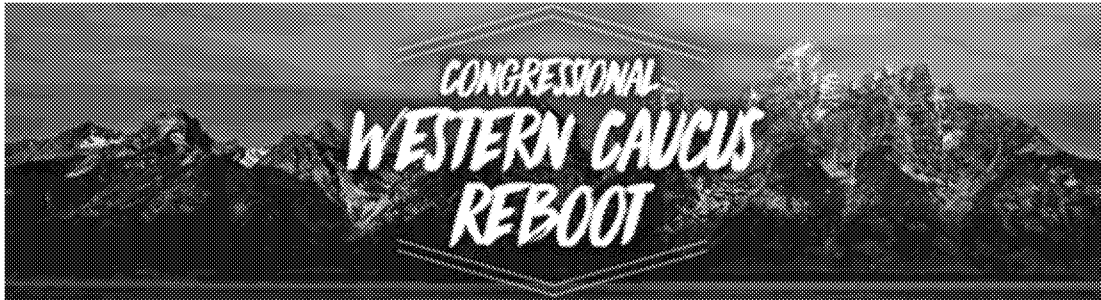


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Week of 11.11.2017

Happy Veterans Day



Lamar Smith @LamarSmithTX21 · 23h

On Veterans Day, we honor all our veterans. These men and women put their lives on the line to defend our nation and our freedoms. The United States is stronger and safer today because of those willing to make the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you for your service.

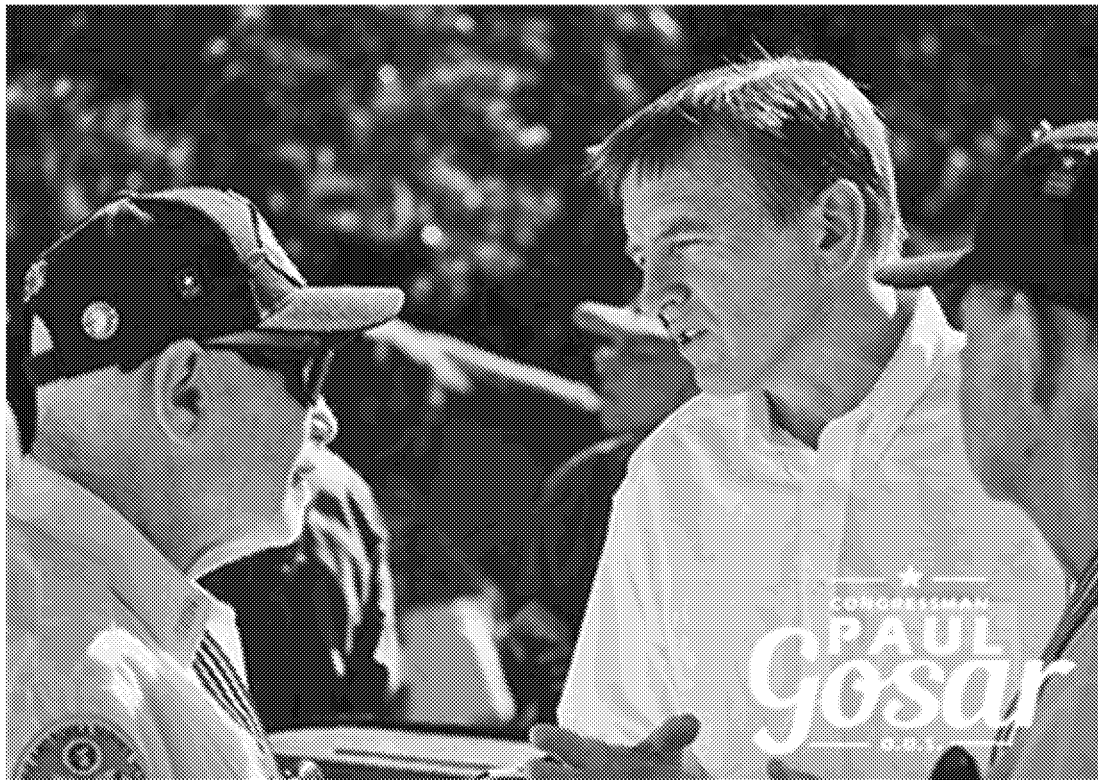


This week the House honored our veterans by passing several important pieces of legislation including:

- [H.R. 918](#), Veteran Urgent Access to Mental Healthcare Act

- [H.R. 1133](#), Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2017
- [H.R. 1900](#), National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act
- [H.R. 2123](#), Veterans E-Health and Telemedicine Support (VETS) Act
- [H.R. 2601](#), Veterans Increased Choice for Transplanted Organs and Recovery (VICTOR) Act
- [H.R. 4173](#), To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line
- [H.R. 3657](#), To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide headstones and markers for the graves of spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries
- [H.R. 3562](#), To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs

To view a special Veterans Day message from Chairman Gosar click on the graphic below or click [HERE](#).



House Votes to Repeal Obama Joint-Employer Rule



Kevin McCarthy @GOPLeader · Nov 7

Today, we'll vote to repeal the confusing and harmful Obama-era joint-employer rule. #SaveLocalBiz



On Tuesday, the House voted to repeal the Obama Administration's job-killing joint-employer rule. The Save Local Business Act protects small businesses and 1.7 million jobs by amending the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act to clarify that two or more employers may be considered a “joint employer” only if they have “actual, direct, and immediate” control over employees’ essential terms and conditions of employment.

Resources Passes Emmer Bill to Protect MN Mining



Western Caucus @westerncaucus · Nov 8

.@RepTomEmmer's Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act just passed @NatResources. Minnesota is projected to lose up to \$3 billion in revenues for education without H.R. 3905. To read more click [HERE](#) → bit.ly/2hdA5DZ



On Wednesday, the House Committee on Natural Resources passed Western Caucus Member Congressman **Tom Emmer's (MN-06)** Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act. Minnesota is projected to lose up to \$3 billion in revenues for education without H.R. 3905.

“Today, we came one-step closer to undoing the Obama Administration’s politically motivated actions in Northern Minnesota,” said **Congressman Emmer**. “I am proud that my bipartisan MINER Act passed the House Committee on Natural Resources. Passage of this legislation ensures Minnesotans have a say in sweeping bureaucratic decisions made in Washington. Environmentally responsible mining and exploration in Northern Minnesota will unleash our ability to tap into our abundance of natural resources, and provide for a better way of life for our children, just as those in Northern Minnesota have done for decades. We can preserve our beautiful state without permanently destroying any future job creation or economic development. We can utilize the largest untapped copper-nickel deposit in the world for Americans, and in an environmentally sound way. While there are still numerous environmental and safety benchmarks that must be met in the coming years before any mining can occur, passage of the MINER Act will let our federal, state, and local environmental review process to proceed. I am thankful for the leadership of Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee Chairman Paul Gosar, Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop, and the support of my colleagues – the future of Minnesota is brighter because of today’s vote.”

To read more click [HERE](#).

Resources Passes SECURE American Energy Act



Natural Resources @NatResources · Nov 7



The SECURE American Energy Act:

- ✓Creates New Jobs
- ✓Provides Regulatory Certainty
- ✓Increases Revenue
- ✓Expands Access to Energy Resources



On Wednesday, the House Committee on Natural Resources passed Western Caucus Members **Steve Scalise (LA-01)** and **Rob Bishop's (UT-01)** bipartisan SECURE American Energy Act.

"After months of stakeholder input, Committee oversight and multiple legislative drafts, we have a comprehensive bipartisan upstream energy bill to bring to the House floor. These onshore and offshore provisions provide certainty and access to spur investment and job creation through the development of federal lands. With this legislation, we can unlock our vast energy potential, advance American energy dominance and generate revenues at all levels of government. I thank Whip Scalise for his continued leadership and the contributions of members, including Reps. Cuellar and González, in developing this bipartisan legislation," **Resources Chairman Bishop said.**

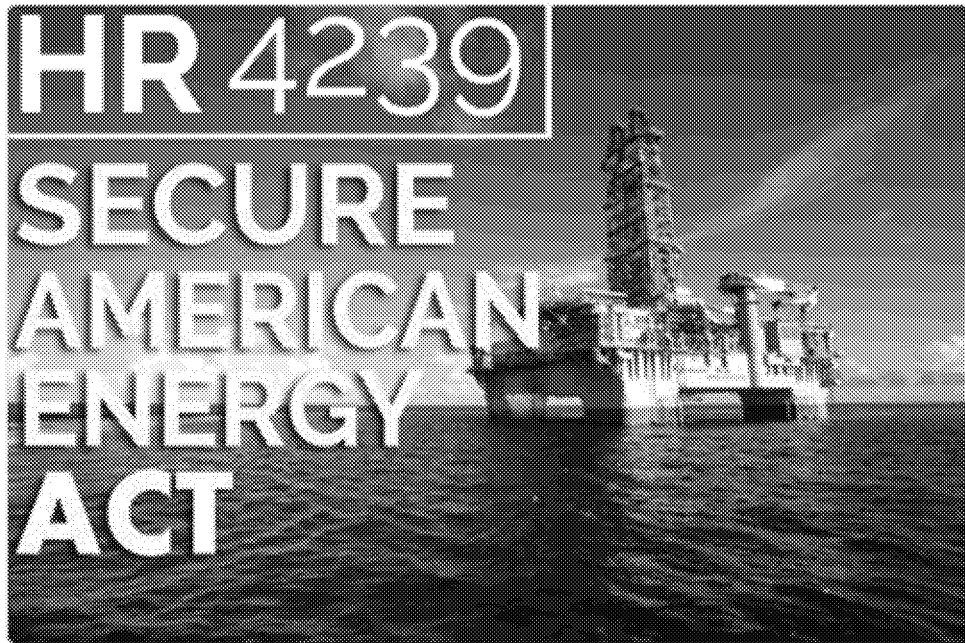
"The SECURE American Energy Act will create good jobs in communities all across our country, empowers states and optimizes onshore resource management, and raises revenue-sharing caps that dedicate critical funds to Louisiana's coastal restoration. This bipartisan bill is good for jobs and good for Louisiana. I'm proud that it passed out of the Natural Resources Committee today, and look forward to passing it through the House with a strong vote and getting it on President Trump's desk so he can sign it into law," **Whip Scalise said.**

To read more click [HERE](#).



Western Caucus @westerncaucus · Nov 8

.@SteveScalise's SECURE American Energy Act just passed @NatResources! To read more click HERE → bit.ly/2heYvx0

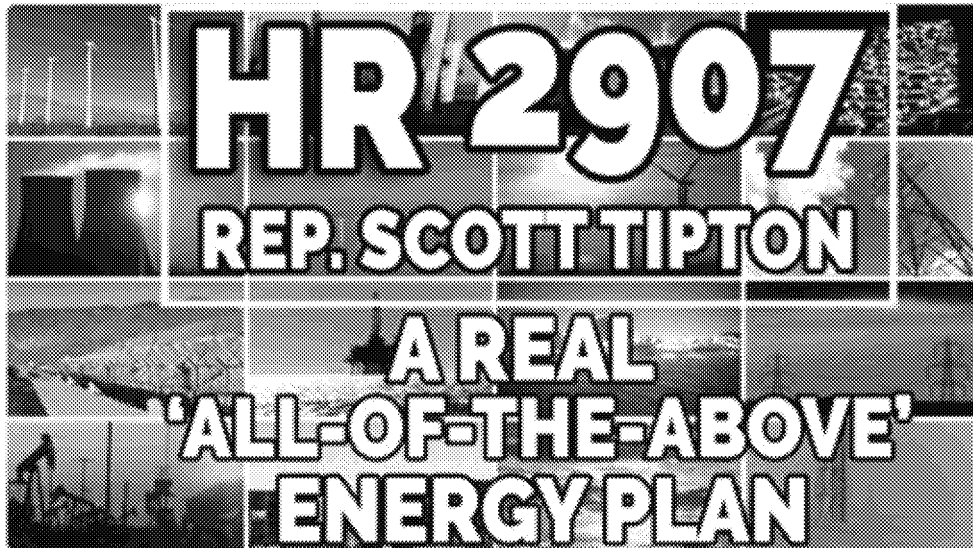


Resources Passes Tipton Planning for American Energy Act



Western Caucus @westerncaucus · Nov 8

.@RepTipton's Planning for American Energy Act just passed @NatResources. This bill requires an updated all-of-the-above energy plan every 4 years.



On Wednesday, the House Committee on Natural Resources passed Western Caucus Executive Vice-Chairman **Scott Tipton's (CO-03)** Planning for American Energy Act. This commonsense bill requires an updated all-of-the-above energy plan every 4 years.

Congressman Tipton said, “The Planning for American Energy Act would set the United States on a path towards an all-of-the-above energy approach to better meet the changing needs of the American people, keep energy costs affordable, create more jobs, and strengthen national security. Creating a viable energy future in our country must be a top priority, and I’m glad that my colleagues on the Natural Resources Committee agree. I look forward to seeing this important legislation pass through the House soon.”

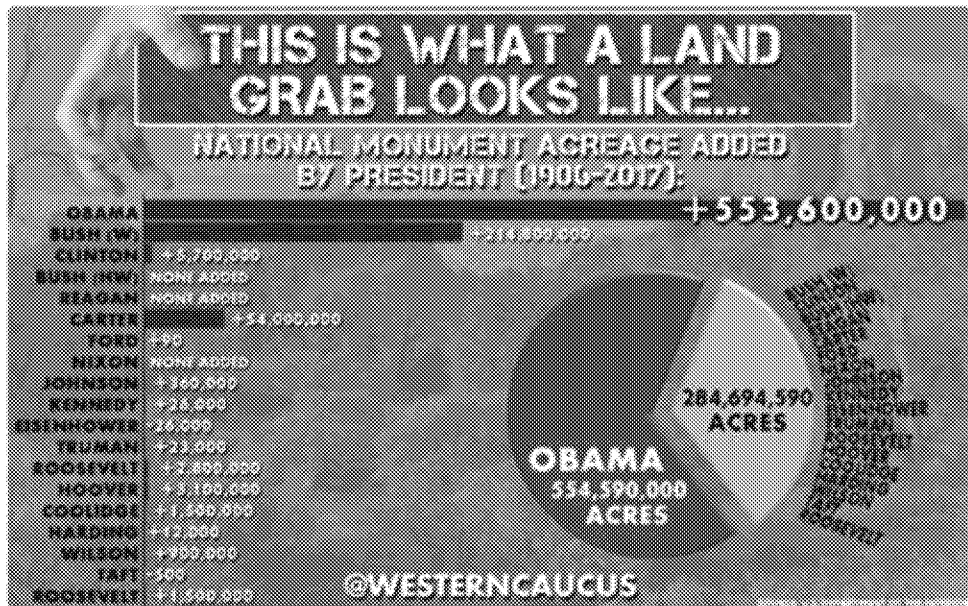
To read more click [HERE](#).

Trump Must Go Big-League in Monument Review



Western Caucus @westerncaucus · Nov 9

Western Caucus confident @realDonaldTrump will go Big-League in Monument Review and right Obama’s wrongs. Read the press release [HERE](#) → bit.ly/2yn3LY #MAGA #BigLeague #LandGrabs



On Thursday, Western Caucus Chairman **Paul A. Gosar D.D.S. (AZ-04)** and Western Caucus Member **Andy Biggs (AZ-05)** led a letter signed by 24 Members of Congress encouraging President Trump “to think big and act bigger” in his monuments review resulting from Executive Order 13792 issued on April 26, 2017.

Congressman Biggs stated, “The Western Caucus is working closely with the Trump administration to provide comments and recommendations on the twenty-seven monuments under review. These efforts are a good first step to overturn some of President Obama’s unconstitutional land grabs. Moving forward, our Caucus will be working together to reform the outdated 1906 Antiquities Act. It is time to bring more jobs and economic freedom to the West, and I am confident that President Trump and Secretary Zinke share our affinity to see this happen.”

“The original intent of the Antiquities Act was to set aside the smallest area of land possible in order to protect sites of historical or other significance, however, those parameters have been largely ignored in recent years,” said **Congressman LaMalfa**. “Under previous Presidents, most notably the Obama Administration, this abuse of Executive power has truly gotten out of hand. In the case of the Cascade-Siskiyou monument that now bleeds into California’s 1st district, unaccountable expansion now limits the public’s access to the land and limits the federal government’s ability to properly manage it. I’m happy to see the President is serious about reviewing and reforming this antiquated law, and I hope this recommendation to accept local input is considered thoroughly.”

To read more click [HERE](#).



Firm Country @FirmCountry · 17h

BREAKING NEWS



Western members of Congress to Trump: Erase Bears Ears, 8 oth...

A group of Republican congressional members is pressuring the White House to eliminate or shrink most of the 27 national monuments under re...

House Passes Hydropower Policy Modernization Act



Western Caucus @westerncaucus · Nov 8



Today, the House passed GOP Chair @cathymcmorris's HR 3043 - the Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017 - which will ensure swift consideration of new hydropower project applications and cut into the backlog. Read the full press release [HERE](#) -> bit.ly/2Asxm25



On Thursday, the House passed Western Caucus Member **Cathy McMorris Rodgers' (WA-05)** H.R. 3043, the Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017. This bill ensures swift consideration of new hydropower project applications by designating the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as the lead coordinating agency and ensuring FERC imposes strict timetables on all other agencies.

“Hydropower is crucial to our way of life in the Pacific Northwest. It’s clean, it’s renewable, it’s reliable, and it’s one of the reasons why we in Eastern Washington enjoy some of the most affordable electricity rates in America,” said **Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers**. “This bill won’t change outcomes or environmental standards. Instead, it will speed up the relicensing process and save time and money. Providing relief from these costly and time-consuming regulatory processes will encourage investment in hydropower so we can continue to support this clean energy in our region.”

“This bill simply intends to bring hydropower permitting into the 21st Century by improving efficiency, accountability and transparency within the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission while also reducing federal duplication. Even our friends across the aisle agree with our efforts to promote hydropower development. I look forward to continuing to work with the Congresswoman and the Committee to continue supporting clean, renewable hydropower and advancing our nation’s 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy,” said **Congressman Doug Lamborn (CO-05)**.

To read more click [HERE](#).

The Time for Tax Reform is Now



Pete Sessions @PeteSessions · Nov 6

The @WaysandMeansGOP markup for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is about to start. Watch LIVE here -->



Live Markup of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

This legislation will overhaul America's burdensome and complex tax code for the first time in 31 years. Americans will see a more simple and fair t...

waysandmeans.house.gov

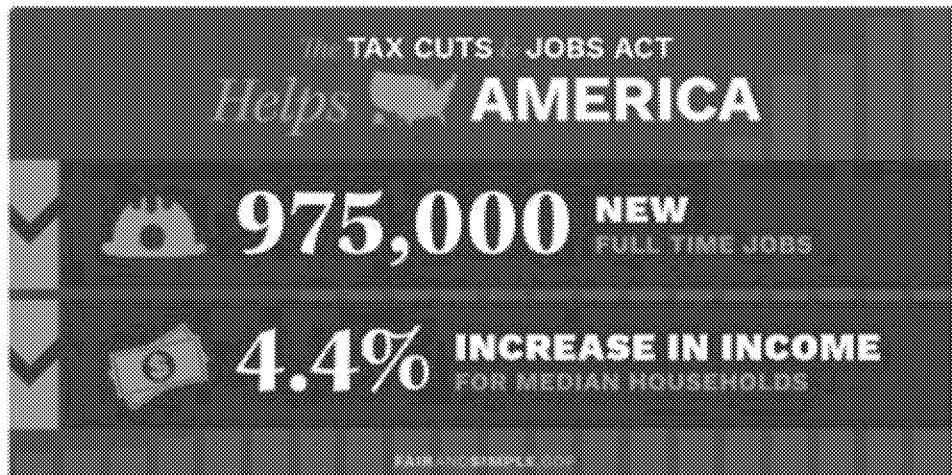
On Thursday, after a four-day markup, the House Ways and Means Committee passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will give typical American households a \$1,182 tax cut, raise wages by more than \$4,000 and create nearly one million full-time jobs.



Rep. Bill Flores @RepBillFlores · Nov 6

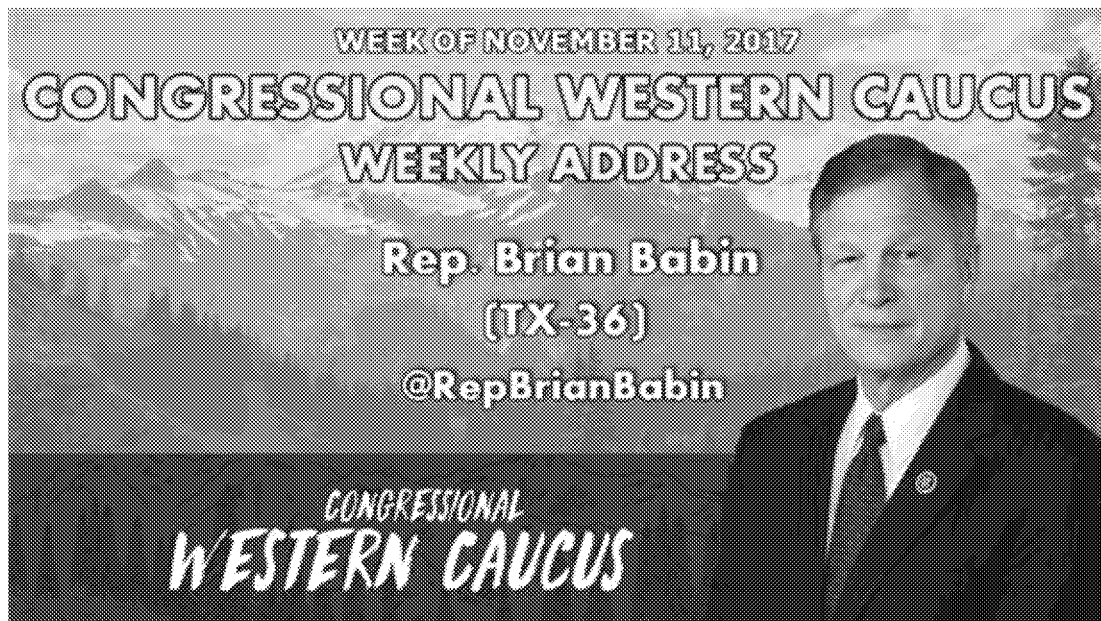
The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will put an average of \$2,600 back in the pockets of hardworking American families.



WEEKLY ADDRESS...

Rep. Brian Babin (TX-36) discusses the need for Endangered Species Act modernization and legislation he introduced with Western Caucus Member **Louie Gohmert (TX-)** entitled the "Saving America's Endangered Species Act" or the "SAVES Act".

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



POST OF THE WEEK...

