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# H. R. 2603

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2017

Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Saving America’s En-  
5 dangered Species Act” or the “SAVES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON TREATMENT OF NONNATIVE SPE-**  
2 **CIES IN THE UNITED STATES AS ENDAN-**  
3 **GERED SPECIES OR THREATENED SPECIES.**

4 (a) LIMITATION.—Section 13 of the Endangered Spe-  
5 cies Act of 1973 (relating to amendments to other laws,  
6 which have executed) is amended to read as follows:

7 “LIMITATION ON TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SPECIES AS  
8 ENDANGERED SPECIES OR THREATENED SPECIES

9 “SEC. 13. (a) LIMITATION.—The species described in  
10 subsection (b) shall not be treated as endangered species  
11 or threatened species for purposes of this Act.

12 “(b) COVERED SPECIES.—The species referred to in  
13 subsection (a) are species in the United States that are  
14 not native to the United States.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
16 tents in the first section of such Act is amended by strik-  
17 ing the item relating to section 13 and inserting the fol-  
18 lowing:

“Sec. 13. Limitation on treatment of certain species as endangered species or  
threatened species.”.

