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## **LEGISLATIVE ALERT**

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### **Rep. Pombo Elected to Chair House Resources Committee**

Late last night, Representative Richard Pombo (R-CA) was selected to serve as the Chairman of the House Resources Committee in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. Rep. Pombo, a rancher who is beginning his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives this year, has been a strong advocate for legislative improvements to the Endangered Species Act since he was first elected to Congress.

Below please find the text of the release issued this morning by the House Resources Committee.

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#### **Pombo Elected Resources Committee Chairman**

The House Republican Steering Committee has selected Congressman Richard Pombo as the new Chairman of the House Resources Committee. Pombo is taking over from outgoing chairman James Hansen of Utah, who retired at the end of the 107th Congress.

Pombo stressed his expertise on resource issues, willingness to reach across party lines to find common-sense solutions and unparalleled record of visiting Congressional Districts throughout the country to learn more about local resource issues.

"As the incoming Chairman, I will work with all of my colleagues on the Resources Committee to enact legislation of which we can all be proud," said Pombo. "There are too many areas of agreement for us to get bogged down in partisan battles."

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