

HR 4733

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 18, 2010
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 2, 2010)

Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act - Declares that it is U.S. policy that the raising of livestock for food production shall be consistent with the basic principles of animal welfare.

Prohibits a federal agency from purchasing any food product derived from a pig during pregnancy, a calf raised for veal, or an egg-laying hen used or intended for use in food production (covered animal) unless that animal, during the entire period covered by that definition, was provided adequate space to stand up, lie down, turn around freely, and fully extend all limbs. Exempts a covered animal: (1) during lawful transport; (2) during the slaughter of the animal in compliance with the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958 and other applicable law and regulations; (3) in lawful rodeo exhibitions, state or county fair exhibitions, or other similar exhibitions; (4) in lawful scientific or agricultural research; (5) while undergoing an examination, test, treatment, or operation for individualized veterinary purposes to improve the animal's well-being; or (6) in the case of a pig during pregnancy, during the seven-day period immediately before the date the pig is expected to give birth.

Provides that nothing in this Act shall modify, limit, or repeal any law or preempt any state or local law.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 18, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **May 26, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement.
- **Mar 2, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 2, 2010:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **Mar 2, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 2, 2010:** Referred to House Agriculture