

Union Calendar No. 423

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2603

[Report No. 115–562]

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.

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

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COLE, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. OLSON, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. ESTES of Kansas, and Mr. DUFFY

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 23, 2017]

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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 Vul-*
 5 *nerable and Endangered Species Act” or the “SAVES Act”.*

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

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

12 *“LIMITATION ON TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SPECIES AS*
 13 *ENDANGERED SPECIES OR THREATENED SPECIES*

14 *“SEC. 13. (a) LIMITATION.—The species described in*
 15 *subsection (b) shall not be treated or listed as endangered*
 16 *species or threatened species for purposes of this Act.*

17 *“(b) COVERED SPECIES.—The species referred to in*
 18 *subsection (a) are species that are not native to the United*
 19 *States.”.*

20 *(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents*
 21 *in the first section of such Act is amended by striking the*
 22 *item relating to section 13 and inserting the following:*

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

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