes that any coating processes that are applied to the external surface of iron and steel components that otherwise qualify under the procurement preference shall not render such products ineligible for the procurement preference regardless of where the coating processes occur, provided that final assembly of the products occurs in the United States. The Committee directs EPA to consider U.S. manufacturing costs, including labor, machining, coating, assembly and testing, when determining if a product is primarily iron or steel.



49

Jenkins  
AG 4440 to  
31-20

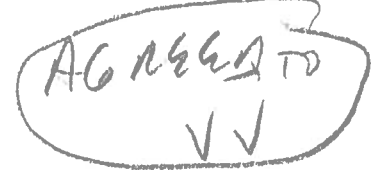
**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
OFFERED BY MR. JENKINS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

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

1                   LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS  
2       SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this  
3 Act may be used by the Administrator of the Environ-  
4 mental Protection Agency to propose, promulgate, imple-  
5 ment, administer, or enforce a national primary or sec-  
6 ondary ambient air quality standard for ozone that is  
7 lower than the standard established under section 50.15  
8 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on  
9 July 2, 2014), until at least 85 percent of the counties  
10 that were nonattainment areas under that standard as of  
11 July 2, 2014, achieve full compliance with that standard.







**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
OFFERED BY MR. COLE**

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

1        SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this  
2 or any other Act may be used to implement, administer,  
3 or enforce the final rule entitled “Hydraulic Fracturing  
4 on Federal and Indian Lands” as published in the Federal  
5 Register on March 26, 2015 and March 30, 2015 (80 Fed.  
6 Reg. 16127 and 16577, respectively).



Valadao

Adopted  
JJ

**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
OFFERED BY MR. VALADAO OF CALIFORNIA**

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

1       The Committee directs the Secretary to complete the  
2 next five-year status review on delta smelt, as required by  
3 law, and to include in the next Recovery Report to Con-  
4 gress a determination of whether the species is more or  
5 less numerous, or unknown, since the species was listed.

