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United States-Russia Polar Bear Conservation and Management Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Nov 15, 2005

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Jun 6, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/2013>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 15, 2005
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 16, 2005

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 27, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Animals

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

United States-Russia Polar Bear Conservation and Management Act of 2005 - Amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to make it unlawful for a person to take, import, export, possess, transport, or sell any polar bear or polar bear products in violation of the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population (Agreement) or any annual taking limit or other restriction adopted by the U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Commission. Authorizes a government official to import a polar bear or a polar bear product for purposes of forensic testing or any other law enforcement purpose.

Requires the Secretary of the Interior to administer and enforce the Agreement on behalf of the United States.

Sets forth provisions: (1) requiring the seizure and forfeiture of polar bear and polar bear products that are, or are attempted to be, imported, exported, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of this Act; and (2) authorizing the detention and inspection of containers (including accompanying documents) for polar bear and polar bear products.

Sets forth both civil and criminal penalties for violations of this Act.

Considers violations under this Act to be transportation of wildlife for purposes of the prohibition on the import, export, or sale of fish, plants, and wildlife in violation of U.S., Indian, state, or foreign laws under the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

Sets forth requirements for designation and appointment of U.S. members on the U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Commission.

Requires the Secretary to take all appropriate actions to implement the decisions and determinations of the U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Commission.

Authorizes the Secretary to share authority for the management of the taking of polar bears for subsistence purposes with the Alaska Nanuuq Commission.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2006-FY2010 for the Secretary: (1) to carry out functions and responsibilities under this Act and the Agreement; (2) to carry out functions and responsibilities of the U.S. Section to the U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Commission; and (3) to carry out the Alaskan Cooperative Management Program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 6, 2006:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5511-5513)
- **Jun 6, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S5511-5513)
- **Jun 6, 2006:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S5511-5513)
- **Jun 6, 2006:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 6, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 6, 2006:** Held at the desk.
- **Feb 27, 2006:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Stevens without amendment. With written report No. 109-217.
- **Feb 27, 2006:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 365.
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 15, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 15, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12851)
- **Nov 15, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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