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Allowing Alaska IVORY Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Oct 17, 2017

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 718.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 718. (Dec 5, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1965>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Oct 17, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 5, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Oct 17, 2017)

#### Allowing Alaska to Improve Vital Opportunities in the Rural Economy Act or the Allowing Alaska IVORY Act

This bill amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to revise an exemption for Alaskan natives from a moratorium on taking and importing marine mammals and marine mammal products with respect to ivory from walruses, whales, or mammoths. Under current law, the term "take" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill, or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill a marine mammal.

States may not prohibit: (1) the importation, sale, transfer, trade, barter, or possession of ivory from walruses or whales if the ivory is legally produced by Alaskan natives as an authentic native article of handicrafts and clothing; or (2) the importation, sale, transfer, trade, or possession of mammoth ivory or mammoth ivory products.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 5, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-415. Supplemental views filed.
- **Dec 5, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 718.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 17, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 17, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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