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To prohibit the export of American black bear viscera, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BENTLEY (for herself, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. LEWIS of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and Ways and Means

A BILL

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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 “Black Bear Protection
5 Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF AMERICAN BLACK**
7 **BEAR VISCERA.**

8 The Secretary of Commerce shall exercise the au-
9 thorities the Secretary has under the Export Administra-

1 tion Act of 1979 to prohibit the export from the United
2 States of American black bear viscera.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORT BY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**

4 The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the
5 Secretary of the Treasury, shall prepare and submit to
6 the Congress, not later than 180 days after the date of
7 the enactment of this Act, a report that describes—

8 (1) the effectiveness of the computerized infor-
9 mation system or any other system of the Fish and
10 Wildlife Service or the United States Customs Serv-
11 ice that records data on the importation or expor-
12 tation of wildlife body parts, specifically of the
13 American black bear, to and from the United States;
14 and

15 (2) any plans of the Fish and Wildlife Service
16 to monitor the illegal movement of, or commercial
17 activity in, American black bear viscera or other
18 American black bear body parts.

19 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.**

20 The United States Trade Representative shall discuss
21 the issues involving trade in American black bear viscera
22 with the appropriate representatives of those countries
23 trading with the United States who are determined jointly
24 by the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to be the
25 leading importers of American black bear viscera.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

2 As used in this Act, the term “American black bear
3 viscera” means the gall bladder or any internal organs of
4 an American black bear (*Ursus Americanus*).

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