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Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 26, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 137	Identical bill	May 3, 2007: Became Public Law No: 110-22.

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2007)

Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007 - Amends the federal criminal code to make it unlawful to knowingly sponsor or exhibit an animal in an animal fighting venture if any animal in the venture was moved in interstate or foreign commerce.

Prohibits knowingly: (1) sponsoring or exhibiting a bird in a fighting venture in a state where it would not otherwise be a violation of the law if the person knew that any bird in the venture was knowingly bought, sold, delivered, transported, or received in interstate or foreign commerce for such purpose; (2) selling, buying, transporting, delivering, or receiving for purposes of transportation, in interstate or foreign commerce, any dog or other animal to participate in an animal fighting venture; (3) using the mails or any instrumentality of interstate commerce for commercial speech to promote an animal fighting venture, except as performed outside the limits of the states (with an exception for bird fights in states whose laws allow them); or (4) selling, buying, transporting, or delivering in interstate or foreign commerce a knife, gaff, or other sharp instrument for attachment to the leg of a bird for use in an animal fighting venture.

Imposes a fine and/or prison term of up to three years for violations. Repeals lesser penalties imposed by the Animal Welfare Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 13, 2007:** Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7677)
- **Mar 26, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Mar 26, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 87.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 8, 2007:** Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held.
- **Jan 11, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 11, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S451-452)
- **Jan 11, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.