112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R.838

To prohibit treatment of gray wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan as endangered species, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Mr. KLINE (for himself, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. CRAVAACK, Mr. PETRI, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

- To prohibit treatment of gray wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan as endangered species, and for other purposes.
 - 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 "Western Great Lakes
- 5 Wolf Management Act of 2011".

6 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

- 7 In this Act:
- 8 (1) STATE.—The term "State" means each of
- 9 the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

(2) WOLF.—The term "wolf" means any spe cies, subspecies, or population segment of Canis
 lupus.

4 SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF WOLVES IN MIN5 NESOTA, WISCONSIN, AND MICHIGAN UNDER 6 THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.

Any wolf in Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Michigan shall
not be treated under any status of the Endangered Species
Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), including as an
endangered species, a threatened species, an essential experimental population, or a nonessential experimental population.

13 SEC. 4. STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

(a) STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.—Each State
shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the management of
wolves within the borders of that State.

(b) PROTECTION BY STATES.—Nothing in this Act
shall preclude any State from providing protections to
wolves equivalent to those protections provided by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(c) REIMBURSEMENT BY STATES.—Nothing in this
Act shall preclude any State from reimbursing the owner
of livestock for any loss of livestock that results from dep-

- 1 $\,$ redation by wolves, or that derives from wolves, that were
- 2 introduced into the wild.