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The 112th Congress in Review



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Many animal protection issues never receive a recorded vote in Congress. Some are enacted by voice vote, and some languish. To accurately measure legislators' support, we count not just recorded votes but other meaningful ways they can help issues advance, such as cosponsoring key bills and cosigning letters seeking increased enforcement of animal welfare laws. Scores are given as percentages of the number of items counted. Prime sponsors of legislation also receive "extra credit" equal to one vote or cosponsorship, unless they already had a score of 100—in that case, their scores appear in bold with a plus sign.

HSLF acknowledges the limitations of judging legislators based on a few votes, cosponsorships, and joint letters. In some cases, legislators must miss votes for unavoidable personal reasons, such as a death in the family, serious illness, or birth of a child. Please also consider such unrecorded matters as performance on committees, positions of leadership in the House and Senate, and constituent service.

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From the President



Dear Friends,

The 112th Congress, which covered two years beginning January 2011, was characterized by gridlock, partisan divides, and delay until the last minute. As Jonathan Allen wrote in *Politico*, the legacy of the 112th is unfinished business: "This Congress will leave town having enacted fewer laws than any since 1947, when such statistics were first kept."

That inability to resolve large issues extended to much of the "small stuff" also, leaving some priority animal protection bills hanging at the end, even though they had tremendous bipartisan support and were poised to get over the finish line.

A case in point is the Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act (S. 1947/H.R. 2492), which sought to fill a gap in the federal animal fighting law by making it a crime to knowingly attend or bring a child to an organized animal fight. The legislation earned the endorsement of nearly 300 national, state, and local law enforcement agencies covering all 50 states, and it would cost taxpayers nothing, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The Senate passed this reform twice, and the House Agriculture Committee also approved the legislation when it was offered as an amendment to the Farm Bill in July. But the House and Senate didn't reach agreement on a final Farm Bill, and House leaders failed to allow a floor vote on the free-standing animal fighting bill, even though it had 228 cosponsors (more than half of the House). We hope to get this policy done soon in 2013, either on its own or as part of the Farm Bill.

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Likewise, hopes of pursuing the Egg Products Inspection Act Amendments (S. 3239/H.R. 3798) as a floor amendment were dashed when House leadership failed to bring up the Farm Bill for consideration. This legislation to phase out barren battery cages for all 280 million laying hens in the country was advocated jointly by The Humane Society of the United States and the egg industry, along with leading consumer and veterinary organizations and more than 1,000 family farms; it had 20 Senate and 154 House cosponsors. As part of the "fiscal cliff" package, Congress set a September 2013 deadline for resolution of a new Farm Bill, so we hope to have an opportunity for a floor vote on the reintroduced egg legislation.

The Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (S. 810/H.R. 1513) was also primed for final action, having won approval by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and having earned 18 Senate and 177 House cosponsors. But it did not get unanimous consent in time. Still, progress on the chimpanzee legislation did help spur action by the National Institutes of Health, which announced plans to retire more than 110 chimpanzees from the New Iberia Research Center to Chimp Haven, the federal chimpanzee sanctuary.

There were some positive outcomes from the general gridlock and stalling. The inaction meant that certain anti-animal legislation also was kept from the finish line, such as:

- *An amendment to the House committee Farm Bill that aimed to negate state laws protecting farm animals (e.g., California's Proposition 2 on intensive confinement, enacted in 2008).*
- *"Sportsmen's" Acts (S. 3525/H.R. 4089)—wish-list packages for the gun lobby containing several harmful wildlife provisions, including sections that would allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada, even though polar bears are listed as a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act, and that would strip the Environmental Protection Agency of its ability to protect the public and environment from toxic lead through ammunition exposure.*



On the cover: The Sportsmen's Act, which contained harmful provisions for polar bears, was blocked in the Senate in November. Above: Congress approved a nearly 40 percent increase in funding for USDA enforcement of the Horse Protection Act.

There were other bright spots for animals in the 112th Congress. For example, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (H.R. 4310) contained two provisions that will help animals:

- *Requiring the Secretary of Defense to file a report to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees by March 1, regarding a strategy and timeline for refining and, when appropriate, transitioning from the use of live animals in medical training of personnel for treatment of combat trauma injuries. This language was related to the BEST Practices Act (H.R. 1417/S. 3418).*
- *Facilitating the transfer for adoption of retired military working dogs, and authorizing the Secretary of Defense to establish and maintain a system for privately funded veterinary care of such dogs. This provision was modified from the Canine Members of the Armed Forces Act (H.R. 4103/S. 2134).*
- *The final House-Senate Defense bill also left out a harmful provision that had been in the earlier House-passed version of H.R. 4310, which (like the Sportsmen's Act) would have prevented the EPA from regulating the hazards of lead in bullets and other ammunition.*

Additionally, despite intense budget pressures and a focus on deficit reduction, we were able to mobilize broad bipartisan support again for needed animal welfare funding. For FY 2012, Congress actually agreed to record-level boosts in some key programs, including a 20 percent jump (more than a \$5 million increase) in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's annual budget to strengthen inspections and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act at about 12,000 sites, and a nearly 40 percent jump (a \$196,000 increase) for the USDA's enforcement of the Horse Protection Act, which deals with cruel "soring" of show horses.

Looking back, while there were some victories, the 112th Congress left a good deal of unfinished business for animal protection. That presents an opportunity for us to redouble our efforts and work harder than ever to advocate for needed reforms. We hope you'll join us, and urge your members of Congress to take action on these critical animal protection policies as they begin the new year and the new session.

For a more detailed review of the 112th Congress—including which legislators led the way on these and other pro-animal measures—check out "The 2012 Congressional Year in Review for Animals" at hsf.org/humanescorecard.

Sincerely,

Michael Markarian
President

Humane Society Legislative Fund

SENATE SCORED ITEMS



Eggs and Hen Housing

A ✓ indicates cosponsorship of the Egg Products Inspection Act Amendments (S. 3239) to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, phased in over a period of 15-18 years, that would significantly improve animal welfare while providing a stable future for egg farmers. The bill, based on an agreement between The HSUS and the United Egg Producers, and endorsed by consumer and veterinary groups and more than 1,000 family farms, would require that barren battery cages be replaced with enriched colony housing systems that would nearly double the amount of space for each bird and provide environmental enrichments such as nest boxes and perches. It would also require clear labeling on all U.S. egg cartons, informing consumers of how the eggs were produced; prohibit starving the birds to manipulate their laying cycle; and ban excess ammonia levels that cause respiratory problems.

SPONSOR: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

STATUS: Hearing held in Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; 20 cosponsors.

Chimpanzees Warehoused in Laboratories

A ✓ indicates cosponsorship of the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (S. 810) to phase out the use of chimpanzees in invasive research, retire the approximately 500 federally owned chimpanzees to sanctuary, and prohibit breeding for invasive research. Chimpanzees have proven to be poor research models for human diseases, so at any given time about 80 to 90 percent of chimps in U.S. labs are not even used in research but simply warehoused in barren and costly laboratory cages. It's much less expensive to care for chimpanzees at sanctuaries, where they live with other chimps in a more natural setting. An updated version of this bill was developed, based on a December 2011 report by the National Academies' Institute of Medicine (IOM), which could not identify a single area of current biomedical research for which chimpanzees are necessary.

SPONSORS: Sens. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash.; Susan Collins, R-Maine; Bernard Sanders, I-Vt.

STATUS: Amended version passed the Environment and Public Works Committee by voice vote in July 2012; 18 cosponsors.

Puppy Mills

A ✓ indicates cosponsorship of the Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety (PUPS) Act (S. 707) to crack down on abusive puppy mills in the United

States, where breeding dogs are often stacked in wire cages for years to produce litter after litter. The legislation would close a loophole in the Animal Welfare Act regulations by requiring that commercial breeders who sell 50 or more puppies per year directly to consumers online or by other means be licensed and inspected, just as breeders who supply to pet stores already must be. It would also require that breeding dogs at commercial facilities be allowed to exercise daily.

SPONSORS: Sens. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.; David Vitter, R-La.

STATUS: No action by Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, but broad bipartisan support for bill helped spur USDA to propose regulations to oversee large-scale breeders selling directly to the public; 33 cosponsors.

Cap on Agriculture Subsidies

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Agriculture Appropriations bill (H.R. 2112) to end direct payments to farmers whose annual incomes exceed \$1 million. Massive factory farms, which thrive on taxpayer giveaways that keep animal feed artificially cheap, jeopardize public health, the environment, and animal welfare, while also driving smaller and more humane, sustainable family farms out of business.

SPONSOR: Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

STATUS: The amendment passed 84-15 in October 2011 and was incorporated into P.L. 112-55 in November 2011.

Animal Fighting Spectators

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to the 2012 Farm Bill (S. 3240), offered by Sen. David Vitter, R-La., to establish misdemeanor penalties for knowingly attending an organized animal fight and felony penalties for bringing a minor to such a fight. Vitter modified his previously filed amendment to add the text of the Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act (S. 1947), which would close a remaining gap in the federal animal fight-



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ing law: prohibiting spectating, as 49 states have done, and helping take the profit out of animal fighting. Spectators are more than mere observers at animal fights; they are participants and accomplices who enable the crime, paying hundreds or thousands of dollars in admission fees and gambling wagers, and helping conceal organizers and handlers who try to blend into the crowd when a raid occurs. This legislation is supported by nearly 300 law enforcement agencies covering all 50 states.

SPONSOR: Sen. David Vitter, R-La. (The Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act was introduced by Sens. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.; Mark Kirk, R-Ill.; Maria Cantwell, D-Wash.; and Scott Brown, R-Mass; it had 14 cosponsors.)

STATUS: The Vitter amendment passed 88-11 in June 2012, but the House and Senate did not reach agreement on a final Farm Bill. S. 1947 also passed by voice vote in December 2012, but the legislation was blocked from floor consideration in the House.

Sportsmen's Act

A ✓ indicates a vote against any of four procedural votes to move forward on the Sportsmen's Act of 2012 (S. 3525), a pro-hunting package with several harmful wildlife provisions. Notably, the bill would allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada, even though polar bears are listed as a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act, and would strip the Environmental Protection Agency of its ability to protect the public and environment from toxic lead through ammunition exposure.

SPONSOR (ANTI-ANIMAL BILL): Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont.

STATUS: The Senate approved the first three procedural votes (in September and mid-November 2012) but rejected the fourth, effectively blocking the legislation in late November.

Funding Letter

A ✓ indicates that a member was one of 35 senators who cosigned a group letter or submitted an individual request to the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in March, seeking funds for enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, Horse Protection Act, Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, and federal animal fighting law, as well as for programs to address the needs of animals in disasters and to ease a shortage of veterinarians in rural areas and USDA positions through student loan repayment. Subcommittee and committee leaders—Sens. Herb Kohl, D-Wis.; Roy Blunt, R-Mo.; Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii; and Thad Cochran, R-Miss.—don't sign letters to themselves but received credit because they were very responsive to these requests.

SPONSORS: Sens. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.; David Vitter, R-La.

STATUS: Requested funding approved in committee; Congress deferred final action on appropriations bill until March 2013 via a Continuing Resolution, which maintained current funding for animal welfare programs.

Leaders

A ✓ indicates that the member earned extra credit for leading as a prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation (including items not scored on this chart) or a letter to an agency.

	Eggs / Hen Housing Cosponsor	Chimps in Labs Cosponsor	Puppy Mills Cosponsor	Ag Subsidies Vote	Animal Fighting Vote	Sportsmen's Act Votes	Funding Letter	Leaders	Score
Alabama									
Sessions, Jeff (R)				✓	X	✓			28
Shelby, Richard (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Alaska									
Begich, Mark (D)		✓		✓	✓	NV		✓	56
Murkowski, Lisa (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Arizona									
Kyl, Jon (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
McCain, John (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Arkansas									
Boozman, John (R)				X	✓	✓		✓	42
Pryor, Mark (D)				X	✓	X			14
California									
Boxer, Barbara (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	✓	100
Feinstein, Diane (D)	SP		✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	85
Colorado									
Bennet, Michael (D)			✓	✓	✓	X			42
Udall, Mark (D)			✓	✓	✓	X			42
Connecticut									
Blumenthal, Richard (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	100+
Lieberman, Joseph (I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		85
Delaware									
Carper, Thomas (D)			✓	✓	✓	X	✓		56
Coons, Chris (D)			✓	✓	✓	X	✓		56
Florida									
Nelson, Bill (D)			✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	70
Rubio, Marco (R)				✓	X	✓			28
Georgia									
Chambliss, Saxby (R)				X	✓	✓			28
Isakson, Johnny (R)				X	✓	NV			14
Hawaii									
Akaka, Daniel (D)		✓		✓	✓	X	✓		56
Inouye, Daniel (D)		✓		✓	✓	NV	✓		56
Idaho									
Crapo, Michael (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Risch, Jim (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Illinois									
Durbin, Richard (D)		✓	SP	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	85
Kirk, Mark (R)			✓	✓	SP	NV		✓	56

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Indiana									
Coats, Dan (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Lugar, Richard (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Iowa									
Grassley, Charles (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Harkin, Tom (D)				✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	56
Kansas									
Moran, Jerry (R)				X	✓	✓			28
Roberts, Pat (R)				X	✓	✓			28
Kentucky									
McConnell, Mitch (R)				✓	✓	✓			••
Paul, Rand (R)				✓	X	✓			28
Louisiana									
Landrieu, Mary (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	85
Vitter, David (R)	✓		SP	✓	SP	✓	SP	✓	100
Maine									
Collins, Susan (R)	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Snowe, Olympia (R)				✓	✓	X			28
Maryland									
Cardin, Benjamin (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	85
Mikulski, Barbara (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		70
Massachusetts									
Brown, Scott (R)	✓		✓	✓	SP	✓		✓	85
Kerry, John (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	100
Michigan									
Levin, Carl (D)			✓	✓	✓	X	✓		56
Stabenow, Debbie (D)	✓			X	SP	X	✓	✓	56
Minnesota									
Franken, Al (D)			✓	✓	✓	X	✓		56
Klobuchar, Amy (D)				✓	✓	X	✓		42
Mississippi									
Cochran, Thad (R)				X	✓	✓	✓		42
Wicker, Roger (R)				X	✓	✓			28
Missouri									
Blunt, Roy (R)				X	✓	✓	✓	✓	56
McCaskill, Claire (D)				✓	✓	X			28
Montana									
Baucus, Max (D)				X	✓	X		✓	28
Tester, Jon (D)				✓	✓	X			28

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Nebraska									
Johanns, Mike (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Nelson, Ben (D)				✓	✓	X			28
Nevada									
Ensign, John (R)	##	##	✓	##	##	##	##		##
Heller, Dean (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Reid, Harry (D)				✓	✓	X			••
New Hampshire									
Ayotte, Kelly (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Shaheen, Jeanne (D)				✓	✓	X	✓		42
New Jersey									
Lautenberg, Frank (D)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	85
Menendez, Robert (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
New Mexico									
Bingaman, Jeff (D)				✓	X	X			14
Udall, Tom (D)		✓		✓	✓	X		✓	56
New York									
Gillibrand, Kirsten (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		70
Schumer, Charles (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	X	✓		70
North Carolina									
Burr, Richard (R)				✓	X	✓		✓	42
Hagan, Kay (D)				✓	✓	X		✓	42
North Dakota									
Conrad, Kent (D)				✓	✓	X			28
Hoeven, John (R)				X	✓	NV			14
Ohio									
Brown, Sherrod (D)		✓		✓	✓	X			42
Portman, Rob (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Oklahoma									
Coburn, Tom (R)				SP	X	✓		✓	42
Inhofe, James (R)				X	X	✓			14
Oregon									
Merkley, Jeff (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		85
Wyden, Ron (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	85
Pennsylvania									
Casey, Robert (D)				✓	✓	X	✓		42
Toomey, Pat (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Rhode Island									
Reed, Jack (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Whitehouse, Sheldon (D)			✓	✓	✓	X	✓		56

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Graham, Lindsey (R)				✓	X	✓		✓	42
South Dakota									
Johnson, Tim (D)				✓	✓	X	✓		42
Thune, John (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Tennessee									
Alexander, Lamar (R)				X	X	✓			14
Corker, Bob (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Texas									
Cornyn, John (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Hutchison, Kay Bailey (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Utah									
Hatch, Orrin (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Lee, Mike (R)				✓	X	✓			28
Vermont									
Leahy, Patrick (D)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	85
Sanders, Bernard (I)	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	100
Virginia									
Warner, Mark (D)				✓	✓	X			28
Webb, James (D)				NV	✓	X			14
Washington									
Cantwell, Maria (D)	✓	SP	✓	✓	SP	X	✓	✓	100
Murray, Patty (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		70
West Virginia									
Manchin, Joe (D)				✓	✓	X			28
Rockefeller, John (D)				✓	✓	NV		✓	42
Wisconsin									
Johnson, Ron (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Kohl, Herb (D)			✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	70
Wyoming									
Barrasso, John (R)				✓	✓	✓			42
Enzi, Michael (R)				✓	✓	✓			42

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SPONSORS: Reps. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore.; Elton Gallegly, R-Calif.; Sam Farr, D-Calif.; Jeff Denham, R-Calif.

STATUS: No action by Committee on Agriculture; 154 cosponsors.

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SPONSORS: Reps. Roscoe Bartlett, R-Md.; Steve Israel, D-N.Y.; Dave Reichert, R-Wash.; Jim Langevin, D-R.I.; Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y.

STATUS: No formal action by Committee on Energy and Commerce; 177 cosponsors.

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SPONSORS: Reps. Tom Marino, R-Pa.; Betty Sutton, D-Ohio.

STATUS: Related language passed the House Agriculture Committee by a 26-19 vote in July 2012 as an amendment offered by Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., to the 2012 Farm Bill, and parallel animal fighting legislation passed the full Senate twice (in June and December 2012), but it was blocked from floor consideration in the House and the Farm Bill was not finalized; 228 cosponsors.

Puppy Mills

A ✓ indicates cosponsorship of the Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety (PUPS) Act (H.R. 835) to crack down on abusive puppy mills in the United States, where breeding dogs are often stacked in wire cages for years to produce litter after litter. The legislation would close a loophole in the Animal Welfare Act regulations by requiring that commercial breeders who sell 50 or more puppies per year directly to consumers online or by other means be licensed and inspected, just as breeders who supply to pet stores already must be. It would also require that breeding dogs at commercial facilities be allowed to exercise daily.

SPONSORS: Reps. Jim Gerlach, R-Pa.; Sam Farr, D-Calif.; Bill Young, R-Fla.; Lois Capps, D-Calif.

STATUS: No action by Committee on Agriculture, but broad bipartisan support for bill helped spur USDA to propose regulations to oversee large-scale breeders selling directly to the public; 216 cosponsors.

Cap on Agriculture Subsidies

A ✓ indicates a vote in February 2011 for a Blumenauer amendment to the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act (H.R. 1) to cap agriculture subsidies at \$250,000 in order to limit huge taxpayer giveaways to commodity growers at a time of record-high prices. Members also received credit if they voted in June 2011 for a Flake amendment to the FY 2012 Agriculture Appropriations bill (H.R. 2112) to cap eligibility for direct payments to farmers with an adjusted gross income of \$250,000 or less. Massive factory farms, which thrive on excessive subsidies that keep animal feed artificially cheap, jeopardize public health, the environment, and animal welfare, while also driving smaller and more humane, sustainable family farms out of business.

SPONSORS: Reps. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore.; Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.

STATUS: The Blumenauer amendment was defeated 185-241, and the Flake amendment was defeated 186-228, but a related amendment offered by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., was incorporated into P.L. 112-55 in November 2011.

Lethal Predator Control

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to the FY 2012 Agriculture Appropriations bill (H.R. 2112) to cut \$11 million from the \$72.5 million allocated to the



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USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for operations of its Wildlife Services division, and begin to rein in wasteful subsidies for lethal predator control designed to appease private ranchers. Wildlife Services addresses conflicts with predators mostly through lethal methods such as poisoning, trapping, and shooting from helicopters. These cruel and indiscriminate methods also kill pets and endangered species—and they don't work effectively, since other predators move into the vacant territory. Non-lethal strategies that are more effective and cost-efficient are available, such as the use of guard animals and changes in farm animal husbandry practices.

SPONSORS: Reps. John Campbell, R-Calif.; Peter DeFazio, D-Ore.; Gary Peters, D-Mich.

STATUS: The amendment was defeated 132-287 in June 2011.

Endangered Species Act

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to the FY 2012 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (H.R. 2584) to remove an anti-wildlife rider in the committee bill that would have prevented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from protecting any new species or designating critical habitat for currently listed species—effectively crippling endangered species protection in America and preventing help for any of the more than 260 “candidate species,” such as the Pacific Walrus pictured on this page, that the agency had already determined warranted protection under the ESA.

SPONSORS: Reps. Norm Dicks, D-Wash.; Mike Thompson, D-Calif.; Michael Fitzpatrick, R-Pa.; Colleen Hanabusa, D-Hawaii.

STATUS: The amendment to remove the rider passed successfully 224-202 in July 2011.

Hunting in National Parks

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to the Sportsmen's Heritage Act (H.R. 4089) to clarify that all units of the National Park System—except those currently open for hunting or recreational shooting—would be exempt from provisions in the bill designed to open nearly all federal public lands to hunting without regard to the impact on wildlife, other resources users, public safety, or the revenue generated annually by millions of visitors. H.R. 4089 would facilitate sport hunting in national parks by requiring the National Park Service to use “volunteer” hunters to carry out wildlife management programs.

SPONSOR: Rep. Rush Holt, D-N.J.

STATUS: The amendment was defeated 152-260 in April 2012.

Polar Bear Trophy Imports

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to the Sportsmen's Heritage Act (H.R. 4089) to strike a provision allowing the importation of polar bear trophies from Canada by hunters who killed the bears despite warnings that such imports would be illegal as soon as the Endangered Species Act listing for polar bears took effect. The provision would encourage hunters to continue killing protected species in other countries, store their trophies in warehouses, then wait for congressional allies to bail them out with a waiver for their imports—in contravention of federal conservation laws.

SPONSOR: Rep. Gary Peters, D-Mich.

STATUS: The amendment was defeated 155-262 in April 2012.

Sportsmen's Heritage Act

A ✓ indicates a vote against the Sportsmen's Heritage Act (H.R. 4089), a package costing taxpayers \$12 million that would overturn key protections for threatened polar bears, expose federal lands—including sensitive wilderness areas—to sport hunting, and strip the Environmental Protection Agency of its ability to protect wildlife, habitat, and people from lead poisoning through exposure to toxic ammunition despite the availability of plenty of non-toxic alternatives.



SPONSOR (ANTI-ANIMAL BILL): Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla.

STATUS: The bill passed 274-146 in April 2012; counterpart Senate legislation (S. 3525) was blocked by a procedural vote in November 2012.

Funding Letter

A ✓ indicates that a member was one of 150 representatives who cosigned a group letter or submitted an individual request to the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in March, seeking funds for enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, Horse Protection Act, Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, and federal animal fighting law, as well as for programs to address the needs of animals in disasters and to ease a shortage of veterinarians in rural areas and USDA positions through student loan repayment. Subcommittee and committee leaders—Reps. Jack Kingston, R-Ga.; Sam Farr, D-Calif.; Harold Rogers, R-Ky.; and Norm Dicks, D-Wash.—typically don't sign letters to themselves but received credit because they were responsive to most of these requests.

SPONSORS: Reps. Chris Smith, R-N.J.; Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore.

STATUS: Requested funding, except for Horse Protection Act enforcement, approved in committee; Congress deferred final action on appropriations bill until March 2013 via a Continuing Resolution, which maintained current funding for animal welfare programs.

Leaders

A ✓ indicates that the member earned extra credit for leading as a prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation (including items not scored on this chart) or a letter to an agency.

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Boustany, Charles (R-7th)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Cassidy, Bill (R-6th)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Fleming, John (R-4th)				✓	X	X	X	X	X		✓		18
Landry, Jeffrey (R-3rd)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Richmond, Cedric (D-2nd)	✓			✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X			45
Scalise, Steve (R-1st)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Maine													
Michaud, Michael (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X			54
Pingree, Chellie (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			90
Maryland													
Bartlett, Roscoe (R-6th)	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓		72
Cummings, Elijah (D-7th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Edwards, Donna (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Harris, Andy (R-1st)				X	X	✓	X	X	X		✓		18
Hoyer, Steny (D-5th)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			54
Ruppersberger, C. A. "Dutch" (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
Sarbanes, John (D-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
Van Hollen, Chris (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100+
Massachusetts													
Capuano, Michael (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
Frank, Barney (D-4th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	X*	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓		63
Keating, William (D-10th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
Lynch, Stephen (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Markey, Edward (D-7th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100+
McGovern, James (D-3rd)	✓	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Neal, Richard (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Olver, John (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓			81
Tierney, John (D-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Tsongas, Niki (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Michigan													
Amash, Justin (R-3rd)				✓	X	X	X	X	X				9
Benishek, Daniel (R-1st)				✓	X	X	X	X	X				9
Camp, Dave (R-4th)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Clarke, Hansen (D-13th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
Conyers, John (D-14th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Dingell, John (D-15th)	✓			X	X	✓	✓	X	✓				36
Huizenga, Bill (R-2nd)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Kildee, Dale (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		81
Levin, Sander (D-12th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
McCotter, Thaddeus (R-11th)		✓	✓	✓	X	NV	NV	X	X	X			27
Miller, Candice (R-10th)				X	X	✓	X	X	X				9
Peters, Gary (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	✓	✓		100+
Rogers, Michael J. (R-8th)			✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X			18
Upton, Fred (R-6th)			✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓		45
Walberg, Tim (R-7th)		✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X			27
Minnesota													
Bachmann, Michele (R-6th)				✓	X	NV	X	X	X				9
Cravaack, Chip (R-8th)				✓	X	X	X	X	X				9
Ellison, Keith (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
Kline, John (R-2nd)			✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X			9
McCollum, Betty (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Paulsen, Erik (R-3rd)			✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X			36
Peterson, Collin (D-7th)			✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X			9
Walz, Tim (D-1st)			✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓		27
Mississippi													
Harper, Gregg (R-3rd)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Nunnelee, Alan (R-1st)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Palazzo, Steven (R-4th)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Thompson, Bennie (D-2nd)				X	X	✓	X	X	X				9
Missouri													
Akin, Todd (R-2nd)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Carnahan, Russ (D-3rd)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Clay, William Lacy (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		90
Cleaver, Emanuel (D-5th)		✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		81
Emerson, Jo Ann (R-8th)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0
Graves, Sam (R-6th)				X	X	X	X	X	X				0

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Vermont													
Welch, Peter (D-At Large)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		90
Virgin Islands													
Christensen, Donna (D-At Large)		✓			•	•	•	•	•	•			•
Virginia													
Cantor, Eric (R-7th)						X	X	X	X	X			9
Connolly, Gerry (D-11th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Forbes, Randy (R-4th)			✓		X	X	X	X	X	X			9
Goodlatte, Bob (R-6th)					X	X	X	X	X	X			0
Griffith, Morgan (R-9th)					X	X	X	X	X	X			0
Hurt, Robert (R-5th)					X	X	X	X	X	X			0
Moran, James (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Rigell, Scott (R-2nd)					X	X	X	X	X	X			0
Scott, Bobby (D-3rd)	✓	✓		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	90
Wittman, Robert (R-1st)				✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X			18
Wolf, Frank (R-10th)			✓		✓	X	✓	X	X	X			27
Washington													
Dicks, Norman (D-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	SP	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	81
Hastings, Doc (R-4th)					X	X	X	X	X	X			0
Herrera Beutler, Jaime (R-3rd)					✓	X	✓	X	X	X			18
Inslee, Jay (D-1st)	##	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	##	##	##	##	✓	##
Larsen, Rick (D-2nd)				✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓			54
McDermott, Jim (D-7th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
McMorris Rodgers, Cathy (R-5th)					X	X	X	NV	X	X			0
Reichert, Dave (R-8th)		SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	90
Smith, Adam (D-9th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
West Virginia													
Capito, Shelley Moore (R-2nd)			✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X			18
McKinley, David (R-1st)					✓	X	X	X	X	X			9
Rahall, Nick (D-3rd)		✓		✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	45
Wisconsin													
Baldwin, Tammy (D-2nd)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		81
Duffy, Sean (R-7th)			✓		✓	X	X	X	X	X			18
Kind, Ron (D-3rd)					✓	X	✓	X	X	X		✓	27
Moore, Gwen (D-4th)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		81
Petri, Thomas (R-6th)				✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X			36
Ribble, Reid (R-8th)					X	X	X	X	X	X			0
Ryan, Paul (R-1st)					✓	X	X	X	X	X			9
Sensenbrenner, James (R-5th)					✓	✓	X	X	X	X			18
Wyoming													
Lummis, Cynthia (R-At Large)					X	X	X	X	X	X			0

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