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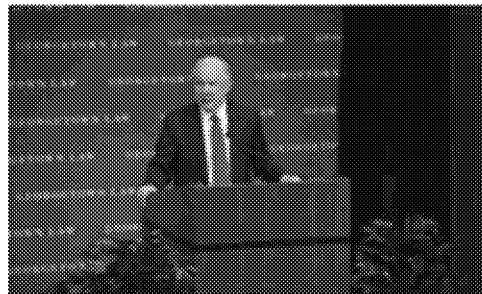
Western Leaders Join House Letter To Justice Department On Activist Threats To Pipeline Infrastructure

BY MICHAEL SANDOVAL OCTOBER 27, 2017



More than 80 members of the U.S. House sent a bipartisan letter to U.S. Attorney Jeff Sessions and the Department of Justice asking for a review of legislation and prosecutorial action covering attacks on the country's pipeline infrastructure.

Led by Rep. Ken Buck (R-Colo.) and Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), the letter seeks DOJ input on the adequacy of federal statutes like the Patriot Act and Pipeline Safety Act in allowing the department to "prosecute criminal activity against energy infrastructure at the federal level."



@TheGrassroots

On Monday, Western Caucus Members **Ken Buck (CO-04)** and **Kevin Cramer (ND-At Large)** led more than 80 members in sending a **bipartisan letter** to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Department of Justice requesting information on the Department's plans and actions to prosecute individuals who engage in criminal activity against energy infrastructure.

"Environmental activists who choose to use violence against our nation's energy infrastructure and the men and women who work in the energy industry should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law,"

Congressman Ken Buck stated. “While I will continue to support their right to protest policies they disagree with, we need to send a strong message to those who destroy property that such dangerous behavior will not be tolerated by the communities who live around and rely on this energy infrastructure.”

For more information click [HERE](#).

Western Caucus Member Jeff Duncan Named to Energy and Commerce



Rep. Jeff Duncan @RepJeffDuncan · Oct 23

Honored that my colleagues on the steering committee nominated me to serve on @HouseCommerce. They are doing great things to help #MAGA!

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Energy and Commerce @HouseCommerce · Oct 23

Chairman @repgregwalden welcomes @RepJeffDuncan of #SC03 to the committee >



Walden Welcomes Rep. Jeff Duncan to the Energy and Commerce...

WASHINGTON, DC – House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) today issued the following statement after the Hou...

On Monday, the House Steering Committee selected Western Caucus Member **Jeff Duncan (SC-03)** to serve on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

“I’m looking forward to Jeff joining our exemplary team here at the Energy and Commerce Committee. Jeff’s long career in public service, from his work serving as a state legislator back in South Carolina to his time spent here in Congress, and time as a small business owner allow him to hit the ground running and make an immediate impact on the committee with some of the broadest jurisdiction in Congress,” **said Chairman Greg Walden (OR-02)**.

White House OMB Director Mulvaney Meets with the Western Caucus



Western Caucus @westerncaucus · Oct 24

Great turnout today at our member meeting with @MickMulvaneyOMB. Mulvaney & @realDonaldTrump have blocked more than 800 job-killing reg!



On Tuesday, at our Western Caucus Monthly Members Meeting, our Members heard from White House Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney. He walked our Members through the steps that he, President Donald J. Trump and the Administration are taking to reduce government bureaucracy, repeal job-killing regulations and get our federal debt under control! The Trump Administration has already blocked more than 800 Obama Regulations, saving our economy billions of dollars each year.

Secretary Zinke Announces Largest Oil & Gas Lease in U.S. History



US Dept of Interior ● @Interior · Oct 24

Today @SecretaryZinke announced @BOEM_DOI is proposing the largest oil & gas lease in US history on.doi.gov/2yNVPQW



On Tuesday, Department of the Interior Secretary and former Western Caucus Member Ryan Zinke announced the largest oil and gas lease sale ever held in the United States --76,967,935 acres in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

For more information click [HERE](#).

The Time for Tax Reform is Now



Western Caucus @westerncaucus · Oct 24

Excellent tax reform briefings today for our Members and Staff from @FSR, @Prudential, @Transamerica, @Citi and @jpmorgan #TaxReform



On Tuesday, the **Financial Services Roundtable** joined us for a special financial services tax reform briefing tailored for Members and Staff. Presenters included: Jim Shea, Chief Tax Officer, Prudential Financial; Art Schneider, Head of Tax Consulting, Transamerica; Bill Rys, Director of Government Affairs for Tax, Citigroup.

Resources Examines Obama's Job-Killing Sage Grouse Policies



Natural Resources @NatResources · Oct 25

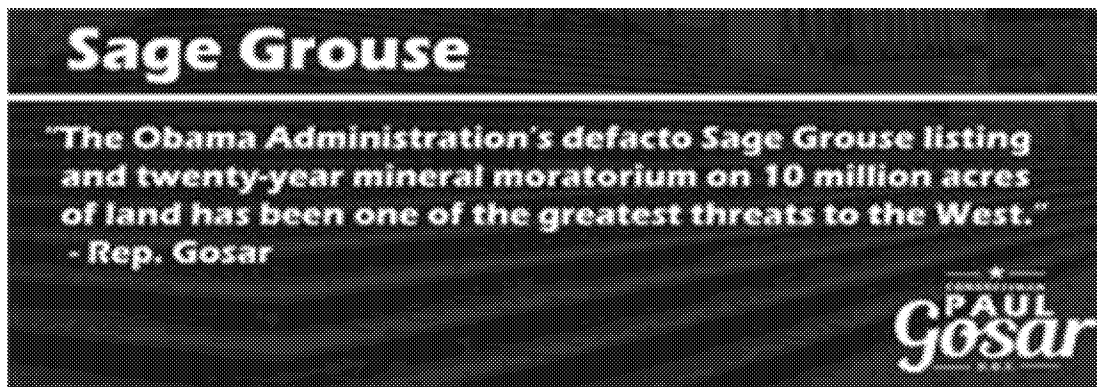
LIVE → Committee discusses #SageGrouse management & emphasize the need for continued local control.



Full Committee Oversight Hearing

On Wednesday, the House Committee on Natural Resources held a hearing examining state-level solutions to the Sage Grouse problem.

Members and expert witnesses testified regarding the compelling need for local and state control over the recovery process. Regional differences and ecosystem variety mean that recovery can not be a top-down, Washington-mandated approach.

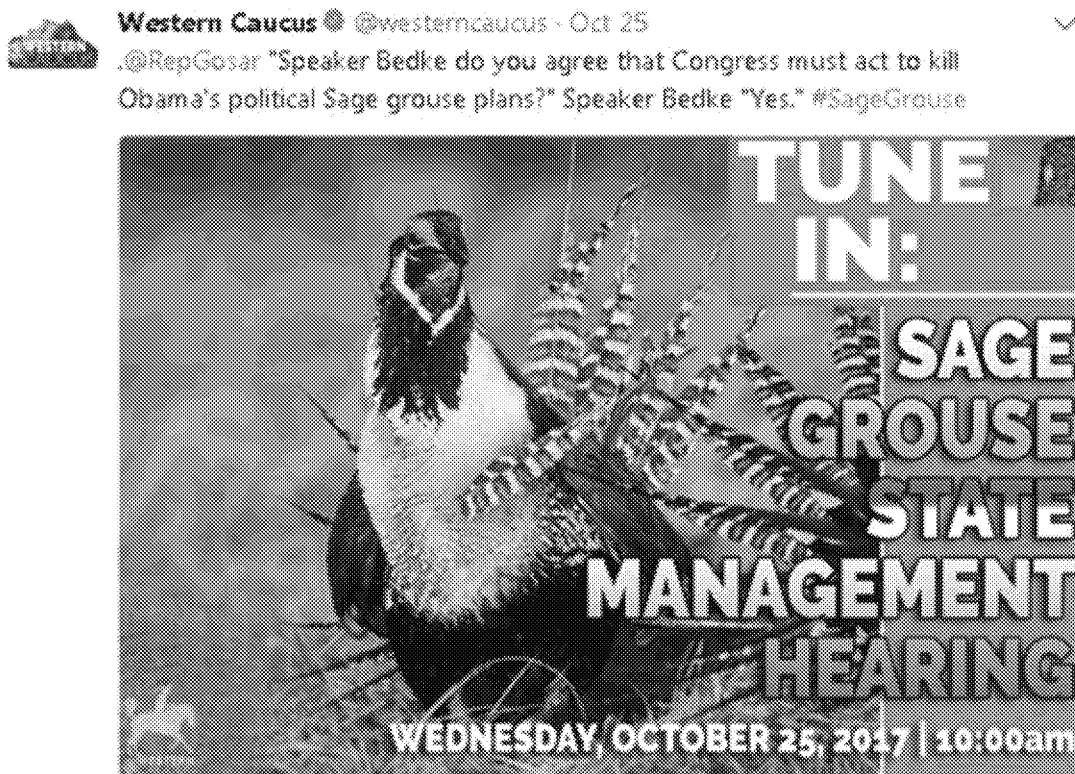


“[t]he federal government under the Obama administration insisted on managing Greater Sage Grouse recovery with a Washington, D.C., one-size-fits-all approach that fails miserably to address the individual management challenges present in each state. The purpose of today’s hearing is to provide further evidence that state and local control leads to lasting success. States have consistently proven to be masters at caring for their own lands and wildlife, and sage grouse is no different,” **Chairman Emeritus Rob Bishop (UT-01)** said.

“The Obama administration’s de facto sage grouse listing and the 20 year mineral moratorium on ten million acres of land has been one of the greatest threats to the livelihood of western communities. Some of the most stifling consequences of the Obama era regulations were targeted at businesses,” **Chairman Paul Gosar (AZ-04)** said. “Thankfully President Trump’s Department of [the] Interior **cancelled** the massive proposed withdrawal allowing job creators and hardrock miners to get back to work.”

Decades of activist litigation and efforts by the Obama administration to circumvent successful state management plans have been “bad for the West, bad for jobs and bad for sage grouse,” according to Idaho Speaker of the House and fifth generation rancher Scott Bedke.

For more information click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).



House Passes Collins Bill to Stop Sue-And-Settle Abuse



Rep. Doug Collins @RepDougCollins · Oct 26

Glad to shine the light on some shady practices so we can snuff out future mischief. #gapol #HR469



Collins led legislation passes the House

The House of Representatives last night passed H.R. 469, the Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017, which 9th Distr...
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On Wednesday, the House of Representatives today passed H.R. 469, the Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017, legislation introduced by Western Caucus Member **Doug Collins (GA-09)** to stop federal agencies from establishing regulations through litigation as a means of circumventing the legislative process.

“The House took action today to draw back the curtain on federal agencies that have colluded with special interest groups at the expense of American workers and families. The back-room litigation that the EPA, Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies favored throughout the last administration must come to an end.

"A government by and for the people has no business allowing unelected bureaucrats to redraft laws behind closed doors, and I introduced the Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act to end this practice decisively," said Collins.

For more information click [HERE](#).

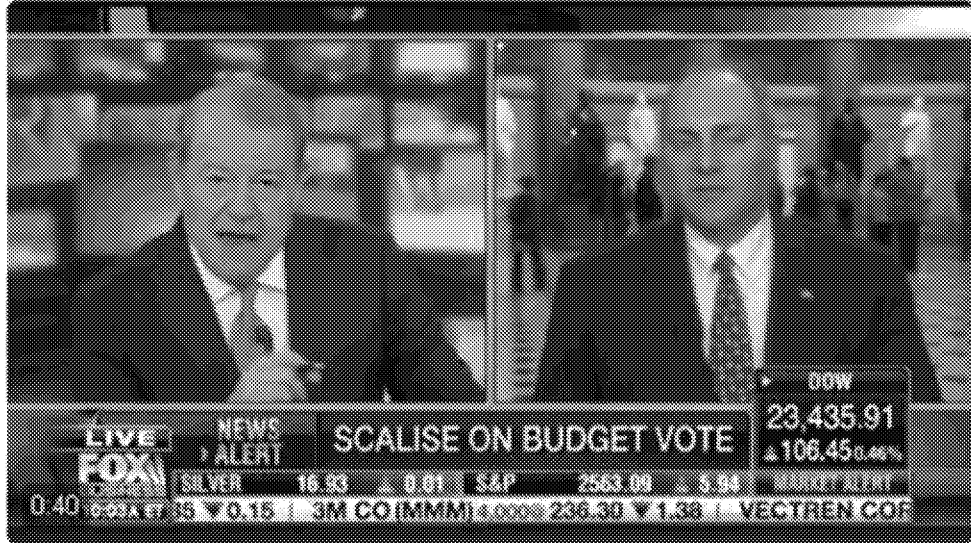
House Passes Budget, One Step Closer to Tax Reform



Rep. Steve Scalise @SteveScalise · Oct 26

Today's vote to pass the budget paves the way to pro-growth #TaxReform for the middle class.

This is good news.



On Thursday, Members of the Congressional Western Caucus and the House of Representatives passed the fiscal year 2018 Budget paving the way for Tax Reform to move ahead through reconciliation.

For more information click [HERE](#).



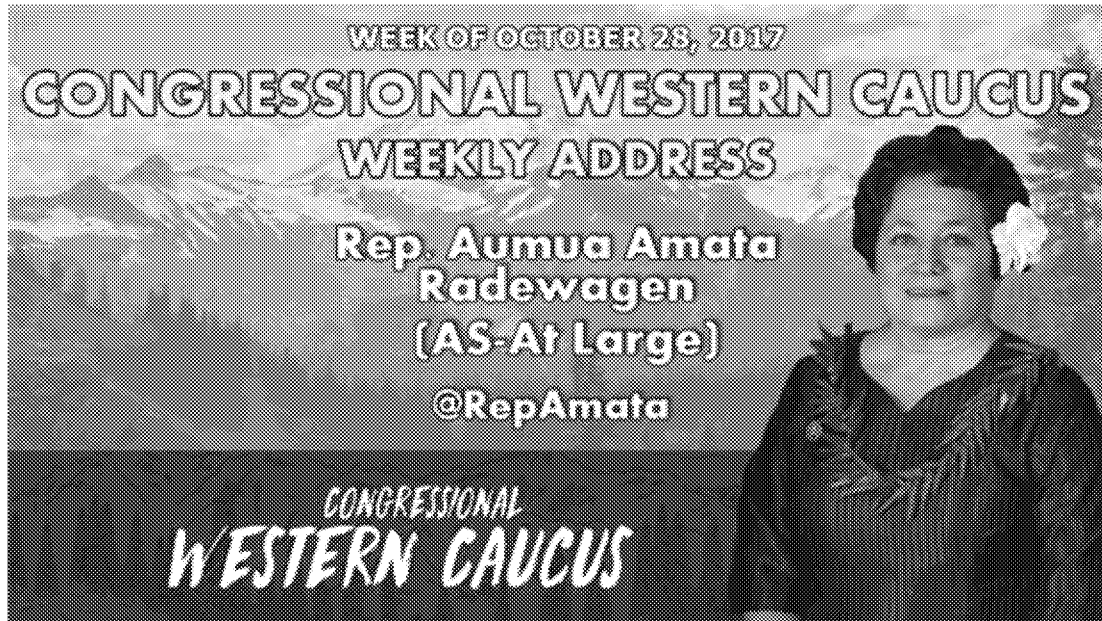
Rep. Jeff Duncan @RepJeffDuncan · Oct 26

Budget has passed! Time to move #taxreform for the American people #MAGA

WEEKLY ADDRESS...

Rep. Aumua Amata Radewagen (AS-AT Large) discussed how decisions in Washington about a marine monument placed American Samoa traditional fishing waters off limits, despite generations of use. Rep. Radewagen is a new member of the Caucus this Congress and is doing a tremendous job.

Click [HERE](#) or on the picture below to watch the full video.



POST OF THE WEEK...



Natural Resources @NatResources · Oct 26

"Together, we are going to start an #energy revolution - one that celebrates AMERICAN production on AMERICAN soil." -@realDonaldTrump



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