

Union Calendar No. 570

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 224

[Report No. 115-735]

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE 12, 2018

Additional sponsor: Mr. SMUCKER

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Polar Bear Conserva-
5 tion and Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PERMITS FOR IMPORTATION OF POLAR BEAR TRO-**
7 **PHIES TAKEN IN SPORT HUNTS IN CANADA.**

8 Section 104(c)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protec-
9 tion Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374(c)(5)(D)) is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 “(D)(i) The Secretary of the Interior shall, ex-
12 peditiously after the expiration of the applicable 30-
13 day period under subsection (d)(2), issue a permit
14 for the importation of any polar bear part (other
15 than an internal organ) from a polar bear taken in
16 a sport hunt in Canada to any person—

17 “(I) who submits, with the permit applica-
18 tion, proof that the polar bear was legally har-
19 vested by the person before February 18, 1997;
20 or

21 “(II) who has submitted, in support of a
22 permit application submitted before May 15,
23 2008, proof that the polar bear was legally har-
24 vested by the person before May 15, 2008, from
25 a polar bear population from which a sport-

1 hunted trophy could be imported before that
2 date in accordance with section 18.30(i) of title
3 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

4 “(ii) The Secretary shall issue permits under
5 clause (i)(I) without regard to subparagraphs (A)
6 and (C)(ii) of this paragraph, subsection (d)(3), and
7 sections 101 and 102. Sections 101(a)(3)(B) and
8 102(b)(3) shall not apply to the importation of any
9 polar bear part authorized by a permit issued under
10 clause (i)(I). This clause shall not apply to polar
11 bear parts that were imported before June 12, 1997.

12 “(iii) The Secretary shall issue permits under
13 clause (i)(II) without regard to subparagraph (C)(ii)
14 of this paragraph or subsection (d)(3). Sections
15 101(a)(3)(B) and 102(b)(3) shall not apply to the
16 importation of any polar bear part authorized by a
17 permit issued under clause (i)(II). This clause shall
18 not apply to polar bear parts that were imported be-
19 fore the date of enactment of the Polar Bear Con-
20 servation and Fairness Act.”.

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