

## HR 224

### Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2017

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 570.

**Latest Action:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 570. (Jun 12, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/224>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16] | R · PA        |      | Jul 11, 2017 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Natural Resources Committee | House   | Discharged from | May 16, 2018 |
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 115 HR 3668 | Related bill | Sep 18, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 224. |

### Summary (as of Jun 12, 2018)

#### Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act

This bill amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to direct the Department of the Interior to issue a permit for the importation of a polar bear part (other than an internal organ) from a bear taken in a sport hunt in Canada to a permit applicant who has submitted proof that the polar bear was: (1) legally harvested by the applicant before the May 15, 2008, listing of the polar bear as threatened, and (2) harvested from an approved polar bear population. Interior must issue these permits without regard to limits on importing marine mammals with depleted populations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 12, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-735.
- **Jun 12, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 570.
- **May 16, 2018:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **May 16, 2018:** Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans Discharged.
- **May 16, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 16, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Feb 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.