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Hunter and Farmer Protection Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2663	Related bill	Apr 12, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
115 S 1514	Related bill	Oct 5, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 237.
115 HR 3668	Related bill	Sep 18, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 224.

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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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