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Authorizing issuance of subpoenas related to mismanagement, waste, fraud, abuse, and wrongful conduct in relation to functions within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources.

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IN THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. GRIJALVA offered the following resolution

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## RESOLUTION

Authorizing issuance of subpoenas related to mismanagement, waste, fraud, abuse, and wrongful conduct in relation to functions within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources.

1       *Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution,  
2 the Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources is au-  
3 thorized to issue subpoenas for any records and testimony  
4 determined necessary by the Chair in connection with the  
5 Committee's investigations into, and potential legislative  
6 activities related to, mismanagement, waste, fraud, abuse,  
7 and wrongful conduct in relation to functions within the  
8 Committee's jurisdiction of any agency or component enti-  
9 ty of the Department of the Interior, the Department of

1 Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Council on  
2 Environmental Quality, the Office of Management and  
3 Budget, and any officer, official, or employee thereof.

4 *Further resolved*, That no subpoena shall issue under  
5 the authority of this resolution until seven calendar days  
6 have elapsed after the Chair of the Committee on Natural  
7 Resources has consulted with the Ranking Member re-  
8 garding such subpoena. Such consultation shall be in writ-  
9 ing and shall include a justification for the proposed sub-  
10 poena, a copy of the subpoena and any production sched-  
11 ules.

12 *Further resolved*, That if a majority of the Members  
13 of the Committee on Natural Resources, within the seven-  
14 day consultation period described above request in writing  
15 a special meeting of the Committee to consider the pro-  
16 posed subpoena, then such subpoena shall not issue under  
17 the authority of this resolution, unless an affirmative vote  
18 by the Committee authorizing the subpoena occurs.

19 *Further resolved*, Any private citizen who is not cur-  
20 rently an officer, official or employee of any agency or  
21 component entity of the Department of the Interior, the  
22 Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture,  
23 the Council on Environmental Quality, or the Office of  
24 Management and Budget who is subject to a subpoena  
25 issued under this authority without an affirmative vote au-

1 thORIZING such a subpoena by the Natural Resources Com-  
2 mittee is eligible to apply for attorneys' fees under the  
3 Equal Access to Justice Act (28 U.S.C. 2412).

4       This resolution is adopted pursuant to Rule 4 of the  
5 House Committee on Natural Resources and clause 2(m)  
6 of Rule XI of the United States House of Representatives.