

colleagues to support strict immigration reform in the interest of national security.

SECURE THE BORDERS FIRST

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, we are seeing it everywhere we go and we are hearing it from all of our constituents every time we go home, every time we hold a town hall meeting, and every time we show up in a local community: illegal entry into this country and the presence of those who have made a decision to break the law to come here.

Illegal immigration is an issue to be addressed, and here it is on the front page of *The Washington Post*. Twelve hundred miles from the border, U.S. border town, yes, indeed, by those individuals who would choose to enter the country illegally. Every town has become a border town and every State has become a border State.

I encourage our colleagues to hang tough in this debate and stay with the House bill where we secure the border first.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2006

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4075) to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to provide for better understanding and protection of marine mammals, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4075

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2006".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to such section or other provision of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.).

SEC. 3. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) COMMITTEE REFERENCES.—The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C.

1361 et seq.) is amended by striking "Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries" each place it appears and inserting "Committee on Resources".

(b) OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO SECTION.—Section 118(c)(3)(A)(i) (16 U.S.C. 1387(c)(3)(A)(i)) is amended by striking "except that" and all that follows through "is valid".

SEC. 4. LIMITED AUTHORITY TO EXPORT MARINE MAMMAL PRODUCTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(6) (16 U.S.C. 1371(a)(6)) is amended by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C), and by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

"(B) A marine mammal product may be exported from the United States if the product—

"(i) is legally possessed, and exported by, a citizen of the United States for noncommercial purposes in conjunction with travel outside the United States and the product is imported into the United States by the same person upon the termination of travel;

"(ii) is legally possessed, and exported by, a person that is not a citizen of the United States for noncommercial purposes;

"(iii) is legally possessed and exported as part of a cultural exchange, by an Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo residing in Alaska; or

"(iv) is owned by a Native inhabitant of Russia, Canada, or Greenland and is exported for noncommercial purposes—

"(I) in conjunction with, and upon the completion of, travel within the United States; or

"(II) as part of a cultural exchange with an Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo residing in Alaska."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 101(a)(6)(A)(i) (16 U.S.C. 1371(a)(6)(A)(i)) is amended by inserting "for noncommercial purposes" after "United States" the first place it appears.

SEC. 5. CAPTIVE RELEASE PROHIBITION.

Section 102(a) (16 U.S.C. 1372(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4) by striking "subsection 104(c); and" and inserting "section 104(c);";

(2) in paragraph (5) by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(6) for any person that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to release any captive marine mammal unless specifically authorized to do so under section 104(c)(3)(A), 104(c)(4)(A), or 109(h), except that this paragraph shall not apply to the temporary release of any marine mammal that is maintained in captivity under section 7524 of title 10, United States Code (including any progeny of a marine mammal maintained under that section)."

SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT.

Section 103(f) (16 U.S.C. 1373(f)) is amended in the first sentence, by inserting "and notwithstanding Public Law 104-66" after "thereafter".

SEC. 7. PERMIT CLARIFICATIONS.

(a) CLARIFICATIONS.—Section 104 (16 U.S.C. 1374) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (c)(7) is amended by inserting "notwithstanding any other provision of law" after "requesting the permit".

(2) Subsection (c)(9) is amended to read as follows:

"(9)(A) No marine mammal may be exported—

"(i) for the purpose of public display, unless the Secretary of Agriculture evaluates and verifies, and thereafter notifies the Secretary, that the receiving facility meets standards that are comparable to the requirements that a person must meet to receive a permit under this subsection for that purpose; or

"(ii) for the purpose of scientific research or enhancing the survival or recovery of a

species or stock, unless the receiving facility meets standards that are comparable to the requirements that a person must meet to receive a permit under this subsection for that purpose.

"(B) The Secretary may not require or request, through comity or any other means, that any marine mammal or its progeny remain subject to the jurisdiction of the United States when located in waters or on lands that are subject to the jurisdiction of another country."

(3) Subsection (c)(10) is amended—

(A) in the first sentence by inserting "held within the lands and waters of the United States" after "marine mammals" each place it appears;

(B) by inserting after the first sentence the following: "The Secretary shall update the inventory on an annual basis."; and

(C) in subparagraph (D) by inserting "ownership, or other" after "date of".

(b) REVIEW AND REPORT REGARDING INVENTORY.—

(1) REVIEW.—The Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior shall, by not later than 12 months after date of the enactment of this Act, jointly conduct a review of the inventory maintained under section 104(c)(10) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374(c)(10)), the use of the information in the inventory, and the costs, benefits, and issues associated with the development of an online inventory.

(2) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the review, the Secretary shall consult and solicit input from persons who are required to provide information for the inventory.

(3) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit a report to Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the findings of the review under this subsection. The report shall include the following:

(A) Recommendations on whether the inventory should be maintained by the Secretary or by another person under contract.

(B) How the Secretary would oversee maintenance of the inventory carried out under contract.

(C) How public access and access by Federal agencies to the inventory can be maintained if the inventory is maintained under contract.

(D) How the Secretary can minimize duplication on the information the Secretary receives from public display facilities and reduce the paper work burden on those facilities.

(E) An estimate of the cost of maintaining the inventory.

(F) A description of how the Secretary will ensure the secure maintenance of the data in the inventory.

(G) An analysis of the potential that online availability of the information in the inventory could adversely affect the safety of the animals.

(c) LIMITATION ON NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section 104(c) (16 U.S.C. 1374(c)) is amended in paragraph (2)(E) in the first sentence, and in paragraph (8)(B)(i)(II), by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", except that if the transport is for purposes of public display and the transfer is between facilities where the ownership and care of the marine mammal will be under the same license or registration issued under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) then only a notice of transport is required".

SEC. 8. FINES AND PENALTIES.

(a) FINES AND PENALTIES, GENERALLY.—Section 105 (16 U.S.C. 1375) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1) by striking "\$10,000" and inserting "\$20,000"; and

(2) in subsection (b) by striking "\$20,000" and inserting "\$30,000".