

FY2017 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill
MANAGER’S PACKAGE

Kirk	Addition to National Seed Strategy report language directing coordination on certain seed strategy activities.
Coons #1	Report language regarding Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife trafficking analysis.
Coons #2	Report language encouraging activities promoting sustainable chemistry, innovation, research, and development.
Durbin	Report language requiring EPA to consult with HUD and CDC and to provide a report on lead-contaminated dust and soil.
Lankford	Report language to require report on implementation of authorities regarding NPS donor recognition policies.
Daines #1	Report language directing IHS to develop performance metrics concerning patient healthcare.
Daines#2	Report language regarding recreational service providers.
Reed	Shift of funding levels within EPA’s information exchange program area.
Shaheen	Report language regarding emerging contaminants.
Schatz	Report language regarding USGS study on the feasibility of carbon mineralization.
Baldwin	Report language regarding USGS research strategy on groundwater contamination.
Murkowski/Udall	Technical corrections to bill and report.

Senator Kirk

On page 13 of the report, in the appropriate place under the heading National Seed Strategy, insert the following:

The Committee continues to support the Bureau's Plant Conservation Program which, in 2017, is expected to support implementation of the National Seed Strategy at a landscape level and to lead the interagency Native Plant Materials Development program, the Seeds of Success program, the Plant Conservation Alliance, several regional native plant materials development programs, and related research and programmatic activity.

Senator Coons #1

On page 24 of the report, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

In response to the high level of wildlife trafficking flowing into the United States, the Committee directs the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct an analysis of potential options for increasing the capacity of the wildlife port inspection program under the Office of Law Enforcement. The analysis should include a detailed explanation of the existing program and potential options for enhancing the program. The Committee directs the FWS to submit this analysis to the Committee within 180 days of enactment.

Senator Coons #2

On page 75 of the report, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Sustainable Chemistry. – The committee recognizes the importance of activities promoting sustainable chemistry innovation, research, and development. Within available funds, the committee encourages the Agency to continue to invest in supporting these activities.

Senator Durbin

On page 75 of the report, at the appropriate place, insert:

Dust and Soil Evaluation.—The Committee recognizes that lead-contaminated dust and soil found in homes is a significant source of lead exposure for children. The current hazard standards for lead in dust and soil are based on pre-1995 research, and may no longer be sufficient to protect children from lead poisoning. The Committee is aware that the Agency is currently making use of an Information Collection Request from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in its deliberations on potential changes to the Lead Dust Standard.

The Committee directs the Agency, in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and HUD, to provide the Committee with a report on the progress related to its deliberations related to lead-contaminated dust and soil within 90 days of enactment and every 180 days thereafter. Given the significant impact lead exposure can have on children and their development, once such deliberations are complete, the Committee urges the Agency to act expeditiously to take appropriate regulatory action, if warranted.

Senator Lankford

On page 31 of the report, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Director's Order 21.—Given the National Park Service budget constraints of the last decade and the need to find other revenue sources, Congress provided NPS authority to expand its donor acknowledgement policies as part of Public Law 113-291. Within 90 days of enactment, the Service shall report to the Committee on the steps that it has taken or is planning to take in fiscal year 2017 to implement the law.

Senator Daines #1

On page 95 of the report, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

The Committee continues to be concerned about the quality of health care services provided at many of the Service's facilities and expects the Service, in consultation with the Committee, to update its performance metrics to better address patient health outcomes.

Senator Daines #2

On page 10 of the report, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

The Committee is concerned about the impacts of Executive Order 13658 on outfitters operating on public lands. The Committee understands that federal agencies attempted to work with the Department of Labor to craft an exemption for outfitters operating on public lands and is disappointed that those efforts were unsuccessful. The Committee urges the affected agencies funded by this Act to work with the Department of Labor to seek an alternative remedy to implementing the 2014 rule.

Senator Reed

On page 68 of the report under “Information Exchange”, strike “\$4,351,000” and insert “the fiscal year 2016 enacted level”.

Senator Shaheen

On page 78 of the report, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Contaminants of Emerging Concern. – The Committee recommends \$181,306,000 for Emergency Response and Removal activities to include collaborative work with State, tribal, and local governments to help communities address contaminants of emerging concern. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the EPA expeditiously remediate Superfund sites contaminated by these emerging contaminants, and provide technical assistance and support to States and Tribes during the remedial cleanup process.

Senator Schatz

On page 36 of the report, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

The Survey is urged to conduct a study on the feasibility of carbon mineralization for permanent sequestration of carbon dioxide emissions, as described in the recently published report, "Rapid Carbon Mineralization for Permanent Disposal of Anthropogenic Carbon Dioxide Emissions," with specific focus on the technical feasibility and potential sequestration sites. The Survey should consult with EPA, the Department of Energy, and other relevant agencies.

Senator Baldwin

On page 38 of the report, in the appropriate place, insert:

The Committee recognizes the need for additional groundwater research on shallow and fractured bedrock terrain, and expects the Survey to report back within 60 days of enactment of this act on a research strategy that would enhance the understanding of groundwater contamination occurrences and threats.

Senators Murkowski and Udall

On page 10 of the report after “resources.” insert new paragraph:

Community-Based Collaboration. — The Committee appreciates the significant emphasis on collaborative land management programs within the existing budgets of the Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service. However, the Committee is also aware that there is additional need for training, facilitation and other services to help stakeholders resolve conflict and develop community-based collaborative solutions to natural resource challenges. The Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service are encouraged to work with State and local governments, conservation groups and other third-party stakeholders, including universities, to identify additional ways to develop stakeholder capacity and enhance existing collaborative programs.

On page 16 of the report, strike “the 2016 report language” and add “previous directions provided in 2016”.

On page 21 of the report, strike “Until the census is completed” and insert “herein before the census is completed”.

On page 35 of the report, after “180 days” insert “of enactment of this act”.

On page 59 of the report, after “Office of Surface Mining” insert “Reclamation and Enforcement”.

On page 69 of the report, strike “H.R. Rep. No. 108-674 at 101 (September 9, 2004)” and insert “H.Rept. 108-674”.

On page 95 of the report, strike “Indian Self Determination Act” and insert “Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.”.

On page 64, line 4 of the bill, strike the period and add “unless the Secretary of the Interior certifies that the proposed new use is within the scope of the Right of Way.”.

One page 72 line, 18 of the bill, strike the period after “Wilderness”.