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Hunter and Farmer Protection Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2406	Related bill	Mar 1, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
114 S 659	Related bill	Feb 24, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 371.
114 HR 1099	Related bill	Mar 23, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
114 S 405	Related bill	Feb 9, 2015: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 15.

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This bill amends the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to revise standards for determining what constitutes baiting for purposes of the prohibition on taking migratory game birds.

A baited area, in the case of waterfowl, cranes, and coots, includes a standing, unharvested crop that has been manipulated through activities such as mowing, discing, or rolling, unless the activities are normal agricultural practices. An area is not considered to be a baited area if it: (1) has been treated with a normal agricultural practice, (2) has standing crops that have not been manipulated, or (3) has standing crops that have been or are flooded.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) must submit to the Department of the Interior a report on changes to normal agricultural practices across the range of crops grown by agricultural producers in each region of the United States in which USDA harvest practice recommendations are provided to agricultural producers.

Actions Timeline

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