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## -- ACTION ALERT --

### YOUNG PUSHING HARD FOR FLOOR VOTE ON CARA

Don Young (R-AK), chairman of the House Resources Committee and author of H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, announced last week that "momentum is building" and that they now have 294 co-sponsors on their bill. That is more than enough to pass the bill on the House floor.

Young has also filed the official committee report with the House Rules Committee and has asked House leaders to schedule the bill for a vote as soon as possible.

This bill can be stopped by the House Republican leadership. Last year, the leadership promised that if there were not a majority of Republicans on the bill, they would not allow a floor vote. Today there are 107 out of 222 Republicans supporting the bill.

#### RALLY ON WEDNESDAY TO SUPPORT CARA

It has been reported that a rally is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1st, where interests groups ranging from sporting goods manufacturers to state wildlife agencies will be in Washington to pressure the Republican leadership to pass H.R. 701.

#### DISSENTING VIEW FILED BY NINE CONGRESSMEN

In open defiance against Don Young, nine Republican congressmen filed a "Dissenting View" with the Committee's report on H.R. 701, opposing the chairman and the bill.

Those who signed the Dissent include: Helen Chenoweth-Hage (R-ID), George Radanovich (R-CA), Barbara Cubin (R-WY), Mike Simpson (R-ID), John Doolittle (R-CA), Bob Schaffer (R-CO), Jim Gibbons (R-NV), Mac Thornberry (R-TX) and John Peterson (R-PA). We need to thank each one of these congressmen and encourage others to take the same stand against CARA.

#### CARA SELLS OUT AMERICA

The bill creates a \$2.8 billion annual trust fund exempt from the appropriations process. Nearly one billion dollars per year can be used for condemnation of private property, enabling federal and state agencies to force landowners off their property. Over 42% of this nation is already owned by the government. Mark Van Putten, president of the National Wildlife Federation said: "There is no more vital environmental priority than winning this victory in Congress this year." This bill would make the federal government the largest landowner in America in a few short years, and we the people will no longer control our lives, our land or our government.

#### IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED

Call your Congressman and demand that they oppose Don Young's H.R. 701. Key members of Congress are standing firm in opposition, but need your support to hold fast. Call these key leaders now:

**Tom DeLay (R-TX) 202-225-0197**  
House Majority Whip

**John Kasich (R-OH) 202-225-7270**  
Chairman of Budget Com.

**Larry Combest (R-TX) 202-225-2171**  
Chairman of Agriculture Com.

**Your Congressman**  
Congress Directory 202-225-3121

**Tell them government doesn't  
need to own any more of  
America's land.**

- ⇒ This bill does not preserve the environment, it sells out America;
- ⇒ It allows government agencies to use condemnation;
- ⇒ Will force thousands of landowners off their property and lead to more government control.

**FAXBACK DOCUMENTS YOU NEED  
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- # 2111 - Current CARA co-sponsors
- # 2112 - Washington News article on rally
- # 2113 - Dissenting Views by Republican Congressmen

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