

HR 1326

Great Ape Protection Act of 2009

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 6, 2009)

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Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Oct 14, 2009
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Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Oct 20, 2009

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Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Nov 16, 2009
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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2009
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Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Dec 3, 2009
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Dec 3, 2009
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Dec 9, 2009
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Dec 9, 2009
Rep. Hodes, Paul W. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Dec 9, 2009
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Dec 9, 2009
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Dec 9, 2009
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Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Dec 15, 2009
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Dec 15, 2009
Rep. Adler, John H. [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Dec 16, 2009
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Dec 16, 2009
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Dec 16, 2009
Rep. Markey, Betsy [D-CO-4]	D · CO		Dec 16, 2009
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Dec 16, 2009
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2009
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Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jan 12, 2010

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Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Giffords, Gabrielle [D-AZ-8]	D · AZ		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Johnson, Timothy V. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Minnick, Walter [D-ID-1]	D · ID		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Owens, William L. [D-NY-23]	D · NY		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]	D · VA		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jan 12, 2010
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jan 12, 2010
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Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]	D · NC		Feb 2, 2010
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Apr 26, 2010
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Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2010
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Jul 14, 2010
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 21, 2010
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2010
Rep. Young, C. W. Bill [R-FL-10]	R · FL		Sep 22, 2010
Rep. Shuler, Heath [D-NC-11]	D · NC		Sep 29, 2010
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2010
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2010
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2010
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Nov 15, 2010
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Nov 15, 2010
Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Dec 7, 2010
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Dec 22, 2010
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Dec 22, 2010
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Dec 22, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 3694	Related bill	Aug 3, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2009)

Great Ape Protection Act of 2009 - Prohibits: (1) conducting invasive research on great apes; (2) knowingly breeding, possessing, renting, loaning, donating, purchasing, selling, housing, maintaining, leasing, borrowing, transporting, moving, delivering, or receiving a great ape for the purpose of conducting such research; or (3) using federal funds to conduct such research.

Defines "invasive research" as research that may cause death, bodily injury, pain, distress, fear, injury, or trauma to great apes, including drug testing or exposure to a substance that may be detrimental to the ape's health or psychological well-being.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other appropriate federal authorities to provide for the permanent retirement of all great apes that are owned or under the control of the federal government and that are being maintained in any facility for the purpose of breeding for, holding for, or conducting invasive research.

Sets forth civil penalties for violations of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E751)
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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