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Sponsor: [Rep. Gulgory, Mike \[D-L-5\]](#) (Introduced 01/11/2021)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/18/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. ([All Actions](#))

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Cosponsors of H.R. 263

This bill has 195 cosponsors: 158 Democrats, 37 Republicans.

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Sponsor/Cosponsor	Joined/Withdrawn	On Referred Committees
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D García, Jesús "Chuy" [D-IL4]	Original Cosponsor	Natural Resources
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D Brownley, Julia [D-CA26]	Jan 13, 2021	Natural Resources
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D Lowenthal, Alan [D-CA47]	Jan 13, 2021	Natural Resources
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D Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ7]	Jan 15, 2021	Natural Resources
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D Napolitano, Grace [D-CA32]	Jan 15, 2021	Natural Resources
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D DeGette, Diana [D-CO1]	Jan 19, 2021	Natural Resources
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D McCollum, Betty [D-MN4]	Jan 19, 2021	Natural Resources
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D Velázquez, Nydia [D-NY7]	Jan 19, 2021	Natural Resources
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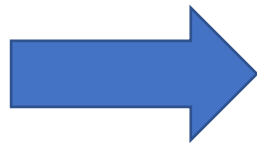
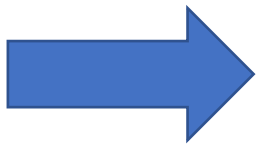
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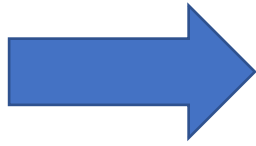
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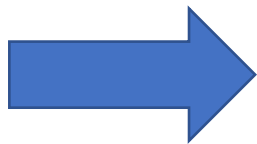
H.R. 151/S. 37	Prevent Future Pandemics Act of 2021; Reps. Quigley (D-IL), Upton (original co-sponsor) (R-MI); Sponsor's Press Release . <i>Senate: Sen. Cornyn (R-TX) + 3 original co-sponsors</i>	1/4/2021 introduced, referred to: Foreign Affairs, Energy & Commerce, Judiciary, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Natural Resources; 2/2 referred to Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health; 2/18 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife; 3/4 referred to Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. <i>Senate: 1/25/2021 introduced, referred to Foreign Relations</i>	Support; see H.R. 8433/S. 4749 last session, AFA supported	104 co-sponsors including Reps. Upton, Stevens, Lawrence, Tlaib; 99-D; 5-R. Senate: S. 37 , 3 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D; 1-R
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H.R. 1815/S. 713	Safe Line Speeds During COVID-19 Act would protect worker, consumer, animal safety by suspending USDA waivers, regulations allowing increased line speeds at slaughterhouses during pandemic; Reps. DeLaurio (D-CT), Thompson (D-MS) + 22 original co-sponsors <i>Senate: Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 11 original co-sponsors</i>	3/11/2021 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce; 5/13 referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. <i>Senate: 3/11/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture</i>	Support; see H.R. 7521/S. 4338 last session, AFA supported Article	30 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Tlaib; 29-D; 1-R. Senate: S. 713 , 12 co-sponsors (none MI); 11-D; 1-I
S. 1737	Would establish global zoonotic disease task force; Sen. Coons (D-RI) + 1 original co-sponsor	5/20/2021 introduced, referred to Foreign Relations	In review	2 co-sponsors (none MI); 1-D; 1-R
<u>ANIMAL TESTING-RELATED</u>				
H.R. 197	FACT Act would amend ICCVAM Authorization Act to improve reporting about animal testing, alternative test method use by Federal agencies; Rep. Calvert (R-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors	1/5/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce; 2/2 referred to Subcommittee on Health	Support; see H.R. 249 last session, AFA supported	10 co-sponsors (none MI); 6-D; 4-R

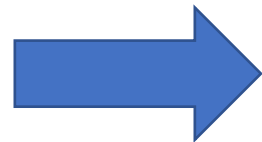




H.R. 1905	AARF Act would amend Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to allow use of non-animal test to demonstrate safety, effectiveness of a drug, Rep. Boyle (D-PA) + 3 original co-sponsors	3/16/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce	In review; see H.R. 8736 last session; <i>also see</i> H.R. 2565 this session	16 co-sponsors, including Rep. Stevens; 11-D; 5-R
H.R. 2565	Would amend Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act "to allow manufacturers and sponsors of a drug to use alternative testing methods to animal testing to investigate the safety and effectiveness of a drug"; Rep. Buchanan (R-FL) + 4 original co-sponsors	4/15/2021 introduced, referred to Energy & Commerce	In review; see H.R. 1905 this session	6 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 3-R
S. 1378	AFTER Act would allow for the retirement of animals used in Federal research, by transfer to shelter, rescue or sanctuary; Sen. Collins + 2 original co-sponsors (including Sen. Peters)	4/27/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture	In review; see H.R. 2897 , S. 2322 last session; AFA supported	8 co-sponsors including Sen. Peters; 7-D; 1-I; Sponsor's Introductory Remarks

Interior (Lacey, ESA, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery, Marine Mammal Protection, Pittman-Robertson)





H.R. 263	Big Cat Public Safety Act would amend Lacey Act to prohibit private ownership of cats born after enactment; require exhibitors to get license; prohibit direct contact with public; Rep. Quigley (D-IL) + 7 original co-sponsors	1/11/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/18 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife	Support; see S. 1210 introduced 4/19/2021; also see H.R. 1380/S. 2561 last session, AFA supported	195 co-sponsors including Reps. Kildee, Upton, Levin, Stevens, Lawrence, McClain; 158-D; 37-R
H.R. 286	Managing Predators Act would permanently remove gray wolves from ESA; Rep. Tiffany (R-WI) + 5 original co-sponsors	1/12/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/18 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife	Oppose; see H.R. 4494 last session, AFA opposed	7 co-sponsors including Rep. Bergman; 7-R Sponsor's release
H.R. 406	Shark Sales Elimination Act would amend Magnuson-Stevens Act to prohibit possession, sale or purchase any shark part or product containing any shark part; Rep. Lieu (D-CA)	1/21/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	In review; see HR 614 last session; also see similar bill last session "Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act", HR 737, S 877, AFA supported	1 co-sponsor (none MI); 1-D
H.R. 630 , 631	Would revise MMPA to allow import of polar bear parts for animals trophy-hunted in Canada before being listed as threatened, H.R. 630; currently, H.R. 631 ; Rep. Young (R-AK) + 0 original co-sponsors	1/28/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	Oppose	0 co-sponsors (both bills)

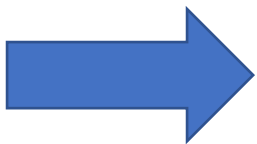


H.R. 4310	Would amend Lacey Act to prohibit import, export, transport, sale, receipt, acquirement, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of mink; Rep. DeLauro (D-CT) + 9 original co-sponsors	7/1/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	In review (text unavailable to 7/3/2021)	9 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-R; 4-D
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USDA (AWA, Horse Protection)

H.R. 1442	PREPARED Act would mandate emergency preparedness plans for entities regulated under Animal Welfare Act; Reps. Titus (D-NV), Davis (R-IL) + 120 original co-sponsors	2/26/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/8 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture	Support; see H.R. 1042 last session, AFA supported	143 co-sponsors, including Reps. Dingell, Levin, Stevens, Tlaib 130-D; 13-R Article
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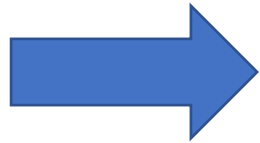
H.R. 2840/S. 1385	Puppy Protection Act would amend AWA to significantly enhance regulation of commercial breeders; Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) + 3 original co-sponsors. <i>Senate: Sen. Durbin (D-IL) + 12 original co-sponsors</i>	4/26/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 6/21 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. <i>Senate: 4/27/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture</i>	In review; see H.R. 2442, S. 4754 last session, AFA supported Article	81 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Stevens, Tlaib; 77-D; 4-R (NOTE: up from 65 co-sponsors 5/31/21, 3 co-sponsors 4/30/21). <i>Senate: S. 1385, 21 co-sponsors, including Sen. Peters; 18-D</i>
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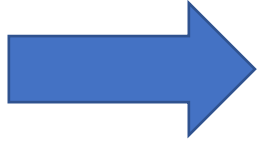


H.R. 4180	Would amend AWA to Direct Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to shelters to microchip dogs, cats; Rep. Lieu (D-CA)	6/25/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture	In review; text unavailable to 7/11	0 co-sponsors
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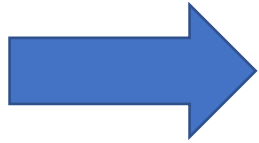
H.R. 763	Would amend Child and Animal Abuse Prevention and Reporting Act to require that data collected by HHS fom state agencies include information about animal abuse as risk factor for child abuse; Rep. Kuster (D-NH) + 23 original co-sponsors+B39	2/3/2021 introduced, referred to Education and Labor	Support; see H.R. 2808 last session, AFA supported	39 co-sponsors (none MI); 33-D; 6-R Article
H.R. 917	Kangaroo Protection Act would amend criminal code to bar all kangaroo products from US; create private right of action; Rep. Carbajal (D-CA) + 1 original co-sponsor	2/8/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary, 4/23 referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security	Support	13 co-sponsors including Rep. Kildee; 10-D; 3-R Article





H.R. 921	<p>Horse Transportation Safety Act would ban transport in double deck trailers; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 105 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/8/2021 introduced, referred to Transportation and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 1400, AFA supported, passed House last session</p>	<p>121 co-sponsors including Reps. Stevens, Levin; 117-D; 4-R Article re history of current bill</p>
H.R. 1016	<p>Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act would establish Animal Cruelty Crimes Section in DOJ's Environment and Natural Resources Division; Rep. Neguse (D-CO) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/11/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary; 4/23 referred to Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 8052 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>34 co-sponsors (none MI); 23-D; 11-R</p>
H.R. 1022/S. 951	<p>Would direct VA Secretary to provide grants to private entities to provide service dogs to eligible veterans with PTSD; Rep. Rutherford (R-FL). <i>Senate: Sen. Fischer (R-NE) + 8 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>2/11/2021 introduced, referred to Veterans' Affairs; 3/11 referred to Subcommittee on Health <i>Senate: 3/24/2021 introduced, referred to Veterans' Affairs; 6/23 hearings held</i></p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>40 co-sponsors (none MI); 26-R; 14-D. <i>Senate: S. 951; 13 co-sponsors (none MI); 8-D; 5-R</i></p>





H.R. 4182	Extinction Crisis Emergency Act would require President to declare global wildlife extinction crisis a national emergency under National Emergencies Act ; Rep. Newman (D-IL) + 8 original co-sponsors	6/25/2021 introduced, referred to: Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Armed Services	In review; text unavailable to 7/11	8 co-sponsors including Rep. Tlaib; 8D
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