

Pending Federal Legislation pertaining to animals
status as of 4/2/10

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Food Ingredient Right to Know Act, H.R. 2086

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that **foods containing** spices, flavoring, or coloring **derived from meat**, poultry, or other animal products (including insects) bear labeling stating that fact and their names.

Sponsor: Rep Lowey, Nita M. [NY-18]; **Cosponsors** (None)

History:

4/23/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Sportsmanship in Hunting Act of 2009, H.R. 2308

To amend title 18, United States Code, to make it illegal to transfer, transport, or possess a **confined exotic animal** , for the purposes of **allowing the killing or injuring of that animal for entertainment or for the collection of a trophy**, and to **use a computer** or other device, equipment, or software to allow a person remotely to control the aiming and discharge of a weapon so as to **kill or injure an animal while not in the physical presence of the targeted animal**.

Sponsor: Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9]; **Cosponsors:** Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3], Rep Farr, Sam [CA-17], Rep Gonzalez, Charles A. [TX-20], Rep Hall, John J. [NY-19], Rep Miller, George [CA-

7], Rep Moore, Dennis [KS-3], Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8], Rep Rothman, Steven R. [NJ-9], Rep Sherman, Brad [CA-27], Rep Waxman, Henry A. [CA-30], Rep Whitfield, Ed [KY-1]

History:

5/7/2009: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

6/12/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R. 4378 (access for service animals in training)

To amend the Americans with Disabilities Act to require that the same access to transportation and public accommodations be afforded to **certified trainers of service animals** as is afforded under such Act to individuals with disabilities who use such service animals. **Sponsor:** Rep Kissell, Larry [NC-8]; **Cosponsors** Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1], Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9], Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7], Rep Klein, Ron [FL-22], Rep Meeks, Gregory W. [NY-6], Rep Myrick, Sue Wilkins [NC-9], Rep Sanchez, Linda T. [CA-39], Rep Shuler, Heath [NC-11], Rep Sutton, Betty [OH-13], Rep Towns, Edolphus [NY-10]

History:

12/16/2009: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

12/16/2009: Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure

12/17/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

12/16/2009: Referred to House Judiciary

3/1/2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, H.R. 4733

To promote the well-being of farm animals by **requiring Federal agencies** to procure food products derived from **certain animals** only from sources that raised the animals free from cruelty and abuse, and for other purposes. (requires that a “pig during pregnancy, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen used or intended for use in food production” be raised in conditions such that it can “stand up, lie down, and turn around freely; and fully extend all limbs.”)

Sponsor: Rep Watson, Diane E. [CA-33]; **Cosponsors:** Rep Berkley, Shelley [NV-1], Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9], Rep Conyers, John, Jr. [MI-14], Rep Gallegly, Elton [CA-24], Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2], Rep Jackson Lee, Sheila [TX-18], Rep Miller, George [CA-7], Rep Sanchez, Linda T. [CA-39], Rep Shea-Porter, Carol [NH-1], Rep Sherman, Brad [CA-27], Rep Stark, Fortney Pete [CA-13]

History:

3/2/2010: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

3/2/2010: Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform

3/2/2010: Referred to House Agriculture

Recent press coverage: Texas Farm Bureau, “Who defines humane treatment?” April 2, 2010. (“A proposal in the U.S. House would take production agriculture standards out of the hands of professionals and turn them over to bureaucrats.”)

<http://www.txfb.org/newsmanager/templates/TXFBTemplate.aspx?articleid=6233&zoneid=123>

Captive Primate Safety Act, S.462/H.R.80

Amends the Lacey Act by adding **monkeys, apes, and other nonhuman primates** to the list of animals that **cannot be transported across state lines for the pet trade**.

House Sponsor: Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer, Earl; **Cosponsors:** Rep Berman, Howard L. [CA-28], Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU], Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1], Rep Brown, Henry E., Jr. [SC-1], Rep Capps, Lois [CA-23], Rep Farr, Sam [CA-17], Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7], Rep Himes, James A. [CT-4], Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2], Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila [TX-18], Rep Johnson, Eddie Bernice [TX-30], Rep Kirk, Mark Steven [IL-10], Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10], Rep Lance, Leonard [NJ-7], Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-9], Rep Levin, Sander M. [MI-12], Rep Lofgren, Zoe [CA-16], Rep Maloney, Carolyn B. [NY-14], Rep Miller, George [CA-7], Rep Moore, Dennis [KS-3], Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8], Rep Nadler, Jerrold [NY-8], Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr. [NJ-6], Rep Sestak, Joe [PA-7], Rep Stark, Fortney Pete [CA-13], Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8], Rep Woolsey, Lynn C. [CA-6]

House History:

1/6/2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

1/6/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

2/4/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

2/23/2009 2:56pm: Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

2/23/2009 2:56pm: Considered under suspension of the rules.

2/23/2009 2:56pm: DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate.

2/23/2009 3:30pm: At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Broun (GA) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.

2/24/2009 2:01pm: Considered as unfinished business.

2/24/2009 2:09pm: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by recorded vote

Senate Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA]; **Cosponsors:** Sen Burr, Richard [NC], Sen Burris, Roland [IL], Sen Ensign, John [NV], Sen Lieberman, Joseph I. [CT], Sen Menendez, Robert [NJ], Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT], Sen Vitter, David [LA], Sen Whitehouse, Sheldon [RI]

Senate History:

2/24/2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

2/24/2009 2:09pm: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

2/25/2009: Received in the Senate.

3/12/2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

5/14/2009: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

7/20/2009: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer without amendment.

7/20/2009: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 118.

Human-Animal Hybrid Prohibition Act of 2009, S. 1435

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit and to set penalties for: (1) creating or attempting to create a human-animal hybrid (**a being with human and non-human tissue** as specified in this Act); (2) transferring or attempting to transfer a human embryo into a non-human womb, or a non-human embryo into a human womb; or (3) transporting or receiving for any purpose a human-animal hybrid.

Sponsor: Sen Brownback, Sam [KS]; **Cosponsors:** Sen Bunning, Jim [KY], Sen Burr, Richard [NC], Sen Chambliss, Saxby [GA], Sen Coburn, Tom [OK], Sen Corker, Bob [TN], Sen Cornyn, John [TX], Sen DeMint, Jim [SC], Sen Ensign, John [NV], Sen Graham, Lindsey [SC], Sen Inhofe, James M. [OK], Sen Johanns, Mike [NE], Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ], Sen Landrieu, Mary L. [LA], Sen Martinez, Mel [FL], Sen McCain, John [AZ], Sen Risch, James E. [ID], Sen Thune, John [SD], Sen Vitter, David [LA], Sen Voinovich, George V. [OH], Sen Wicker, Roger F. [MS]

History:

7/9/2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2009, S.1834/H.R.3907

Amends the Animal Welfare Act to **prohibit the sale of dogs and cats by “Class B dealers”** for experimentation. Class B dealers are licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to acquire animals from **“random sources,”** and according to the Bill’s sponsor, the Class B dealer network is “plagued by widespread and flagrant violations of the Animal Welfare Act--including complaints that family pets have been swept up and sent to labs and used in biomedical research.”

Senate Sponsor: Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI]; **Cosponsors:** Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA], Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH], Sen Cantwell, Maria [WA], Sen Collins, Susan M. [ME], Sen Feingold, Russell D. [WI], Sen Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ], Sen Levin, Carl [MI], Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO], Sen Menendez, Robert [NJ], Sen Reed, Jack [RI], Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT], Sen Vitter, David [LA], Sen Wyden, Ron [OR]

Senate History:

10/21/2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

10/21/2009: Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

House Sponsor: Rep Doyle, Michael F. [PA-14]; **Cosponsors (94)**

House History:

10/22/2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

10/22/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Battlefield Excellence through Superior Training (BEST) Practices Act, HR 4269.

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to **use only human-based methods** for **training** members of the Armed Forces in the treatment of severe combat and chemical and biological injuries. (**stop using monkeys**)

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51]; **Cosponsors:** Rep Altmire, Jason [PA-4], Rep Andrews, Robert E. [NJ-1], Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9], Rep Cummings, Elijah E. [MD-7], Rep Dicks, Norman D. [WA-6], Rep Farr, Sam [CA-17], Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4], Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7], Rep Gutierrez, Luis V. [IL-4], Rep Hall, John J. [NY-19], Rep Hinchey, Maurice D. [NY-22], Rep Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [GA-4], Rep Kaptur, Marcy [OH-9], Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-9], Rep Lewis, John [GA-5], Rep Lofgren, Zoe [CA-16], Rep Lowey, Nita M. [NY-18], Rep Massa, Eric J. [NY-29], Rep Miller, George [CA-7], Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8], Rep Oberstar, James L. [MN-8], Rep Peters, Gary C. [MI-9], Rep Rothman, Steven R. [NJ-9], Rep Schakowsky, Janice D. [IL-9], Rep Stark, Fortney Pete [CA-13], Rep Weiner, Anthony D. [NY-9]

History:

12/10/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

1/12/2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Humanity and Pets Partnered Through the Years (HAPPY) Act, H.R.3501.

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a **deduction for pet care expenses**.

Sponsor: Rep McCotter, Thaddeus G. [MI-11]; **Cosponsors:** Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9], Rep Polis, Jared [CO-2]

History:

7/31/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Protect America's Wildlife Act of 2009, S.1535, H.R.3381

Closes the **loophole** in current law that allows **private citizens to hunt from aircraft** and limits airborne hunting to employees of state fish and wildlife agencies, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior.

Senate Sponsor: Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA]; **Cosponsors:** Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA], Sen Cardin, Benjamin L. [MD], Sen Durbin, Richard [IL], Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY], Sen Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ], Sen Sanders, Bernard [VT], Sen Whitehouse, Sheldon [RI]

Senate History:

7/29/2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

7/29/2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

House Sponsor: Rep Miller, George [CA-7]; **Cosponsors (131)**

House History:

7/29/2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

7/29/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

8/2/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

Disaster Recovery Improvement Act, H.R.3453

Amends Section 502(a) of Robert T. Stafford **Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act** (42 U.S.C. 5192(a)) by requiring assistance to **individuals with household pets and service animals; and to such pets and animals**.

Sponsor: Rep Scalise, Steve [LA-1]; **Cosponsors:** Rep Alexander, Rodney [LA-5], Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-7], Rep Cao, Anh "Joseph" [LA-2]

History:

7/31/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8/3/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

Disaster Response, Recovery, and Mitigation Enhancement Act of 2009, H.R.3377

Contains **same provision as H.R.3453** plus a lot of non animal related language.

Sponsor: Rep Oberstar, James L. [MN-8]; **Cosponsors:** Rep Diaz-Balart, Mario [FL-25], Rep Mica, John L. [FL-7], Rep Norton, Eleanor Holmes [DC]

History:

7/29/2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2079-2080)

7/29/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7/30/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

11/5/2009: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.

11/5/2009: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

11/5/2009: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Global Wildlife Conservation, Coordination, and Enhancement Act of 2009, H.R.3086

To provide specific authority to the Secretary to coordinate activities within the Department of the Interior to **assert international leadership in the active conservation of wildlife species** and their habitats

Sponsor: Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU]; **Cosponsors:** Rep Faleomavaega, Eni F.H. [AS]

History:

6/26/2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1613)

6/26/2009: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

6/26/2009: Referred to House Natural Resources

7/6/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

7/28/2009: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

6/26/2009: Referred to House Foreign Affairs

Great Ape Protection Act of 2009, H.R.1326

Prohibit invasive research on **great apes** and the use of **Federal funding of such research**, both within and outside of the United States; prohibit the **transport and breeding** of great apes for purposes of invasive research; and require the provision of **lifetime care** of great apes that are **owned by or under the control of the Federal Government** in a suitable sanctuary through the permanent retirement of such apes.

Sponsor: Rep Towns, Edolphus [NY-10]; **Cosponsors (142)**

History:

3/5/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Wildlife Without Borders Authorization Act, H.R.3198

Directs the Secretary of the **Interior** to carry out a **Wildlife Without Borders Program** within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide **international wildlife conservation assistance** through the initiation, facilitation, and promotion of locally adapted wildlife management and conservation programs in coordination with non-governmental organizations, governments, private businesses, and community leaders

Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK]; **Cosponsors (None)**

History:

7/14/2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

7/14/2009: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

7/17/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

International Whale Conservation and Protection Act of 2009/2010, H.R.2455/S.3116

Renames the Whale Conservation and Protection Study Act. Requires the Secretary of Commerce to:

- restate strong **U.S. opposition to commercial whaling** and to refuse to engage in any negotiation that would weaken the moratorium on commercial whaling, create new categories of whaling, condone lethal scientific whaling, or weaken whale conservation and protection

- **support subsistence whaling** and the development of the Aboriginal Whaling Management Scheme
- pursue the establishment of guidelines for **minimizing** the introduction of **incidental noise from commercial shipping** operations into marine environments to reduce the potential adverse affects on whales and other marine life
- encourage nations to **withdraw any “reservations”** that they hold to Appendix I great whales under CITES
- negotiate with the government of Canada with the goal of concluding a **North Atlantic Whale Conservation Agreement** within 18 months;
- work to establish new **International Marine Protected Areas**

House Sponsor: Rep Faleomavaega, Eni F.H. [AS]; **Cosponsors** (43)

House History:

5/18/2009: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Ways and Means, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

5/18/2009: Referred to House Foreign Affairs

5/18/2009: Referred to House Natural Resources

5/21/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

5/18/2009: Referred to House Ways and Means

5/18/2009: Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure

5/19/2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

Senate Sponsor: Sen Kerry, John F. [MA]; **Cosponsors** (None)

Senate History:

3/15/2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.