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VOTE “NO” ON H.R. 986 **ATR MAY RATE VOTE ON H.R. 986**

H.R. 986, the “Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act”, introduced by Representative Joe Courtney (CT-2, D), is a direct example of unjust government takings which lock land forever under government control and prevents private use.

Rep. Rob Bishop, Ranking Minority Member on the National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee, offered an amendment to eliminate eminent domain from HR 986 which the Democrats voted down.

The current vote on the House floor is an eminent domain vote!

This Act comes from the same district that forced the *Kelo vs. the City of New London* ruling, which granted government the power to seize private property for private development.

ATR opposes all command-and-control legislation that attempts to steal land from private citizens and forever prevent its use.

Private property will cease to exist if legislation such as HR. 986 continues to pass. Using legislation to strong-arm land under federal control prohibits any private citizen from exercising their fundamental right to land ownership and should never occur in a free society.

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