

HR 1018

Restore Our American Mustangs Act

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Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Mar 17, 2009
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 17, 2009
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 24, 2009
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2009
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		May 6, 2009
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 20, 2009
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 29, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1579	Related bill	Aug 5, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
111 HRES 653	Procedurally related	Jul 17, 2009: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Restore Our American Mustangs Act - Amends the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to revise provisions concerning the management of such animals.

(Sec. 5) Requires the Secretary of the Interior (for Bureau of Land Management [BLM] administered lands) or the Secretary of Agriculture (for Forest Service administered lands) to: (1) ensure that, to the extent practicable, acreage available for wild and free-roaming horses and burros is at least equal to the acreage where they were found in 1971; (2) update the inventory of such horses and burros annually and make it publicly available on the BLM website every two years; (3) take specified actions to manage such horses and burros and to achieve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance on lands where such horses and burros are found; (4) identify new rangelands, arrange for supervised protection on private lands, and establish sanctuaries or exclusive use areas for such horses and burros; (5) report to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on the effects of new ranges, sanctuaries, and exclusive use areas on rangeland health, riparian zones, water quality, soil compaction, seed bed disturbance, native wildlife, and endangered or threatened species; (6) research, develop, and implement enhanced fertility control for mares, stallions, or both, such as surgical or immunocontraception sterilization or other safe, humane, and effective methods of fertility control; (7) exhaust all practicable options of maintaining a thriving natural ecological balance on the range before removing horses and burros; (8) take specified actions to promote the adoption program; (9) temporarily remove horses or burros from the range if their immediate health or safety is threatened; and (10) remove horses and burros determined to be a threat to the health and well-being of native plant or wildlife species.

Revokes provisions that allow the Secretaries to destroy: (1) old, sick, or lame animals; (2) excess horses and burros for which an adoption demand does not exist.

Requires adopters of such horses and burros to affirm that adopted animals and their remains will not be sold or transferred for consideration for processing into commercial products. Prohibits containing such horses and burros in corrals or short-term holding facilities for more than six months while awaiting disposition. Prohibits the destruction of such horses or burros unless the Secretaries: (1) determine that the horses or burros are terminally ill or fatally injured; and (2) ensure that the terminally ill or fatally injured horse or burro will be destroyed in the most humane manner.

Removes the limitation on the number of titles to horse and burros that may be transferred to qualified individuals.

Requires the Secretaries to: (1) provide a public notice 30 days prior to the planned removal of such horses and burros in specified circumstances; (2) track in a centralized database system the number of horses and burros injured or killed during a gathering or holding; (3) determine what information on such horses and burros could be provided to the public; and (4) ensure that such information is easily accessible on BLM's website.

(Sec. 6) Requires owners of private land to return such horses or burros that have wandered onto their land to public lands.

(Sec. 7) Authorizes the Secretaries to enter into cooperative agreements with private entities for the management of such horses and burros.

(Sec. 8) Expands the membership of the advisory board on the management and protection of such horses and burros.

(Sec. 9) Applies criminal penalties to any person who transports a live or deceased horse or burro for processing into commercial products.

(Sec. 10) Lifts a restriction on the authority of the Secretary to relocate such horses and burros to public lands where they did not exist at the passage of such Act.

(Sec. 11) Sets forth new reporting requirements on the management of such horses and burros.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 17, 2009:** Rule H. Res. 653 passed House.
- **Jul 17, 2009:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 653. (consideration: CR H8316-8328)
- **Jul 17, 2009:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1018 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources shall be considered as adopted. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. This waiver does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI.
- **Jul 17, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1018.
- **Jul 17, 2009:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions in H.Res. 653, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rahall amendment.
- **Jul 17, 2009:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions in H.Res. 653, the House proceeded with 30 minutes of debate on the Hastings (WA) amendment.
- **Jul 17, 2009:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text: CR H8317-8318)
- **Jul 17, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 239 - 185 (Roll no. 577).
- **Jul 17, 2009:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 239 - 185 (Roll no. 577).
- **Jul 17, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 16, 2009:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 653 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1018 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources shall be considered as adopted. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. This waiver does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI.
- **Jun 23, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 111-177.
- **Jun 23, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 94.
- **Apr 29, 2009:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Apr 29, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 29, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 14.
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 17, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E256)
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.