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## WEDNESDAY FLOOR VOTE ON CARA

Wednesday, May 10, 2000, the House will vote on HR 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999.

**You must contact your Congressman by phone, by fax, by mail and e-mail right now and tell them vote no on CARA.**

The reason Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Majority Leader Dick Armey have agreed to bring this bill to the floor for a vote is that the environmentalists, oil and gas interests and recreationists have outnumbered our calls and letters. We have only five days to build a firestorm of opposition in the Halls of Congress. We have done this successfully before and we must do this again today. The message to vote *No on CARA* must come from you. One phone call is not enough.

Call your Congressman's office. The Washington, D.C. Switchboard is (202) 224-3121. Fax "The Fatal Flaws of CARA" report to your Congressman's office. (Faxback doc. 2136) to make them aware of the many problems and reasons to oppose CARA, which Congressman Don Young has kept from his colleagues.

This scheduled vote has also sparked movement in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Chairman, Frank Murkowski (R-AK) has scheduled a June 14<sup>th</sup> committee vote on the companion bill, S. 25.

Never before have we faced a more dangerous bill. CARA would take more than \$3 billion a year from off shore oil and gas revenue and place it in the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This would all be done "off-budget," until year 2015. CARA dwarfs every other environmental bill we have faced. **The top ten fatal flaws of the bill are:**

1. CARA does not protect against condemnation.
2. CARA does not prevent federal agencies from impacting adjacent private land.
3. CARA provides mechanisms to get around the so called willing seller requirement.
4. The limited protections do not extend to state government acquisitions.
5. Water rights are not adequately protected.
6. CARA will destroy the economic stability of rural America.
7. CARA allows state protections of species to become broader than those under the ESA.
8. CARA gives money to non-government organizations opposed to property rights.
9. Expenditures to implement CARA attack the "Surplus" and threaten trusts like Social Security.
10. CARA provides the road to extinguish private property ownership in America.

The ultimate goal of CARA is to take your land and give it to the federal government. If this bill passes, they will have the power, the law and the money to do whatever they want. The Republican Congress needs to stop this bill instead of assuring its passage. Make your calls now. This is our last chance to stop the bill in the House. Help flood the Halls of Congress with the resounding message to:

**Vote NO on CARA.**

**Faxback Documents:** "Fatal Flaws of CARA," #2136 (9 pgs); List of CARA's 315 cosponsors, #2137 (5 pgs); 55 swing votes as identified by the American Land Rights Association, #2138 (2 pgs). To Order Faxback Documents dial 1-512-352-3030 from your fax machine and follow the voice prompts. For more information call us at 1-800-847-0227.