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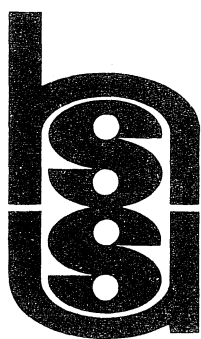
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TO: HSUS Staff & Regional Directors

### BILLS INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESS

#### Dog Fighting

#### S. 193 - Sen. Williams (D-N.J.)

To prohibit the shipment in interstate commerce of dogs intended to be used to fight other dogs for purposes of sport, wagering, or entertainment. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

#### Identical House Bills:

H.R. 139 - Rep. Broomfield (R-Mich.)  
H.R. 1184 - Rep. Yates (D-Ill.)  
H.R. 1245 - Rep. Broyhill (R-N.C.)  
H.R. 1696 - Rep. McClory (R-Ill.)  
H.R. 2309 - Rep. Daniels (D-N.J.)  
H.R. 2536 - Rep. Rodino (D-N.J.)  
H.R. 2676 - Rep. Gaydos (D-Pa.)  
H.R. 2703 - Rep. Mollohan (D-W.Va.)  
H.R. 3168 - Rep. Bell (R-Cal.)

#### Endangered Species

#### S. 229 - Sen. Kennedy (D-Mass.)

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to make it more consistent with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

Identical House Bill: H.R. 2057 - Rep. Studds (D-Mass.)

#### H.R. 7009 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

To create a fund in the Treasury of the United States to be known as the Fund for Endangered Wildlife, to be administered by the Department of the Interior. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

General Animal Welfare Legislation

S. 1651 - Sen. Talmadge (D-Ga.)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and assist the several States in carrying out a program of animal health research. To Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Identical House Bills: H.R. 5602 and H.R. 5603 and H.R. 7135, all by Rep. Melcher (D-Mont.)

H.R. 1152 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

To amend the federal law relating to the care and treatment of animals to broaden the categories of persons regulated under such law, to assure that birds in pet stores and zoos are protected, and to increase protection for animals in transit. To House Committee on Agriculture.

Identical Subsidiary Bills: H.R. 4027, H.R. 4028, and H.R. 4467, all by Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

H.R. 5676 - Rep. Burton (D-Cal.)

To prohibit the importation of pate de foie gras made from the livers of ducks or geese which have been force-fed by mechanical means. To House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 5808 - Rep. Foley (D-Wash.)

To amend the Federal Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended, to assure humane treatment of certain animals, and for other purposes. (Provides for health certification and minimum age requirements for animals traveling in interstate commerce, and prohibits interstate shipment of animals to be used for animal fighting ventures, etc.) To House Committee on Agriculture.

Identical Subsidiary Bills: H.R. 6583 and H.R. 7128, both by Rep. Foley (D-Wash.)

General Environmental Legislation

S. 709 - Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.)

To provide for a comprehensive, long-range, and coordinated national program in marine science, to establish a National Council on Marine Science, Engineering and Resource Development, and an Advisory Panel on Marine Science, Engineering and Resource Development. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

S. 1629 - Sen. Talmadge (D-Ga.)

To extend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for two years. To Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H.R. 3130 - Rep. LaFalce (D-N.Y.)

To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to clarify the procedures therein with respect to the preparation of environmental impact statements. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: H.R. 4159 - Rep. Gilman (R-N.Y.)

H.R. 5511 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended, to provide for certain appointments in the Fish and Wildlife Service to be based on scientific expertise. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 5523 - Rep. Leggett (D-Cal.)

To improve the administration of fish and wildlife programs. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 5915 - Rep. Forsythe (R-N.J.)

To amend the National Environmental Policy Act to provide for the filing of certain supplemental information statements. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 5972 - Rep. Roncalio (D-Wy.)

To amend the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972, and for other purposes. To House Committee on Agriculture,

H.R. 6032 - Rep. McFall (D-Cal.)

To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to provide for the judicial review of environment impact findings made by Federal agencies. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Horses and Burros

S. 811 - Sen. Tunney (D-Cal.)

To amend the Horse Protection Act of 1970 to outlaw the practice of soring the Tennessee Walking Horse and all show horses. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 2935 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

To amend the Federal law relating to the protection, management, and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands and to authorize the Secretary of Interior to use aircraft and motorized vehicles in the management and control of wild, free-roaming horses and burros. To House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Identical Subsidiary Bills: H.R. 4470, H.R. 4577 and H.R. 6793, all by Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

H.R. 3673 - Rep. McEwen (R-N.Y.)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the transportation of horses in commerce, and for other purposes. To House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 6155 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

To amend the Horse Protection Act of 1970, to provide for criminal sanctions for any person who interferes with any person while engaged in the performance of his official duties under this act, and to change the authorization of appropriations. To House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Hunting and Fishing

S.J.R.34 - Sen. McIntyre (D-N.H.)

Asking the President of the United States to declare the fourth Saturday of each September National Hunting and Fishing Day. To Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Identical House Bills:

H.J.R. 209 - Rep. Sikes (D-Fla.)  
H.J.R. 230 - Rep. Gaydos (D-Pa.)  
H.J.R. 232 - Rep. Sikes (D-Fla.)  
H.J.R. 233 - Rep. Sikes (D-Fla.)  
H.J.R. 234 - Rep. Sikes (D-Fla.)  
H.J.R. 235 - Rep. Sikes (D-Fla.)  
H.J.R. 249 - Rep. Cederberg (R-Mich.)  
H.J.R. 256 - Rep. Hammerschmidt (R-Ark.)  
H.J.R. 371 - Rep. Sikes (D-Fla.)

H.R. 6664 - Rep. Findley (R-Ill.)

To prohibit the banning of lead shot for hunting. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: H.R. 6701 - Rep. Giaimo (D-Conn.)

H.R. 6670 - Rep. Harold Johnson (D-Cal.)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit the use of lands of the forest reserves created from public domain for commercial outdoor recreation, and for other purposes. To House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Marine Mammals (See also "Whales")

S. 229 - Sen. Kennedy (D-Mass.)

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to make it more consistent with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

Identical House Bill: H.R. 2057 - Rep. Studds (D-Mass.)

H.R. 1156 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to make a comprehensive study of the dolphin and porpoise for the purpose of developing adequate conservation measures. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 5710 - Rep. Sullivan (D-Mo.)

To authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1976 for the purpose of carrying out Titles I and III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 6282 - Rep. Sullivan (D-Mo.)

To extend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act for 2 years. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Memorial Days (See also "Hunting and Fishing")

H.J.R. 226 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

Asking the President of the United States to declare the 13th day of October 1975, and the 13th day of October of each succeeding year as Animal Welfare Day. To House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

H.J.R. 247 - Rep. Whitten (D-Miss.)

Providing for the designation of the first week in May of each year as Be Kind to Animals Week. To House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: H.J.R. 427 - Rep. Yatron (D-Pa.)

Migratory Birds

H.R. 1516 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to prohibit the baiting of migratory game birds during certain periods, to impose penalties for such baiting, to increase the maximum fines for certain other violations of such Act. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 1521 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

To require a federal permit for the taking of any migratory game birds other than migratory waterfowl. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Predator Control

S. 1222 - Sen. Bayh (D-Ind.)

To authorize a national policy and program with respect to wild predatory mammals; to prohibit the poisoning of mammals and birds on the public lands of the United States; to regulate the manufacture, sale, and possession of certain chemical toxicants. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 1519 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist the states in controlling damage caused by predatory and depredating animals; to establish a program of research concerning the control and conservation of predatory and depredating animals; to restrict the use of toxic chemicals as a method of predator control. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Research Animals

H.R. 4137 - Rep. Esch (R-Mich.)

To prohibit the military departments from using dogs in connection with any research or other activities relating to chemical or biological warfare agents. To House Committee on Armed Services.

H.C.R. 42 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

Pertaining to the methods used on animals in research. (Seeks to determine if new research methods for government projects can be developed which would complement or eliminate current methods involving the direct or indirect use of animals.) To House Committee on Science and Technology.

Identical Subsidiary Bills:

H.C.R. 87 - Rep. Rodino (D-N.J.)  
H.C.R. 229 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

Spaying/Neutering Clinics

H.R. 410 - Rep. Fish (R-N.Y.)

To provide for loans for the establishment or construction, or both, of municipal, low-cost, nonprofit clinics for the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats. To House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Identical Subsidiary Bills:

H.R. 554 - Rep. Koch (D-N.Y.)  
H.R. 2534 - Rep. Rodino (D-N.J.)

Transportation of Animals

H.R. 729 - Rep. John Murphy (D-N.Y.)

To require the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe regulations governing the humane treatment of animals transported in air commerce. To House Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: H.R. 1469 - Rep. Pettis (R-Cal.)

H.R. 1068 - Rep. Sullivan (D-Mo.)

To protect the public health by providing authority to regulate or prohibit the transportation, sale, or other distribution in interstate commerce of live creatures intended to be offered as household pets, if determined to be infected with serious disease injurious to human beings. To House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

H.R. 1592 - Rep. Carney (D-Ohio)

To amend the Act of August 24, 1966, to assure humane treatment of animals in interstate commerce. To House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 3673 - Rep. McEwen (R-N.Y.)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the transportation of horses in commerce, and for other purposes. To House Committee on Agriculture.



Trapping

S. 1223 - Sen. Bayh (D-Ind.)

To ban the use of painful devices in the trapping of mammals and birds. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

Identical House Bills:

H.R. 66 - Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Cal.)  
H.R. 790 - Rep. O'Brien (R-Ill.)  
H.R. 5429 - Rep. Esch (R-Mich.)  
H.R. 6651 - Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Cal.)

S. 1602 - Sen. Mathias (R-Md )

To ban the use of leg-hold or steel jaw traps on animals in the United States. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: S. 1830 - Sen. Williams (D-N.J.)

Identical House Bills:

H.R. 134 - Rep. Broomfield (R-Mich.)  
H.R. 2327 - Rep. Clarence Long (D-Md.)

Whales (See also "Marine Mammals")

S.J.R. 81 - Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.)

A joint resolution to regulate commerce by prohibiting the importation into the United States of any fish or fish products by any foreign enterprise which engages in commercial whaling activities, and for other purposes. To Senate Committee on Commerce and the Committee on Finance, jointly, by unanimous consent.

H.R. 80 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

To protect whales and certain other living marine sources by amending the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 in order to strengthen the import restrictions which may be imposed to deter foreign countries from conducting fishing operations which adversely affect international fishery conservation programs. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Similar House Bill: H.J.R. 32 - Rep. Bell (R-Cal.)

H.C.R. 268 - Rep. Drinan (D-Mass.)

Condemning the killing of whales. To House Committee on International Relations.

H.J.R. 193 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

Calling for a wildlife preserve for Humpback Whales in the West Indies. To House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Identical Subsidiary Bills: H.J.R. 388, H.J.R. 389, and H.J.R. 399, all by Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

H.J.R. 444 - Rep. Bell (R-Cal.)

A joint resolution to save the great whales from extinction by amending the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to impose an embargo on the products of all foreign enterprises engaged in commercial whaling. To House Committee on Ways and Means.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: H.J.R. 448 - Rep. Bell (R-Cal.)

Wildlife Refuges and Habitat

S. 821 - Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.)

To preserve wildlife habitat. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

S. 1268 - Sen. Metcalf (D-Mont.)

To establish congressional policy direction for the administration and management of the National Wildlife Refuge System; to establish the National Wildlife Refuge Service, to provide authority for study, review and establishment of additional units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

S. 1294 - Sen. Metcalf (D-Mont.)

To provide additional funds to the states, for carrying out wildlife restoration projects and programs. To Senate Committee on Commerce.

Identical House Bill: H.R. 1319 - Rep. Karth (D-Minn.)

H.R. 378 - Rep. Chappell (D-Fla.)

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to classify and inventory wetland resources, to measure wetlands degradation, to evaluate the environmental contribution of natural wetlands. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 1522 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

To revise the laws relating to the establishment, administration, and management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, to establish a Bureau of National Wildlife Refuges. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: H.R. 6317 - Rep. Oberstar (D-Minn.)

H.R. 5512 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966. (Aims at preventing the takeover of National Wildlife Refuge lands by the Bureau of Land Management, keeping such lands within the jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Service.) To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Identical Subsidiary Bills:

H.R. 5946 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

H.R. 5947 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

H.R. 6355 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

H.R. 6906 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

Wolves

H.R. 1155 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to make a comprehensive study of the wolf for the purpose of developing adequate conservation measures. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.J.R.89 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

Calling for an immediate moratorium on the killing of the eastern timber wolf. To House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Zoos

H.R. 70 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

To establish a Federal Zoo Accreditation Board in order to insure that zoos and other animal display facilities maintain minimum standards of care for animal inventories, to provide technical and financial assistance to zoos. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: H.R. 6631 - Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.)

H.R. 1154 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

To provide assistance to zoos and aquariums, to establish standards of accreditation for such facilities, and to establish a Federal Zoological and Aquarium Board. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Identical Subsidiary Bill: H.R. 4030 - Rep. Whitehurst (R-Va.)

H.R. 4373 - Rep. Derwinski (R-Ill.)

To provide assistance in improving zoos and aquariums by creating a National Zoological and Aquarium Corporation, and for other purposes. To House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

BILLS LISTED BY NUMBER WITH CROSS REFERENCE TO SUBJECT MATTER

- S. 193 - See "Dog Fighting"
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H.J.R. 448 - See "Whales"

MISCELLANEOUS STATE LEGISLATION, FEDERAL REGULATIONS, ETC.

There is no attempt herein to refer to the hundreds of animal welfare bills being constantly introduced into various of the fifty State legislatures. However, several might receive specific attention herein.

Texas Animal Protection Act

The State of Texas is now in the process of considering a comprehensive Animal Protection Act. The Act would establish an Animal Health Commission which would prescribe and enforce standards for the housing, sanitation and humane care of animals in zoos, pet shops, kennels, riding stables, animal pounds and shelters, research facilities, and wholesale dealers. At the request of Rep. John Wilson, the bill's sponsor, Douglas Scott, Director of The

HSUS Gulf States Regional Office, has put many months of invaluable effort into this bill which, if it passes both houses of the Texas legislature, may well be the most important animal welfare legislation enacted on the State level in 1975.

#### Ohio Trapping Legislation

The Ohio legislature has before it a bill that would outlaw the use of steel jaw leghold traps and all other trapping devices which cause continued suffering to the entrapped animal. John Inman, Jr., Director of The HSUS Great Lakes Regional Office, has followed the progress of the bill closely and has testified in its favor. As a related aside, we would like to note that while HSUS in the past has recommended two alternate trapping bills, HSUS now recommends only the type of bill which would both ban all use of the steel jaw trap, forbid any capturing of animals unless the device or method used is humane, and establish a commission or board to determine whether or not a particular device or method is in fact humane.

#### Animals in Motion Pictures

In California, Senate Bill No. 778, introduced by Senator Roberti, is apparently intended to prohibit the misuse and abuse of animals in motion pictures. The bill as drafted seems to do no such thing. It does not even mention abuse or misuse or cruelty with respect to the making or displaying of motion pictures. It seems to prohibit the showing of pictures which depict the actual and deliberate killing of an animal unless there is an American Humane Association certification that no animal was killed in the making of the movie. To be of value, the bill should simply prohibit the showing of any motion picture where animals were misused or abused in the filming. That would be a valuable addition to the existing California statutes which already prohibit the abuse and misuse of animals whether such abuse takes place in the making of a motion picture or in any other endeavor or enterprise.

Another portion of this bill proposes amending Section 597 of the Penal Code to make it a much more serious crime to mistreat an animal which is the property of another than to mistreat one's own animal. It is hard to see any merit whatsoever in this distinction.

To sum up, it would be very valuable to have a law in California, and, of course, in any and all other States, which banned the showing of any motion picture, videotape, etc., during the making of which animals were mistreated or abused. This plus enforcement of existing anti-cruelty statutes would go a long way toward the early elimination of such abuses.

Turtle Ban Regulations

The United States Food and Drug Administration **has** finally issued regulations prohibiting the sale of pet turtles within the United States because such turtles have been proved transmitters of infectious salmonella to children. The ban will go into effect on June 23, 1975, and is enforced by criminal penalties. After June 23, 1975, all viable turtle eggs or live turtles with a carapace length of less than four inches which are held or offered for sale shall be subject to destruction in a humane manner by officers of the FDA.

The issuance of the regulations (Federal Register, Vol. 40, No. 101, pp. 22543-46, May 23, 1975) was the culmination of a three-year struggle by the FDA with the problem of pet turtles being carriers of salmonella bacteria. HSUS in March of 1974 filed petitions before both the FDA and the Consumer Product Safety Commission in support of banning all pet turtle sales. (See the March 1974 issue of HSUS News for full details) HSUS' primary goal in petitioning FDA and CPSC was to advise the agencies that the method which the pet industry was proposing to lessen the risk of disease, namely keeping the turtles out of water for most of their lives, was ~~previously~~ *grievously* inhumane to the turtle and did not in fact significantly decrease the chances of disease.

HSUS, with the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Mary L. Anderson of Roanoke, Virginia, who has herself been both very active and effective in winning this battle, has kept abreast of the FDA's handling of the problem, and specifically had recently urged the FDA to effect the ban before the June hatching season which would result in a new proliferation of turtles on the market.

HSUS is now concerned with insuring that all turtles which have to be destroyed under FDA order are destroyed in the most humane manner possible. Unfortunately the FDA left the door open for the pet industry to attempt to create a disease-free turtle breeding and distribution scheme, saying that if such a scheme could be developed, the FDA would reconsider the whole matter.

HSUS intends to keep monitoring this situation in an effort to protect the public interest in owning a disease-free pet and to safeguard the welfare of the animals themselves.

Injurious Wildlife Regulations

The Department of the Interior has issued its proposed regulations respecting the importation of wild animals. (See Federal Register, Volume 40, No. 37, February 24, 1975, pp. 7935-43; See also HSUS News, Spring 1975, p. 8 for full discussion of HSUS position.) The final regulations are currently being prepared and should be published in the Federal Register by mid-June, 1975.