

The Humane Scorecard

A Project of The Humane Society of the United States and The Fund for Animals

Midterm Report on the 108th Congress

LOOKING BACK OVER THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 108th Congress, which wrapped up in December 2003, we see some important victories for animals and significant groundwork laid on much other legislation. Congressional debate on downed animal legislation set the stage for a major policy shift by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) when the first confirmed U.S. case of “mad cow” disease (bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE) became public in December. Congress put one key wildlife bill over the finish line and approved substantial funding to improve enforcement of animal welfare laws. Several issues were voted on by the full House or Senate, gaining momentum for final enactment during the remainder of the 108th Congress. And we’re reminded again of the critical role that a few legislators can play behind closed doors in House-Senate conference committees that decide the fate of many animal protection measures.

Victories

Downed Animals: On December 30 USDA Secretary Ann Veneman announced a ban on the use of “downer” cows—those too sick or injured to stand or walk—for human consumption. This followed her announcement one week earlier that a downed dairy cow in Washington State had tested positive for BSE. The resulting public concern and media attention, coupled with the boycott of U.S. beef by many countries, caused her to consider seriously our request to immediately stop the slaughter of downers for human food. The handling of downed animals has been one of the cruelest aspects of industrial agriculture—they’re often kicked, dragged with chains, prodded with electric shocks, or pushed with bulldozers into slaughterhouses. Banning their meat for human consumption should remove any financial incentive to haul them alive and suffering—and encourage better care to keep them from becoming downed in the first place.

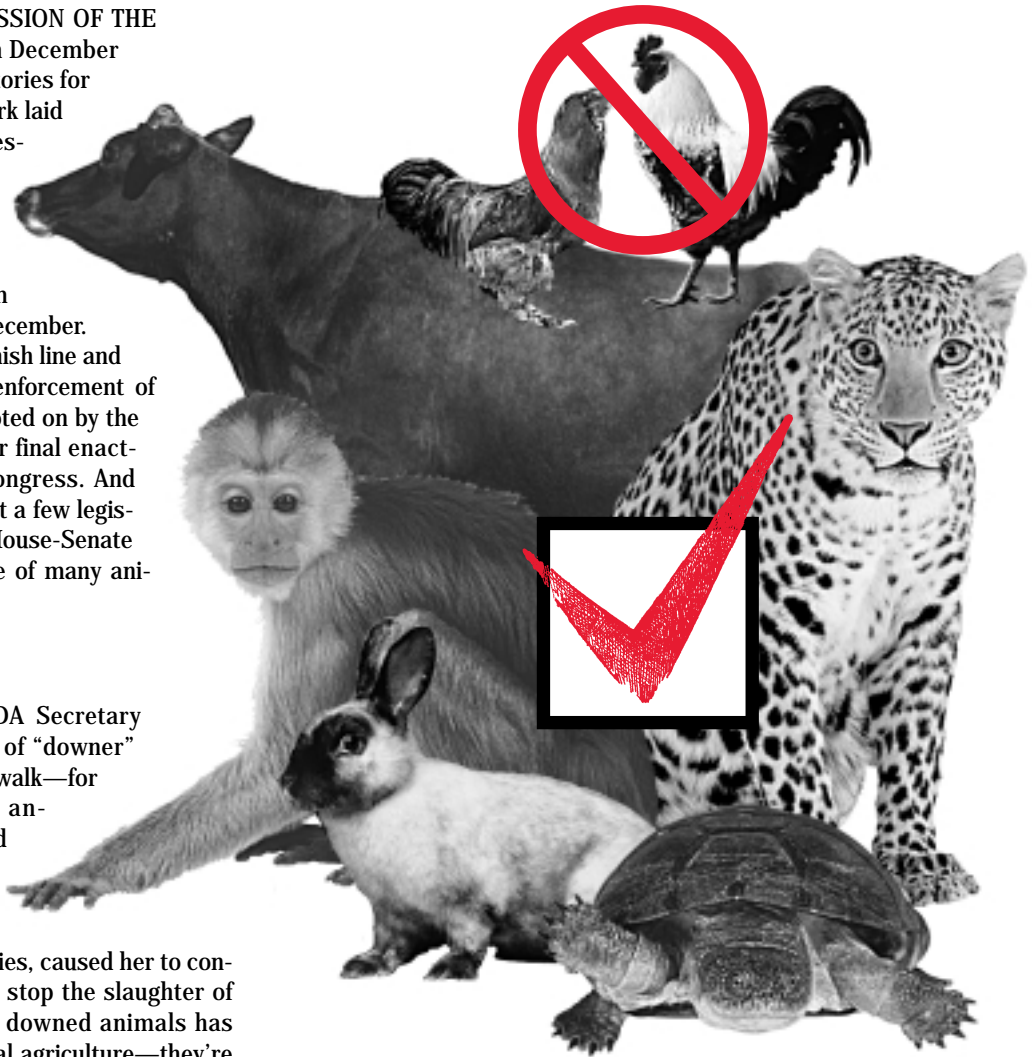
Congress had an opportunity to enact this ban in 2003 as part of the annual appropriations bill funding USDA programs, but Republican leadership jettisoned the provision during private conference negotiations in November (just as they did during the farm bill conference in 2002). The downer provision fell three votes short in the House when offered as an amendment in July by Reps. Gary Ackerman (D-NY) and Steve LaTourette (R-OH), but it was subject to consideration on the final bill because a parallel amendment offered by Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI) in November was

approved unanimously in the Senate. Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI) and Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) lent their powerful support as the top Democrats on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

In 2004 Congress should promptly enact S. 1298/H.R. 2519, the freestanding bill introduced by Sen. Akaka and Reps. Ackerman and Amo Houghton (R-NY), to codify and make permanent the administrative ban on use of downed cows for human consumption. Passing this legislation would also provide protection for other species of downed animals.

Among other needed reforms, every cow rendered for pet food should be tested first for BSE, and restrictions should be put in place to ensure that high-risk tissue, such as brain and spinal cord, doesn’t end up in pet food. The existing “feed ban” that’s supposed to limit potentially dangerous animal proteins from being fed to cattle should be better enforced and broadened to close current loopholes—no blood, manure, slaughterhouse waste, or other animal products should be fed to any farm animal.

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Big Cats as Pets: Congress enacted legislation in December barring interstate and foreign commerce of lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, and cougars for the pet trade. The danger to the public—shown by a number of fatal maulings—and the inhumane treatment of many big cats kept as pets prompted swift and unanimous approval of Public Law (P.L.) 108-191. An estimated 10,000–15,000 big cats are privately owned in the United States, more than exist in the wild. They're confined in cramped backyard cages, chained in basements, displayed outside gas stations and convenience stores to attract customers, used as guard animals by drug dealers, held in unaccredited roadside zoos, and even carted to schools and shopping malls for photos ops. Many suffer from malnourishment, lack of veterinary care, and painful diseases from inbreeding. Relatively easy and cheap to obtain as cubs on the Internet, tigers and other big cats are often abandoned once their novelty wears off and they become more expensive and dangerous to handle. Sens. James Jeffords (I-VT) and John Ensign (R-NV) and Reps. Buck McKeon (R-CA) and George Miller (D-CA) introduced the legislation, which was moved forward by committee chairmen Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) and Reps. Richard Pombo (R-CA) and Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD).

Funding

In February 2003 Congress completed work on the fiscal year (FY) 2003 budget, P.L. 108-7, and in January 2004 it completed the FY 2004 budget, P.L. 108-199. Both "omnibus" appropriations bills contain a number of highlights for animals, within the funding for the USDA.



FARM SANCTUARY

Congress provided new funds for USDA inspectors to focus on enforcing the humane slaughter law.

focused on humane slaughter during a May committee hearing, taking USDA Secretary Veneman to task for not having yet hired any of the new inspectors. He also included language in the FY 04 appropriations bill to maintain the program and reinforce the message to the USDA that Congress is serious about enforcing the humane slaughter law.

Animal Fighting Enforcement: The FY 04 bill contains \$800,000 for the USDA's Office of Inspector General—the department's chief law enforcement arm—to work with state and local law enforcement to crack down on illegal dogfighting and cockfighting. Since 1976, when Congress first amended the Animal Welfare Act (AWA)

to prohibit most interstate and foreign commerce of animals for fighting, the USDA has pursued only a handful of cases—despite rampant activity across the country and repeated requests for help from state and local prosecutors. The \$800,000 was sought by a broad bipartisan group of legislators: 39 senators led by Sens. Rick Santorum (R-PA), Carl Levin (D-MI), and Wayne Allard (R-CO) and 122 representatives led by Reps. Christopher Smith (R-NJ) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) signed letters requesting this targeted funding. By a vote of 222 to 179, the House approved an amendment offered by Reps. Blumenauer and Tom Tancredo (R-CO) to provide \$800,000 for animal fighting enforcement. The



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Senate Appropriations Committee then included the funds before sending its bill to the full Senate. Sens. Allard, Robert Bennett (R-UT), and Herb Kohl (D-WI) and Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) were instrumental in securing these funds.

Animal Welfare Act Enforcement: Congress provided an additional \$800,000 in FY 03 to continue improving the USDA's enforcement of the AWA, which sets basic humane standards for laboratories, puppy mills, zoos, circuses, airlines, and other facilities. This increase, combined with gains won since 1999, boosted funding for AWA inspections to \$16.4 million, up from the \$9 million level the program received each year throughout the 1990s, when about 60 inspectors were responsible for monitoring about 10,000 sites. There are now about 100 AWA inspectors. The FY 04 budget maintains full funding for AWA inspections—a program that President George W. Bush had recommended cutting by \$1.7 million. The FY 04 budget also includes a \$517,000 increase for USDA investigations to follow up on problems uncovered during AWA inspections.

More funding also allows the USDA to better enforce the AWA in puppy mills, laboratories, and other facilities.





THE HSUS

A program to promote hoop barns as more humane and environmentally friendly alternatives to factory farm confinement systems received another year of funding.

Nonlethal Wolf Control: Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI) got report language included in the FY 04 budget encouraging the USDA to use a portion of its “Wildlife Services” funding to try nonlethal methods for preventing livestock loss to wolf predation in the Great Lakes region.

Access to Information about Inspected Facilities: The FY 03 budget included language allowing continued access to information—such as AWA inspection reports and annual reports—about facilities’ compliance with humane standards of care and trends in animal use.

The House initially included a provision in its bill that would have prohibited release of information if it “may be used by individuals or terrorist organizations for the purpose of targeting biomedical or agricultural research facilities or personnel employed in biomedical or agricultural research.” This broadly written language could have been applied to information used by investigative reporters writing about law violations or citizen activists conducting a letter-writing campaign.

Hoop Barns: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) successfully pushed for \$210,000 in FY 03 and an additional \$293,000 in FY 04 to continue promoting “hoop barns” as alternatives to inhumane factory farm confinement systems. Hoop barns are inexpensive, easy-to-install, open-ended structures that allow animals freedom of movement and access to pasture. They’re better for the environment, using solid manure composting rather than lagoons that can contaminate groundwater. And animals aren’t confined in overcrowded, unsanitary, stressful conditions, so antibiotics aren’t needed to promote growth and prevent disease. Iowa’s Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture will use these funds, along with \$200,000 from FY 02, to promote hoop barns to farmers, retailers, and consumers.



USDA/KEN HAMMOND

School Lunches and Antibiotics: Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) won approval of an amendment to the Senate’s FY 04 bill to prohibit tax dollars from being used under the National School Lunch Program to purchase chicken raised with fluoroquinolones, a class of antibiotics that includes Cipro. In 2000 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sought to withdraw approval of these antibiotics for use in poultry because of concerns about antibiotic resistance in people. But Bayer Corp., which makes the drugs, challenged the FDA’s proposed withdrawal in a court proceeding that’s still ongoing. Several fast-food companies—including McDonald’s®—announced that they no longer sell chicken raised with fluoroquinolones, prompting advocates to call on the school lunch program to do at least as much to protect children’s health. Sen. Clinton’s amendment was weakened during appropriations conference negotiations, so that it now *recommends* rather than *requires* the USDA to address this issue. Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), who introduced H.R. 3022 on the same subject, organized a letter consigned by 16 representatives urging the conferees to retain the school lunch/fluoroquinolone provision.

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Floor Fights

Animal Fighting: In addition to the House floor vote on funding to improve enforcement of the animal fighting law (see page 2), 2003 saw substantial efforts to strengthen the law itself. Sens. John Ensign (R-NV), Wayne Allard (R-CO), and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Reps. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) and Robert Andrews (D-NJ) introduced S. 736/H.R. 1532 to authorize felony penalties for violations of the federal law on dogfighting and cockfighting, to ban interstate and foreign transport of cockfighting weapons, and to make other improvements in section 26 of the AWA, which addresses animal fighting. Sen. Ensign offered this as an amendment to another Agriculture Committee measure, H.R. 1904, known as the “Healthy Forests” bill. Accepted by voice vote in the Senate in October, Sen. Ensign’s amendment was unfortunately dropped during the House-Senate conference, along with other “extraneous” provisions. But the successful Senate vote and a strong bipartisan list of cosponsors in both chambers have created momentum for enactment in 2004.



The Senate passed an amendment on animal fighting—a hopeful sign for final passage in 2004.

Bear Baiting: In July Reps. Elton Gallegly (R-CA) and Jim Moran (D-VA) offered an amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill (H.R. 2691) to bar the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land

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Management from spending funds to allow bear baiting—setting out piles of food so hunters can shoot bears while they feed—on federal public lands. This unsporting practice creates public safety risks, as bears who become accustomed to eating human food lose their natural fear of humans and are much more likely to endanger people and property. H.R. 1472, a free-standing bill introduced by Reps. Gallegly and Moran to prohibit bear baiting on federal lands, garnered broad bipartisan support by 165 House cosponsors. But an additional 26 cosponsors withdrew their support because of pressure from the National Rifle Association (NRA). The NRA's pressure, which peaked just before the July vote, also led to the defeat of the amendment by 163 to 255.

Yellowstone Bison: Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) offered an amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill to prevent tax dollars from being used to support the continued slaughter of bison who wander out of Yellowstone National Park. The bison—whose image is featured on the logo for the Interior Department—are being killed in a misguided program to prevent the spread of brucellosis to domestic cattle, even though this disease has never been transmitted from wild bison to domestic cattle. The amendment was defeated on a vote of 199 to 220. A freestanding bill, H.R. 3446, was introduced in November by Reps. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Charles Bass (R-NH) to stop the Yellowstone bison slaughter and encourage nonlethal conflict resolution methods.

Military Exemptions: Congress dealt a serious blow to wildlife in the FY 04 Defense Authorization bill, H.R. 1588. At the repeated urging of the Department of Defense (DOD), Congress granted the military sweeping exemptions from bedrock federal environmental and animal protection laws. Specifically, military training and bases are now able to sidestep the conservation and animal protection provisions of the Endangered Species Act, the



The NRA successfully pressured legislators to continue allowing the inhumane, unsporting, and dangerous practice of bear baiting on federal lands.



The senseless slaughter of Yellowstone bison who wander out of the park continues—with the support of federal taxpayers' dollars.

Marine Mammal Protection Act, and other laws. The new exemptions set a dangerous precedent and are truly unnecessary, since these laws already allow the DOD to waive compliance when necessary for national security.

Energy Bill: Fortunately for animals and the environment, a filibuster in the Senate by Sens. Charles Schumer (D-NY), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Judd Gregg (R-NH), John Sununu (R-NH), Susan Collins (R-ME), and others blocked the House-Senate conference version of H.R. 6, which fell two votes short of proceeding in November. While House language to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas development was dropped in conference, the bill still contains provisions to encourage drilling and other reckless development in sensitive coastal and offshore areas of critical importance to wildlife. It also would exempt oil and gas construction projects—notorious for their toxic pollution—from Clean Water Act requirements and provide billions in tax subsidies for oil, nuclear, coal, and other energy production. Efforts to move this harmful package are expected to resume in 2004.



The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was narrowly spared from oil and gas development, but the Energy Bill still looms as a serious threat to animals and the environment.

Other Priorities for the Remainder of the 108th Congress

Antibiotics: One priority is enactment of S. 1460/H.R. 2932, introduced by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Reps. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) to phase out the routine feeding of antibiotics to animals to speed their growth and prevent disease in overcrowded and stressful factory farms. Agricultural overuse of antibiotics—which accounts for about 70 percent of all antibiotic use in this country—supports inhumane conditions *and* contributes to the development of antibiotic resistance, making the drugs less effective for treating sick people and animals.

We're also pushing for changes to the Minor Use/Minor Species (MUMS) bill (S. 741/H.R. 2079). This bill would speed the approval process for new animal drugs for small, less profitable markets. That's not a bad goal, generally, but animals and people aren't well served by having more antibiotics available for factory farms and aquaculture operations to routinely add to their feed. Congress must curb, *not* encourage, this wasteful practice that allows inhumane treatment and spurs antibiotic resistance. Sen. Kennedy convinced Chairman Judd Gregg (R-NH) and the rest of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to accept needed changes to alleviate the antibiotic concerns in S. 741, but action on MUMS in the House and possibly in a House-Senate conference still looms.

School Lunches and Soymilk: In 2004 Congress is expected to reauthorize the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs that feed more than 27 million schoolchildren each day. Children who choose not to drink milk for health, ethical, or religious reasons now only have access to an alternative like soymilk if they get a doctor's note explaining why they need nondairy beverages. This requirement is particularly inappropriate because children entitled to low-cost or free meals may not have routine access to a physician. Congress should allow soymilk as a reimbursable option—*without* requiring doctors' notes.

Horse Slaughter: H.R. 857, introduced by Reps. John Sweeney (R-NY) and John Spratt (D-SC), would ban the slaughter, import, export, trade, and transport of horses for human consumption. Fortunately, there's no domestic market for horsemeat; the industry is driven by overseas demand in only a few countries. Yet more than 50,000 horses a year are killed in the United States to satisfy that demand, and they often suffer terribly during transport and slaughter. Sen. John Ensign (R-NV) plans to introduce a Senate companion bill soon.

Antifreeze: Each year, thousands of pets, wildlife, and children ingest antifreeze and engine coolants, attracted by their sweet taste. H.R. 1563, introduced by Reps. Gary Ackerman (D-NY) and Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), would require a small amount of bittering agent in these highly toxic products, as has been successfully mandated in some states, to prevent such poisoning. A Senate companion bill is expected to be introduced soon.

Puppy Mills: Reps. Ed Whitfield (R-KY) and Sam Farr (D-CA) introduced H.R. 3484 and Sens. Rick Santorum (R-PA) and Richard Durbin (D-IL) are expected to introduce a Senate bill to encourage more humane care of dogs at commercial breeding facilities and crack down on chronic violators.



Antibiotic additives in feed on factory farms support inhumane conditions and threaten both animals and people with antibiotic resistance.

Canadian Seals: Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) introduced S. Res. 269, a resolution urging the Canadian government to end its commercial seal hunt. Canadian quotas will allow the slaughter of almost one million seals in a three-year period, the highest ever. Nearly all of those killed are pups between 12 days and 12 weeks of age.

Marine Turtles: S. 1210, introduced by Sen. James Jeffords (I-VT), and H.R. 3378, introduced by Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD), authorize funding for projects to conserve nesting habitats and prevent illegal trade in marine turtle parts. The Senate approved S. 1210 in October, and House action is expected in upcoming months.

Marine Mammal Protection Act: Originally passed in 1972, the Marine Mammal Protection Act was designed to protect whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions, polar bears, and other marine mam-

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A Note on the Scorecard

Many animal protection issues never receive a recorded vote in Congress. Some are enacted by voice vote and some languish. To more accurately measure legislators' support for the broad range of animal issues, we count cosponsorships of certain key bills along with recorded votes. Cosponsoring a bill is a meaningful way for legislators to help the bill advance in Congress. We also count those who signed letters seeking increased funding to enforce key animal welfare laws, as this is a tangible way for legislators to help improve the lives of millions of animals. Scores are given as a percentage of the total number of items counted (five for the Senate, nine for the House). For example, a senator who was pro-animal on four of the five scored items received a score of 80, and a representative who was pro-animal on eight of the nine scored items received a score of 89.

ALABAMA

Sessions (R)
Shelby (R)

ALASKA

Murkowski (R)
Stevens (R)

ARIZONA

Kyl (R)
McCain (R)

ARKANSAS

Lincoln (D)
Pryor (D)

CALIFORNIA

Boxer (D)
Feinstein (D)

COLORADO

Allard (R)
Campbell (R)

CONNECTICUT

Dodd (D)
Lieberman (D)

DELAWARE

Biden (D)
Carper (D)

FLORIDA

Graham (D)
Nelson (D)

GEORGIA

Chambliss (R)
Miller (D)

HAWAII

Akaka (D)
Inouye (D)

IDAHO

Craig (R)
Crapo (R)

ILLINOIS

Durbin (D)
Fitzgerald (R)

INDIANA

Bayh (D)
Lugar (R)

IOWA

Grassley (R)
Harkin (D)

KANSAS

Brownback (R)
Roberts (R)

KENTUCKY

Bunning (R)
McConnell (R)

LOUISIANA

Breaux (D)
Landrieu (D)

MAINE

Collins (R)
Snowe (R)

MARYLAND

Mikulski (D)
Sarbanes (D)

MASSACHUSETTS

Kennedy (D)
Kerry (D)

MICHIGAN

Levin (D)
Stabenow (D)

MINNESOTA

Coleman (R)
Dayton (D)

MISSISSIPPI

Cochran (R)
Lott (R)

MISSOURI

Bond (R)
Talent (R)

	Animal Fighting Felony	Downers	ANWR	DOD	Enforcement Letter	Score %
ALABAMA						
Sessions (R)			X	X		0
Shelby (R)			X	X		0
ALASKA						
Murkowski (R)			X	X		0
Stevens (R)			X	X		0
ARIZONA						
Kyl (R)	✓		X	X		20
McCain (R)			✓	X		20
ARKANSAS						
Lincoln (D)			✓	✓		40
Pryor (D)			✓	✓	✓	60
CALIFORNIA						
Boxer (D)	✓	✓	Sponsor	✓	✓	100*+
Feinstein (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
COLORADO						
Allard (R)	Sponsor		X	X	✓	40*+
Campbell (R)	✓	✓	X	X		40
CONNECTICUT						
Dodd (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Lieberman (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
DELAWARE						
Biden (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Carper (D)			✓	✓		40
FLORIDA						
Graham (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		80
Nelson (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	80
GEORGIA						
Chambliss (R)			X	X		0
Miller (D)			X	X		0
HAWAII						
Akaka (D)		Sponsor	X	✓	✓	60*+
Inouye (D)	✓	✓	X	✓		60
IDAHO						
Craig (R)			X	X		0
Crapo (R)			X	X		0
ILLINOIS						
Durbin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100*+
Fitzgerald (R)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	80+
INDIANA						
Bayh (D)	✓		✓	✓		60
Lugar (R)	✓		X	X		20
IOWA						
Grassley (R)			X	X		0
Harkin (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	80*
KANSAS						
Brownback (R)			X	X		0
Roberts (R)			X	X		0
KENTUCKY						
Bunning (R)			X	X		0
McConnell (R)			X	X		0
LOUISIANA						
Breaux (D)			X	✓		20
Landrieu (D)			X	✓		20
MAINE						
Collins (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Snowe (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		80*+
MARYLAND						
Mikulski (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		80
Sarbanes (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
MASSACHUSETTS						
Kennedy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100*+
Kerry (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
MICHIGAN						
Levin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	100*+
Stabenow (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		80+
MINNESOTA						
Coleman (R)	✓		✓	X		40
Dayton (D)	✓		✓	✓	✓	80
MISSISSIPPI						
Cochran (R)			X	X		0
Lott (R)			X	X		0
MISSOURI						
Bond (R)			X	X		0
Talent (R)	✓		X	X		20

Senate Scored Items

ANIMAL FIGHTING FELONY

A ✓ indicates cosponsorship of S. 736—introduced by Sens. John Ensign (R-NV), Wayne Allard (R-CO), and Maria Cantwell (D-WA)—to provide felony penalties for violations of the federal law prohibiting interstate and foreign commerce in animals for fighting and to make other strengthening changes. The Senate approved the bill as an Ensign amendment to H.R. 1904, but it was dropped in conference. The bill now has 52 cosponsors.

DOWNERS

A ✓ indicates cosponsorship of S. 1298, introduced by Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI), to require humane euthanasia of “downers”—livestock too sick or injured to stand or walk—and prohibit USDA certification of downer meat for human consumption. The Senate approved key elements of this as an Akaka amendment to H.R. 2673, but it was dropped in conference. The bill now has 34 cosponsors.

SENATE KEY TO CHART

- ✓ Took pro-animal position through cosponsorship of a bill, signing a letter, or a vote for the animals
- X Took anti-animal position on a vote
- NV Not voting because absent or abstained
- * Prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation
- + Spoke on behalf of pro-animal legislation during floor debate

Senate Issues

MONTANA

Baucus (D)
Burns (R)

NEBRASKA

Hagel (R)
Nelson (D)

NEVADA

Ensign (R)
Reid (D)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gregg (R)
Sununu (R)

NEW JERSEY

Corzine (D)
Lautenberg (D)

NEW MEXICO

Bingaman (D)
Domenici (R)

NEW YORK

Clinton (D)
Schumer (D)

NORTH CAROLINA

Dole (R)
Edwards (D)

NORTH DAKOTA

Conrad (D)
Dorgan (D)

OHIO

DeWine (R)
Voinovich (R)

OKLAHOMA

Inhofe (R)
Nickles (R)

OREGON

Smith (R)
Wyden (D)

PENNSYLVANIA

Santorum (R)
Specter (R)

RHODE ISLAND

Chafee (R)
Reed (D)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Graham (R)
Hollings (D)

SOUTH DAKOTA

Daschle (D)
Johnson (D)

TENNESSEE

Alexander (R)
Frist (R)

TEXAS

Cornyn (R)
Hutchison (R)

UTAH

Bennett (R)
Hatch (R)

VERMONT

Jeffords (I)
Leahy (D)

VIRGINIA

Allen (R)
Warner (R)

WASHINGTON

Cantwell (D)
Murray (D)

WEST VIRGINIA

Byrd (D)
Rockefeller (D)

WISCONSIN

Feingold (D)
Kohl (D)

WYOMING

Enzi (R)
Thomas (R)

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✓			✓	✓		60*
			✗	✗		0
✓			✗	✗		20
✓			✓	✓		60
Sponsor			✗	✗	✓	40*+
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	100
			✗	✗		0
			✗	✗		0
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	80
✓	✓		✓	Sponsor	✓	100*+
			✓	✓		40+
			✗	✗		0
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100*
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✓			✓	✓	✓	80
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✓			✓	✗	✓	60
			✗	✗		0
			✗	✗		0
			✓	✗	✓	40
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✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
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			✓	✓		40+
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		80+
✓			✓	✓		60
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			✗	✗		0
✓			✓	✓	✓	80*+
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	100+
			✗	✗		0
✓			✗	✗	✓	40
Sponsor	✓		✓	✓	✓	100*+
✓	✓		✓	✓		80+
			✓	✓		40*+
			✓	✓		40
✓			✓	✓	✓	80+
✓	✓		✓	✓		80*+
			✗	✗		0
			✗	✗		0

ANWR

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to S. Con. Res. 23—offered by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) on March 19 to prevent consideration of drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge—during debate on a fast-track budget reconciliation bill. The Senate agreed to the amendment by a vote of 52 to 48.

DOD

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to S. 1050—offered by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) on May 21—to require resource management plans for military bases to effectively protect endangered species. The Senate agreed to the amendment by a vote of 51 to 48, but this favorable language was significantly weakened in conference.

ENFORCEMENT LETTER

A ✓ indicates that the member signed a May 22 letter to the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee—led by Sens. Rick Santorum (R-PA) and Carl Levin (D-MI)—seeking an \$800,000 increase for the USDA to improve enforcement of the federal animal fighting law, along with sustained funding for inspections and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. The letter was cosigned by 38 senators. Note that the subcommittee leaders—Sens. Herb Kohl (D-WI) and Thad Cochran (R-MS)—don't sign letters to themselves. All of these funds were included in the final appropriations bill, H.R. 2673.

SENATE KEY TO CHART

- ✓ Took pro-animal position through cosponsorship of a bill, signing a letter, or a vote for the animals
- ✗ Took anti-animal position on a vote
- NV Not voting because absent or abstained
- * Prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation
- + Spoke on behalf of pro-animal legislation during floor debate

House Issues

	Animal Fighting Felony	Horse Slaughter	Animal Fighting Funding	Downers	Bear Baiting	Bison	ANWR	Big Cats	Enforcement Letter	Score %
ALABAMA										
Aderholt (R-4th)			NV	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Bachus (R-6th)			X	X	✓	X	X	✓		22
Bonner (R-1st)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Cramer (D-5th)			NV	NV	X	✓	X	✓		22
Davis (D-7th)			✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		56
Everett (R-2nd)			NV	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Rogers (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
ALASKA										
Young (R-At large)			X	X	X	X	NV	✓		11
AMERICAN SAMOA										
Faleomavaega (D-At large)		
ARIZONA										
Flake (R-6th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Franks (R-2nd)	✓		X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Grijalva (D-7th)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Hayworth (R-5th)		✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Kolbe (R-8th)	✓		✓	X	✓	X	X	✓		44
Pastor (D-4th)			X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓		44
Renzi (R-1st)	✓		X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Shadegg (R-3rd)			✓	X	X	X	X	✓		22
ARKANSAS										
Berry (D-1st)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Boozman (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Ross (D-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Snyder (D-2nd)	✓		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	78
CALIFORNIA										
Baca (D-43rd)			✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓		44
Becerra (D-31st)	✓	✓	NV	NV ▲	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Berman (D-28th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	78
Bono (R-45th)		✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓		33
Calvert (R-44th)		✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Capps (D-23rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Cardoza (D-18th)	✓		✓	X	X	X	X	✓		33
Cox (R-48th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Cunningham (R-50th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Davis (D-53rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Dooley (D-20th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓		56
Doolittle (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Dreier (R-26th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Eshoo (D-14th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100
Farr (D-17th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100*+
Filner (D-51st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Gallegly (R-24th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	X	X	✓	✓	78*+
Harman (D-36th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78+
Herger (R-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Honda (D-15th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Hunter (R-52nd)			X	✓	X	X	X	✓		22
Issa (R-49th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Lantos (D-12th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Lee (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Lewis (R-41st)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Lofgren (D-16th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Matsui (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McKeon (R-25th)			X	X	X	X	X	Sponsor		11*+
Millender-McDonald (D-37th)	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓		44
Miller, Gary G. (R-42nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Miller, George (D-7th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	✓	100*+
Napolitano (D-38th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Nunes (R-21st)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Ose (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Pelosi (D-8th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89+
Pombo (R-11th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Radanovich (R-19th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Rohrabacher (R-46th)			✓	X	X	X	X	✓		22*
Roybal-Allard (D-34th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Royce (R-40th)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓		44
Sánchez, Linda (D-39th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Sanchez, Loretta (D-47th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Schiff (D-29th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Sherman (D-27th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Solis (D-32nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Stark (D-13th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Tauscher (D-10th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100

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CALIFORNIA (cont'd)										
Thomas (R-22nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Thompson (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Waters (D-35th)	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Watson (D-33rd)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Waxman (D-30th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Woolsey (D-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
COLORADO										
Beauprez (R-7th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
DeGette (D-1st)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78
Hefley (R-5th)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		33
McInnis (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Musgrave (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Tancredo (R-6th)	✓		Sponsor	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	44*
Udall (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
CONNECTICUT										
DeLauro (D-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Johnson (R-5th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	X	Sponsor	✓	✓	78*+
Larson (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Shays (R-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100*+
Simmons (R-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
DELAWARE										
Castle (R-At large)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓		78
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA										
Norton (D-At large)	✓	✓	✓	.
FLORIDA										
Bilirakis (R-9th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	67
Boyd (D-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Brown (D-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Brown-Waite (R-5th)	✓		✓	✓	X	X	X	✓		44
Crenshaw (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Davis (D-11th)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Deutsch (D-20th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Diaz-Balart, Lincoln (R-21st)			X	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Diaz-Balart, Mario (R-25th)			X	X	✓	X	X	✓		22
Feeney (R-24th)		✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Foley (R-16th)			✓	✓	X	X	X	✓		33
Goss (R-14th)		✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓		33
Harris (R-13th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Hastings (D-23rd)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78
Keller (R-8th)			NV	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Meek (D-17th)			✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		56
Mica (R-7th)	✓		NV	NV	X	X	X	✓		22
Miller (R-1st)			✓	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Putnam (R-12th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Ros-Lehtinen (R-18th)			X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		44
Shaw (R-22nd)	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	56
Stearns (R-6th)			✓	✓	X	X	X	✓		33
Weldon (R-15th)			X	✓	X	X	X	✓		22
Wexler (D-19th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Young (R-10th)			NV	NV	✓	X	X	✓		22

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House Scored Items

ANIMAL FIGHTING FELONY

A ✓ indicates cosponsorship of H.R. 1532—introduced by Reps. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) and Robert Andrews (D-NJ)—to provide felony penalties for violations of the federal law prohibiting interstate and foreign commerce in animals for fighting and to make other strengthening changes. The bill now has 197 cosponsors.

HORSE SLAUGHTER

A ✓ indicates cosponsorship of H.R. 857—introduced by Reps. John Sweeney (R-NY) and John Spratt (D-SC)—to ban interstate and foreign commerce in horses or horsemeat for human consumption. The bill now has 181 cosponsors.

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- * Prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation
- + Spoke on behalf of pro-animal legislation during floor debate
- ▲ Put statement in *Congressional Record* (at our request on this very close vote) indicating would have voted for amendment if present
- Put statement in *Congressional Record* expressing regret for error in voting against amendment
- # Resigned from office
- ## Filled seat during term, replacing predecessor who resigned
- Delegates from the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico cannot vote on bills or amendments on the House floor; they can vote in committee, cosponsor legislation, and sign letters
- The Speaker of the House generally does not vote

House Issues

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GEORGIA										
Bishop (D-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	22
Burns (R-12th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Collins (R-8th)			X	X	X	X	X	NV		0
Deal (R-10th)		✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Gingrey (R-11th)			X	X	X	X	X	NV		0
Isakson (R-6th)	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	X	X	NV	✓	33
Kingston (R-1st)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Lewis (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Linder (R-7th)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓		56
Majette (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Marshall (D-3rd)			X	X	X	X	✓	✓		22
Norwood (R-9th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Scott (D-13th)			X	X	X	X	✓	✓		22
GUAM										
Bordallo (D-At large)		
HAWAII										
Abercrombie (D-1st)		✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	67
Case (D-2nd)		✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	78
IDAHO										
Otter (R-1st)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Simpson (R-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
ILLINOIS										
Biggert (R-13th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	67
Costello (D-12th)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Crane (R-8th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Davis (D-7th)	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV		56
Emanuel (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Evans (D-17th)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Gutierrez (D-4th)	✓	✓	NV	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	67
Hastert (R-14th)			::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::
Hyde (R-6th)			X	X	✓	X	X	✓		22
Jackson (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Johnson (R-15th)			✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓		44
Kirk (R-10th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
LaHood (R-18th)			NV	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Lipinski (D-3rd)	✓	✓	NV	NV ▲	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	67
Manzullo (R-16th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Rush (D-1st)	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Schakowsky (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Shimkus (R-19th)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓		33
Weller (R-11th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓		56
INDIANA										
Burton (R-5th)			X	✓	X	X	X	✓		22
Buyer (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Carson (D-7th)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	78
Chocola (R-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Hill (D-9th)			X	X	X	✓	✓	✓		33
Hostettler (R-8th)		✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Pence (R-6th)		✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Souder (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Visclosky (D-1st)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
IOWA										
Boswell (D-3rd)	✓		✓	X	X	X	✓	✓		44
King (R-5th)			NV	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Latham (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Leach (R-2nd)	✓		✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	78
Nussle (R-1st)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
KANSAS										
Moore (D-3rd)	✓	✓	NV	NV ▲	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	78
Moran (R-1st)			✓	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Ryun (R-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Tiahrt (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
KENTUCKY										
Fletcher (R-6th)			NV	NV	X	X	X	NV		0
Lewis (R-2nd)		✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Lucas (D-4th)			✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		44
Northup (R-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓		44
Rogers (R-5th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Whitfield (R-1st)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	67*
LOUISIANA										
Alexander (D-5th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Baker (R-6th)			NV	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Jefferson (D-2nd)		✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	X	✓		22

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LOUISIANA (cont'd)										
John (D-7th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
McCrery (R-4th)			X	X	✓	X	X	✓		22
Tauzin (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Vitter (R-1st)		✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓		33
MAINE										
Allen (D-1st)	✓		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	78+
Michaud (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		78
MARYLAND										
Bartlett (R-6th)	Sponsor	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89*+
Cardin (D-3rd)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Cummings (D-7th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Gilchrest (R-1st)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓		44*+
Hoyer (D-5th)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Ruppersberger (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓		78
Van Hollen (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Wynn (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
MASSACHUSETTS										
Capuano (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Delahunt (D-10th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100*
Frank (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Lynch (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Markey (D-7th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	✓		89*+
McGovern (D-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	■	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Meehan (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Neal (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Olver (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Tierney (D-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
MICHIGAN										
Camp (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Conyers (D-14th)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Dingell (D-15th)			X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		44
Ehlers (R-3rd)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78
Hoekstra (R-2nd)			✓	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Kildee (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Kilpatrick (D-13th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Knollenberg (R-9th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Levin (D-12th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
McCotter (R-11th)			✓	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Miller (R-10th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Rogers (R-8th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Smith (R-7th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Stupak (D-1st)			✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓		44
Upton (R-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	78
MINNESOTA										
Gutknecht (R-1st)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Kennedy (R-6th)			X	X	X	X	✓	✓		22
Kline (R-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
McCollum (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89+
Oberstar (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		78
Peterson (D-7th)			NV	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	33
Ramstad (R-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		78
Sabo (D-5th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78

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ANIMAL FIGHTING FUNDING

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to H.R. 2673—offered by Reps. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Tom Tancredo (R-CO) on July 14—to provide \$800,000 for the USDA's Office of the Inspector General to improve enforcement of the federal animal fighting law. The House agreed to the amendment by a vote of 222 to 179, and the funds were included in the final bill.

DOWNERS

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to H.R. 2673—offered by Reps. Gary Ackerman (D-NY) and Steve LaTourette (R-OH) on July 14—to bar the USDA from spending funds to inspect and approve downed livestock for human consumption. The House rejected the amendment by a vote of 199 to 202, and the language—later approved by voice vote in the Senate—was kept out of the final bill during the House-Senate conference.

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	Animal Fighting Felony	Horse Slaughter	Animal Fighting Funding	Downers	Bear Baiting	Bison	ANWR	Big Cats	Enforcement Letter	Score %
MISSISSIPPI										
Pickering (R-3rd)		✓	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
Taylor (D-4th)		✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		44
Thompson (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		67
Wicker (R-1st)		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
MISSOURI										
Akin (R-2nd)			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
Blunt (R-7th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Clay (D-1st)			✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	67
Emerson (R-8th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Gephardt (D-3rd)			NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV		0
Graves (R-6th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Hulshof (R-9th)			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
McCarthy (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	89
Skelton (D-4th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
MONTANA										
Rehberg (R-At large)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
NEBRASKA										
Bereuter (R-1st)			✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓		22
Osborne (R-3rd)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Terry (R-2nd)	✓		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
NEVADA										
Berkley (D-1st)	✓	✓	NV	NV ▲	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	56
Gibbons (R-2nd)	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		33
Porter (R-3rd)	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		33
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Bass (R-2nd)	✓		✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	78*
Bradley (R-1st)			✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		44
NEW JERSEY										
Andrews (D-1st)	Sponsor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	89*+
Ferguson (R-7th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	78
Frelinghuysen (R-11th)	✓		✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	67
Garrett (R-5th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Holt (D-12th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
LoBiondo (R-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Menendez (D-13th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	78+
Pallone (D-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Pascrell (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Payne (D-10th)	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	78
Rothman (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Saxton (R-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	67*+
Smith (R-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	100*+
NEW MEXICO										
Pearce (R-2nd)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Udall (D-3rd)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78+
Wilson (R-1st)			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
NEW YORK										
Ackerman (D-5th)	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100*+
Bishop (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV		78
Boehlert (R-24th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	78+
Crowley (D-7th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89+
Engel (D-17th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Fossella (R-13th)			✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓		33
Hinchey (D-22nd)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	78*+
Houghton (R-29th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NV	✓		56*
Israel (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Kelly (R-19th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	67
King (R-3rd)			✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓		33
Lowey (D-18th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89*
Maloney (D-14th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McCarthy (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
McHugh (R-23rd)			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
McNulty (D-21st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Meeks (D-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Nadler (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Owens (D-11th)			NV	NV ▲	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	78
Quinn (R-27th)	✓		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
Rangel (D-15th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Reynolds (R-26th)			✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
Serrano (D-16th)			✓	✓	■	✓	✓	✓	✓	67
Slaughter (D-28th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Sweeney (R-20th)	✓	Sponsor	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	56*
Towns (D-10th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Velazquez (D-12th)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	78

House Issues

NEW YORK (cont'd)

Walsh (R-25th)
Weiner (D-9th)

NORTH CAROLINA

Ballance (D-1st)
Ballenger (R-10th)
Burr (R-5th)
Coble (R-6th)
Etheridge (D-2nd)
Hayes (R-8th)
Jones (R-3rd)
McIntyre (D-7th)
Miller (D-13th)
Myrick (R-9th)
Price (D-4th)
Taylor (R-11th)
Watt (D-12th)

NORTH DAKOTA

Pomeroy (D-At large)

OHIO

Boehner (R-8th)
Brown (D-13th)
Chabot (R-1st)
Gillmor (R-5th)
Hobson (R-7th)
Kaptur (D-9th)
Kucinich (D-10th)
LaTourette (R-14th)
Ney (R-18th)
Oxley (R-4th)
Portman (R-2nd)
Pryce (R-15th)
Regula (R-16th)
Ryan (D-17th)
Strickland (D-6th)
Tiberi (R-12th)
Tubbs Jones (D-11th)
Turner (R-3rd)

OKLAHOMA

Carson (D-2nd)
Cole (R-4th)
Istook (R-5th)
Lucas (R-3rd)
Sullivan (R-1st)

OREGON

Blumenauer (D-3rd)
DeFazio (D-4th)
Hooley (D-5th)
Walden (R-2nd)
Wu (D-1st)

	Animal Fighting Felony	Horse Slaughter	Animal Fighting Funding	Downers	Bear Baiting	Bison	ANWR	Big Cats	Enforcement Letter	Score %
Walsh (R-25th)			X	X	X	X	✓			22
Weiner (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	100
Ballance (D-1st)		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	NV		56
Ballenger (R-10th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Burr (R-5th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Coble (R-6th)	✓		X	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Etheridge (D-2nd)	✓		✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓		56
Hayes (R-8th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Jones (R-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓		56
McIntyre (D-7th)			X	X	X	X	✓	✓		22
Miller (D-13th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Myrick (R-9th)			NV	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Price (D-4th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Taylor (R-11th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Watt (D-12th)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Pomeroy (D-At large)	✓		✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓		56
Boehner (R-8th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Brown (D-13th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100*
Chabot (R-1st)	✓		✓	✓	X	X	X	✓		44
Gillmor (R-5th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Hobson (R-7th)	✓		X	X	X	X	X	NV		11
Kaptur (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89+
Kucinich (D-10th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
LaTourette (R-14th)	✓	✓	X	Sponsor	X	X	X	✓	✓	56*
Ney (R-18th)		✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓		33
Oxley (R-4th)		✓	X	NV	X	X	X	✓		22
Portman (R-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Pryce (R-15th)			X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		44
Regula (R-16th)	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓		44
Ryan (D-17th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Strickland (D-6th)			✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		56
Tiberi (R-12th)		✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓		33
Tubbs Jones (D-11th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		78
Turner (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Carson (D-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Cole (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Istook (R-5th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Lucas (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Sullivan (R-1st)		✓	X	X	X	X	X	NV		11
Blumenauer (D-3rd)	✓	✓	Sponsor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	100*+
DeFazio (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Hooley (D-5th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78
Walden (R-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Wu (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100

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BEAR BAITING

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to H.R. 2691—offered by Reps. Elton Gallegly (R-CA) and James Moran (D-VA) on July 17—to prohibit the use of funds for bear baiting on federal lands. The House rejected the amendment by a vote of 163 to 255.

BISON

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to H.R. 2691—offered by Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) on July 17—to bar the National Park Service and Forest Service from using federal funds to kill Yellowstone bison. The House rejected the amendment by a vote of 199 to 220.

ANWR

A ✓ indicates a vote for an amendment to H.R. 6—offered by Reps. Ed Markey (D-MA) and Nancy Johnson (R-CT) on April 10—to strike provisions in the energy bill that would allow oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The House rejected the amendment by a vote of 197 to 228—retaining the harmful provisions—but the Senate pressed to keep them out of the bill during the House-Senate conference.

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PENNSYLVANIA										
Brady (D-1st)	✓		✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		56
Doyle (D-14th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
English (R-3rd)		✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	56
Fattah (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Gerlach (R-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		78
Greenwood (R-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hart (R-4th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Hoefel (D-13th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Holden (D-17th)			✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		44
Kanjorski (D-11th)			✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓		44
Murphy (R-18th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Murtha (D-12th)			✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		33
Peterson (R-5th)			✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✓		11
Pitts (R-16th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Platts (R-19th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		67
Sherwood (R-10th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Shuster (R-9th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Toomey (R-15th)			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
Weldon (R-7th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓		56
PUERTO RICO										
Acevedo-Vila (D-At large)		✓
RHODE ISLAND										
Kennedy (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Langevin (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Barrett (R-3rd)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Brown (R-1st)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Clyburn (D-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	89
DeMint (R-4th)			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
Spratt (D-5th)		Sponsor	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		67*
Wilson (R-2nd)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Janklow (R-At large)			NV	NV	NV	NV	✗	✓		11
TENNESSEE										
Blackburn (R-7th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Cooper (D-5th)			✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓		44
Davis (D-4th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Duncan (R-2nd)			NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Ford (D-9th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	89
Gordon (D-6th)			✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		44
Jenkins (R-1st)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Tanner (D-8th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Wamp (R-3rd)		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
TEXAS										
Barton (R-6th)			NV	NV	NV	NV	✗	✓		11
Bell (D-25th)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Bonilla (R-23rd)			✗	✗	NV	NV	✗	✓		11
Brady (R-8th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Burgess (R-26th)			✗	✗	NV	NV	✗	✓		11
Carter (R-31st)			✗	✗	NV	NV	✗	✓		11
Combest (R-19th)			#	#	#	#	NV	#		#
Culberson (R-7th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
DeLay (R-22nd)			NV	NV	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Doggett (D-10th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Edwards (D-11th)			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Frost (D-24th)	✓	✓	✗	✗	NV	✓	✓	✓		56
Gonzalez (D-20th)			✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	67
Granger (R-12th)			✗	✗	NV	NV	✗	✓		11
Green (D-29th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	78
Hall (D-4th)			✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
Hensarling (R-5th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11
Hinojosa (D-15th)			✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓		22
Jackson-Lee (D-18th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78+
Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D-30th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Johnson, Sam (R-3rd)			✗	✗	NV	NV	✗	✓		11
Lampson (D-9th)			✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	56
Neugebauer (R-19th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	##	✓	##	11
Ortiz (D-27th)			✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓		22
Paul (R-14th)			✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	✓		11
Reyes (D-16th)			✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓		22
Rodriguez (D-28th)			✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓		33
Sandlin (D-1st)		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		22
Sessions (R-32nd)			✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓		11

House Issues

	Animal Fighting Felony	Horse Slaughter	Animal Fighting Funding	Downers	Bear Baiting	Bison	ANWR	Big Cats	Enforcement Letter	Score %
TEXAS (cont'd)										
Smith (R-21st)			X	NV	X	X	X	✓		11
Stenholm (D-17th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Thornberry (R-13th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Turner (D-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
UTAH										
Bishop (R-1st)			✓	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Cannon (R-3rd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Matheson (D-2nd)			✓	X	X	X	✓	✓		33
VERMONT										
Sanders (I-At large)	✓		NV	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	56
VIRGIN ISLANDS										
Christensen (D-At large)		✓
VIRGINIA										
Boucher (D-9th)		✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		67
Cantor (R-7th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Davis, Jo Ann (R-1st)		✓	✓	✓	X	NV	X	✓		44
Davis, Thomas (R-11th)			X	X	✓	X	✓	✓		33
Forbes (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Goode (R-5th)			X	X	X	✓	X	✓		22
Goodlatte (R-6th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Moran (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	✓	NV	NV	✓	78*+
Schrock (R-2nd)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Scott (D-3rd)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		67
Wolf (R-10th)		✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	67
WASHINGTON										
Baird (D-3rd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Dicks (D-6th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		89
Dunn (R-8th)			✓	X	X	X	✓	✓		33
Hastings (R-4th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Inslee (D-1st)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Larsen (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McDermott (D-7th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89+
Nethercutt (R-5th)			X	X	X	X	X	✓		11
Smith (D-9th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	78
WEST VIRGINIA										
Capito (R-2nd)			✓	✓	X	X	X	✓		33
Mollohan (D-1st)			NV	NV	X	✓	X	✓		22
Rahall (D-3rd)		✓	X	✓	X	Sponsor	✓	✓		56*+
WISCONSIN										
Baldwin (D-2nd)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Green (R-8th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	78
Kind (D-3rd)			✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓		44
Kleczka (D-4th)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		78
Obey (D-7th)			✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓		44
Petri (R-6th)	✓		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		67
Ryan (R-1st)			✓	X	X	X	X	✓		22
Sensenbrenner (R-5th)			✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓		44
WYOMING										
Cubin (R-At large)			X	X	X	X	X	NV		0

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BIG CATS

A ✓ indicates a vote for H.R. 1006—introduced by Reps. Buck McKeon (R-CA) and George Miller (D-CA)—to prohibit interstate commerce of tigers, lions, and other big cats for the pet trade. The House approved the bill on November 19 by a vote of 419 to 0. It was subsequently approved by voice vote in the Senate and signed into law.

ENFORCEMENT LETTER

A ✓ indicates that the member signed a May 23 letter to the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee—led by Reps. Christopher Smith (R-NJ) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)—seeking an \$800,000 increase for the USDA to improve enforcement of the federal animal fighting law, along with sustained funding for inspections and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. The letter was cosigned by 120 representatives. Note that the subcommittee leaders—Reps. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) and Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)—don't sign letters to themselves. All of these funds were included in the final appropriations bill, H.R. 2673.

HOUSE KEY TO CHART

- ✓ Took pro-animal position through cosponsorship of a bill, signing a letter, or a vote for the animals
- X Took anti-animal position on a vote
- NV Not voting because absent or abstained
- * Prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation
- + Spoke on behalf of pro-animal legislation during floor debate
- ▲ Put statement in *Congressional Record* (at our request on this very close vote) indicating would have voted for amendment if present
- Put statement in *Congressional Record* expressing regret for error in voting against amendment
- # Resigned from office
- ## Filled seat during term, replacing predecessor who resigned
- Delegates from the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico cannot vote on bills or amendments on the House floor; they can vote in committee, cosponsor legislation, and sign letters
- The Speaker of the House generally does not vote

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imals. H.R. 2693, introduced by Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) and approved by the House Resources Committee in November, would reauthorize and amend this important law. As the bill moves forward, careful scrutiny will be needed to ensure that animal protections aren't diminished.

Canned Hunts: Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA) plan to introduce legislation to prohibit interstate and foreign commerce of captive exotic animals to be shot at "canned hunt" operations for entertainment or trophies.

Wildlife Crossings: Every year untold millions of wild animals are killed on the nation's roads. The biological and economic costs of "road kill" can be mitigated easily and inexpensively by implementing solutions early in the highway planning process. States that have given increased consideration to road placement, habitat connectivity, and the use of wildlife overpasses and underpasses have greatly reduced highway-related

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Wildlife-friendly road planning is a step closer—for animals and people.

wildlife mortality. As Congress moves forward on a multiyear surface transportation bill, Sens. Max Baucus (D-MT) and James Jeffords (I-VT) and Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) are seeking provisions to encourage more wildlife-friendly road designs. S. 1072, the transportation bill approved by the Senate in February 2004, contains much of the suggested wildlife crossing language.



What You Can Do

On these and other issues, the powerful influence of industry voices can rise above those of concerned citizens. So we need to redouble our efforts and make sure legislators hear from us. We can't succeed without your active participation and that of millions of Americans like you. We hope you'll use this scorecard as a tool to ensure that your legislators represent your interests in Washington, D.C. Let legislators know that you're watching and you appreciate their support for pro-animal legislation; or if they haven't done enough, let them know you'd like to see them

do more. (The HSUS and The Fund for Animals acknowledge the inherent limitations of judging a legislator on the basis of a few select votes, cosponsorships, and joint letters. Please consider such unrecorded matters as performance on committees and constituent service.)

What else can you do? Share this scorecard. You can access it at www.hsus.org and www.fund.org or call The HSUS for additional copies at 202-955-3668. Write letters to the editors of your local papers to call attention to these issues. We also invite you to join the Humane Activist Network, a joint project of The HSUS and The Fund for Animals, and subscribe to *HUMANElines*, a weekly e-mail newsletter that provides breaking news on urgent animal protection issues that need your help. Remember, your active involvement *can* and *does* make the difference for animals. ■



Let your legislators know how you feel about their votes on animal issues.

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