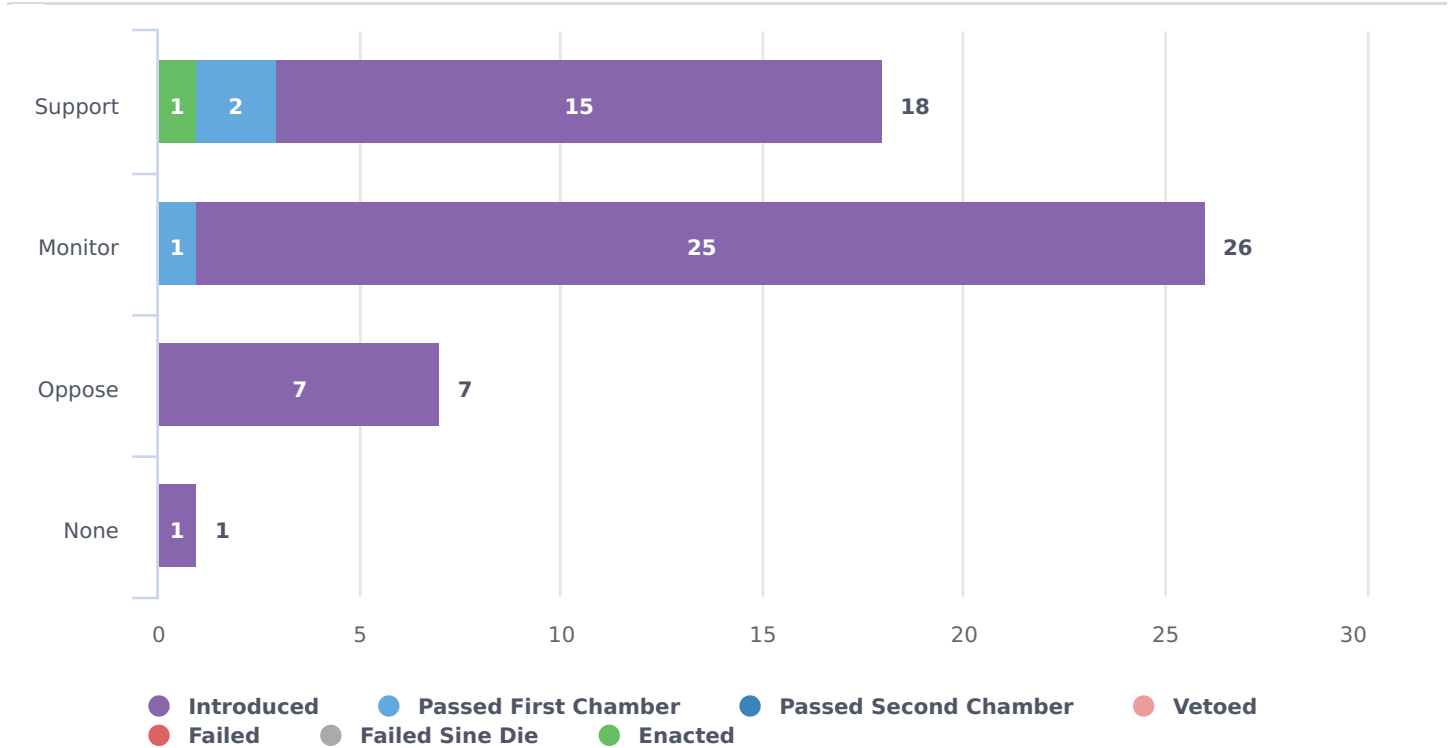


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Bills by Last Status and Position



Bill State: US (52)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 94	Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Wildlife And Fisheries 2023 02 21	In House	Monitor	High

Title
American Sovereignty and Species Protection Act

Description
American Sovereignty and Species Protection Act This bill limits the protection of endangered or threatened species to species that are native to the United States. In addition, the bill prohibits certain funding for endangered or threatened species from being used to acquire lands, waters, or other interests in foreign countries.

Primary Sponsors
Andy Biggs

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The "American Sovereignty and Species Protection Act" amends the Endangered Species Act to prevent a species that is not native to the United States from being listed as an endangered or threatened species. Adds a new subsection (D) Not Native Species to Section 4(a)(2) of the ESA to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may not determine that a species is an endangered or a threatened species if such species in not native to the United States.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

Labels: APPA Issue Birds Bob Likins Fish Herps Level 2

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 99	Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Wildlife And Fisheries 2023 02 21	In House	Monitor	Medium

Title
LIST Act of 2023

Description
Less Imprecision in Species Treatment Act of 2023 or the LIST Act of 2023 This bill revises the process for removing a species from the endangered or threatened species lists. A species must be removed from the endangered or threatened species lists if the Department of the Interior produces or receives substantial scientific or commercial information demonstrating that the species is recovered or that recovery goals set for the species have been met. The publication and notice of a proposed regulation to remove a species from the lists must consist solely of a notice of the removal. The bill establishes a process for removing species from the lists if they were erroneously or wrongfully listed. The bill prohibits a person from submitting a petition to list a species as a threatened or endangered species for 10 years if the person knowingly submitted a petition with information that was inaccurate beyond scientifically reasonable margins of error, fraudulent, or misrepresentative.

Primary Sponsors
Andy Biggs

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 13, 2023, 10:06 PM

The "Less Imprecision in Species Treatment Act of 2023" or the "LIST Act of 2023" amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for improved precision in the listing, delisting, and downlisting of endangered and potentially endangered species. Adds requirement for the Secretary to initiate delisting of a species if the Department of the Interior has produced or received substantial scientific or commercial information demonstrating that the species is recovered or that recovery goals have been met. Adds provisions for cases of erroneously or wrongfully-listed species. Provides for expanded consideration during the 5-year review of a listed species.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

Labels: Birds Bob Likins Fish Herps Level 3

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 208	Referred To The House Committee On Agriculture 2023 01 09	In House	Monitor	Low

Title

Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2023

Description

Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2023 This bill revises requirements concerning the sources of dogs and cats used by research facilities. Specifically, the bill revises the list of permissible sources of dogs and cats used by research facilities to include dogs and cats obtained (1) from a licensed dealer, (2) from a publicly owned and operated pound or shelter that meets specified requirements, (3) by donation from a person who bred and raised the dog or cat or owned it for not less than one year, or (4) from a research facility licensed by the Department of Agriculture. The requirements pertaining to sources apply to dogs and cats obtained through sales, donations, or offers. Monetary penalties are established for violations.

Primary Sponsors

Chris Smith

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jan 13, 2023, 10:22 PM

The "Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2023" amends Title 7 U.S.C 2137 of the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally. Provides that permissible sources of dogs and cats for animal research facilities are: 1) Dealers licensed under Section 2133 of the Animal Welfare Act; 2) Publicly owned and operated pounds or shelters that are: a) registered with the Secretary; b) in compliance with requirements for dealers; c) obtained the dog or cat from its legal owner, other than a pound or shelter; 3) A person that: a) bred and raised the dog or cat; or b) owned the dog or cat for not less than 1 year immediately preceding the donation; 4) A licensed research facility; and 5) A Federally-licensed research facility.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

Labels: Dogs Level 5

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 518	Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Wildlife And Fisheries 2023 02 21	In House	Support	High

Title

Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act of 2023

Description

Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act of 2023 This bill revises requirements concerning determinations on whether a species is a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) and caps attorney's fees to prevailing parties in ESA citizen suits. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must publish online, subject to privacy or administrative limitations, the best scientific and commercial data available that are the basis for each determination. The bill states that the term best scientific and commercial data available includes all data submitted by a state, tribal, or county government. Thus, the USFWS and NMFS would no longer consider whether data from those sources are the best scientific and commercial data available. Instead, the data would be automatically deemed the best scientific and commercial data available regardless of the quality of the data. Before making a determination on whether a species is an endangered or threatened species, the USFWS and NMFS must provide affected states with all of the data that is the basis of the determination. The Department of the Interior must also publish and maintain an online searchable database that discloses federal expenditures related to litigation under the ESA.

Primary Sponsors

Tom McClintock

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The "Endangered Species Transparency & Reasonableness Act of 2023" would amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determination that species are endangered or threatened. Provides that the Secretary shall make publicly available on the Internet the best scientific and commercial data available that are the basis for each regulation, including each proposed regulation, promulgated under subsection (a)(1), except that, at the request of a Governor or legislature of a State, the Secretary shall not make available under this paragraph information regarding which the State has determined public disclosure is prohibited by a law of that State relating to the protection of personal information. Adds provision that the term "best scientific and commercial data available" includes all such data submitted by a State, tribal or county government.

Introduction Date: 2023-01-25

Labels: APPA Issue Birds Bob Likins Fish Herps Level 2

Title

Healthy Dog Importation Act

Description

Healthy Dog Importation Act This bill imposes requirements on the importation of live dogs. Specifically, the bill prohibits the importation of a live dog into the United States unless the Department of Agriculture (USDA) determines the dog (1) is in good health; (2) has received all necessary vaccinations, internal and external parasite treatment, and demonstrated negative test results as evidenced by a certificate from a licensed veterinarian; and (3) is officially identified by a permanent method approved by USDA. Additionally, dogs entering the United States for transfer must be at least six months of age and accompanied by a USDA permit. Transfer is defined as a change of ownership or control of an imported dog to another person, including by sale, adoption, exchange, or donation. USDA must provide an exception to any requirements under the bill for dogs that are transferred for (1) research purposes; (2) veterinary treatment under certain conditions, including appropriate quarantining; or (3) lawful importation into the state of Hawaii if the dog is not transported out of Hawaii for transfer at less than six months of age. USDA also has enforcement authority under the bill.

Primary Sponsors

Dusty Johnson

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The "Healthy Dog Importation Act" amends the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.) by adding a new Section 10404A (Importation of Live Dogs) to provide for certain restrictions and requirements for importing dogs into the United States. Provides that no person shall import a dog into the U.S. unless, as determined by the Secretary, the dog: a) Is in good health; b) Has received all necessary vaccinations and demonstrated negative test results required by the Secretary, as evidenced by a certificate; and c) Is officially identified by a permanent method approved by the Secretary. Provides that no person shall import or cause the transportation of a dog into the U.S. from a foreign country for the purpose of transfer unless, as determined by the Secretary, the dog: a) Meets the criteria specified above; b) Is at least 6 months old; and c) Is accompanied by an import permit issued by the Secretary under this Act. Provides certain exceptions for dogs imported for purposes of transfer for: a) Research purposes; b) Veterinary treatment; and c) Lawful importation of dogs less than 6 months of age into State of Hawaii (if not transported out of state for resale). Provides that the Secretary, the Secretary of Health & Human Services, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall promulgate such regulations (to include fees, permits and inspection requirements) as the Secretaries determine to be necessary to implement and enforce this section. Provides that an importer who fails to comply with this section shall be subject to certain penalties and if such importer is a dealer, provide, as the Secretary may determine, at the expense of the importer, for the care (including appropriate veterinary care), forfeiture, quarantine, and removal from the United States and return to its place of export with due care for the welfare of each applicable dog. Amends Section 2143 (Standards and certification process for humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals) of the Animal Welfare Act by inserting "importer" and "transporter" into the transportation standards (currently just intermediate handlers, air carriers, or other carriers of animals). Provides that not later than 18 months after enactment, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue final regulations to implement the amendments made by this Act, including the verification upon arrival that each dog being imported into the United States from a foreign country meets all applicable importation requirements and the denial of entry into the United States of any dog that fails to meet such requirements. For purposes of this section: "Importer" means any person who transports or causes the transportation of a dog into the United States from a foreign country. "Sell" or "Resell" means transfer of ownership or control of an animal, including by sale, adoption, exchange, or donation. "Transfer" means a change of ownership or control of an imported dog to another person, including by sale, adoption, exchange, or donation. "Transporter" means any person, department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or of any State or local government, other than a carrier or intermediate handler, who receives an animal from any importer, dealer, research facility, exhibitor, operator of an auction sale, or department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or of any State or local government and receives compensation for moving such animal in commerce.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-24

Labels: APPA Issue Canine Subcommittee CFA Issue Dogs Level 2 Mike Bober

Title

Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023

Description

Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023 This bill reauthorizes the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to collect fees for brand-name and generic animal drug applications through FY2028. It also makes related updates to fee calculations and FDA reporting requirements. The bill also (1) provides for a specific fee for requests to establish generic investigational new animal drug files and requires other application fees to be adjusted accordingly; (2) authorizes the FDA to remove species from the definition of major species (currently horses, dogs, cats, cattle, pigs, chickens, and turkeys); and (3) provides statutory authority for the FDA to report on its progress supporting antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings (i.e., supporting responsible use of antimicrobial drugs for animals to slow the development of drug-resistant bacteria). Animal drugs are drugs that are intended for animals other than humans (e.g., pets and livestock). Animal drugs must be approved by the FDA before they may be offered on the commercial market. The FDA is authorized to collect fees for animal drug applications in order to support its regulatory activities; this authority currently expires at the end of FY2023.

Primary Sponsors

Greg Pence

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Oct 4, 2023, 1:28 PM

The "Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023" (AGDUFA) amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs. Establishes a short title - "Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023" - and provides that the fees authorized by the amendments in the title will go toward expediting the animal generic drug development process and the review of abbreviated, supplemental abbreviated, and investigational generic new drug submissions as set forth in the commitment letter submitted to the Congressional Record. Reauthorizes the authority to collect fees at a higher level beginning in 2024 through October 1, 2028. Maintains the existing reauthorization process and reporting requirements. Provides that not later than December 31, 2023, the Secretary of Health & Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall submit to the Committee on Energy & Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions of the Senate a report describing: (1) Activities conducted by the Center for Veterinary Medicine of the Food & Drug Administration during the period of fiscal years 2019 through 2023 to support antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings, including ongoing activities and the targeted completion date of such activities; and (2) With respect to antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings: (A) The goals of the Center regarding supporting antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings; (B) Activities the Center plans to execute during the period of fiscal years 2024 through 2028 to support such goals, including targeted completion dates for such activities; and (C) Metrics the Center plans to use to evaluate progress toward its goals regarding supporting antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-07

Labels:

APPA Issue

General

Level 3

Manufacturer-Distributor Subcommittee

Mike Bober

Zoonosis Subcommittee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 1465	Referred To The Subcommittee On Livestock Dairy And Poultry 2023 04 04	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
Violet's Law

Description

Violet's Law This bill requires federal research facilities to facilitate the adoption or nonlaboratory placement of dogs, cats, nonhuman primates, guinea pigs, hamsters, and rabbits with animal rescue organizations, animal sanctuaries, animal shelters, or individuals. In order to be adopted or placed, the animals must no longer be needed for research and be suitable for release. To be suitable for release, the animal must be free of any infectious disease or physical abnormality that would endanger the animal, other animals, or public health.

Primary Sponsors

Nancy Mace

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 23, 2023, 2:51 PM

"Violet's Law" amends the Animal Welfare Act to allow for the adoption or non-laboratory placement of certain animals used in Federal research. Provides that any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States operating as a Federal research facility shall, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, promulgate standards and other requirements that, in the determination of the department, agency, or instrumentality, facilitates the adoption or non-laboratory placement of any animal of the facility no longer needed for research and determined to be suitable for release to an animal rescue organization, animal sanctuary, animal shelter, or individual. For purposes of this section: "Eligible animal" means any dog, cat, nonhuman primate, guinea pig, hamster, or rabbit. "Suitable for release" means an eligible animal that has been evaluated and has received a certificate issued by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine, certifying that they inspected the eligible animal on a specified date that is not more than ten days before such animal is released, and when so inspected, the eligible animal appeared free of any infectious disease or physical abnormality which would endanger the eligible animal, other animals, or public health.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-08

Labels: Cats CFA Issue Dogs Level 4
Small Animals

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 1480	Ordered To Be Reported Amended By Voice Vote 2023 05 11	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
Beagle Brigade Act of 2023

Description

Beagle Brigade Act of 2023 This bill provides statutory authority for the National Detector Dog Training Center that is operated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the Department of Agriculture. The center trains dogs to inspect passenger baggage, cargo, mailed packages, and vehicles to detect foreign pests and diseases that threaten domestic agriculture and natural resources. The bill also requires APHIS to report to Congress on (1) current and emerging threats to domestic agricultural and natural resources from foreign pests and diseases, and (2) recommendations to improve the center's capabilities and procedures.

Primary Sponsors

Sanford Bishop

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Apr 6, 2023, 2:09 PM

The "Beagle Brigade Act of 2023" authorizes the the National Detector Dog Training Center to: (1) Train dogs for the purpose of safeguarding domestic agricultural and natural resources from foreign and invasive pests and diseases; and (2) Train human handlers to successfully select and train dogs. Provides that the Center shall: (1) Collaborate with relevant Federal agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to safeguard domestic agricultural and natural resources; (2) Collaborate with external stakeholders, including State departments of agriculture, local and county agricultural officials, private sector entities, and other relevant non-Federal partners; (3) Ensure the health and welfare of all dogs under the care of the Center, including by ensuring access to necessary veterinary care, adequate shelter, and proper nutrition; and (4) Provide opportunities for private adoption of retirement-age trained dogs and dogs that do not complete training. Provides that not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, shall submit to Congress a report on the program.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-09

Labels: Dogs Level 4

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 1558	Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Wildlife And Fisheries 2023 03 22	In House	Support	High

Title
SAVES Act

Description

Saving America's Vulnerable Endangered Species Act or the SAVES Act This bill limits the protection of endangered and threatened species to species that are native to the United States, thus removing protection given to nonnative species in the United States that are listed as threatened or endangered.

Primary Sponsors
Nathaniel Moran

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The "Saving America's Vulnerable Endangered Species Act" (SAVES Act) amends the ESA of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the U.S. shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act. Adds a new Section 13 (Limitation on treatment of certain species as endangered species or threatened species) to provide that species in the United States that are not native to the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of this Act.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-10

Labels: APPA Issue Birds Bob Likins Fish Herp Subcommittee Herps Level 1

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 1624	Referred To The Subcommittee On Livestock Dairy And Poultry 2023 04 19	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Puppy Protection Act of 2023

Description

Puppy Protection Act of 2023 This bill requires the Department of Agriculture to expand standards that govern the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals to include new requirements for commercial dog dealers. Specifically, the standards must require dog dealers to provide to dogs * adequate housing, exercise, and veterinary care; * appropriate and nutritious food; * continuous access to potable water; and * meaningful socialization with humans and compatible dogs for at least 30 minutes each day. The standards must also include requirements for breeders to use safe breeding practices and make all reasonable efforts to find humane placement for retired breeding dogs.

Primary Sponsors
Brian Fitzpatrick

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 21, 2023, 6:36 PM

The "Puppy Protection Act of 2023" amends Sections 2132 (Definitions) and 2143 (Standards and certification process for humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals) of the Animal Welfare Act to further provide for the humane treatment of dogs by dog dealers. Provides additional primary enclosure standards to include: 1) completely solid flooring; 2) individual space requirements for dogs (which almost double the current AWA standards); and 3) temperature control of between 45 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Provides requirements for: 1) unfettered access to outdoor exercise; 2) socialization; and 3) veterinary care. Provides for safe breeding practices to include: 1) a disease screening program; and 2) age requirements/thresholds for breeding of female dogs. Requires reasonable efforts to find humane placement for retired breeding dogs (such as with an adoptive family, rescue organization, or other appropriate owner for that dog, and not including selling at auction or otherwise placing a retired breeding dog with another breeder for breeding purposes). Adds definition for "dealer facility". Provides that the Secretary of Agriculture issue final regulations for standards of care in dealer facilities not later than 18 months after passage of this Act. For purposes of this section: "Dealer" means any person who, in commerce, for compensation or profit, delivers for transportation, or transports, except as a carrier, buys, or sells, or negotiates the purchase or sale of, (1) any dog or other animal whether alive or dead for research, teaching, exhibition, or use as a pet, or (2) any dog for hunting, security, or breeding purposes. Such term does not include a retail pet store (other than a retail pet store which sells any animals to a research facility, an exhibitor, or another dealer). "Dealer facility" means any facility used by a dealer in commerce to, for compensation or profit, deliver for transportation, transport (except as a carrier), buy, sell, or negotiate the purchase or sale of, any dog.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-17

Labels: APPA Issue Canine Subcommittee CFA Issue Dogs Level 2

Title

Generic Animal Drug Advancement Act

Description

Generic Animal Drug Advancement Act This bill allows for the approval and corresponding labeling of generic animal drugs that are bioequivalent to another approved drug with respect to at least one species, rather than with respect to all of the same species. (Animal drugs are drugs that are intended for animals other than humans (e.g., pets and livestock). Animal drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration before they may be offered on the commercial market.)

Primary Sponsors

Nancy Mace

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Apr 6, 2023, 12:55 PM

The "Generic Animal Drug Advancement Act" amends Title 21 (Food & Drugs), Chapter 9 (Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act), Subchapter V (Drugs and Devices), Section 360b (New Animal Drugs) of U.S. Code to expand pathways for generic animal drugs to be approved as combination products and update FDA animal drug labeling requirements to allow generic animal drugs to gain approval for single species, rather than all species labeled on a pioneer drug. Amends subsection (n) Abbreviated Applications for New Animal Drugs; Contents; Filing; Etc.; Lists of Approved Drugs to add the provision that an abbreviated application for a new animal drug need not show that the new animal drug is bioequivalent to all of the species for which the approved new animal drug is approved for use. For purposes of this section: "Bioequivalent" means, in establishing whether a new animal drug is bioequivalent to an approved new animal drug—(A) demonstrating bioequivalence in at least one major species for which the approved new animal drug is approved for use; or (B) in the case that an approved new animal drug is not approved for use in any major species, demonstrating bioequivalence in at least one species for which the approved new animal drug is approved for use.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-21

Labels: APPA Issue General Level 4

Title
Goldie's Act

Description

Goldie's Act This bill expands enforcement provisions under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). Specifically, the bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to document and record detailed descriptions of violations of the act observed during inspections and investigations. USDA must provide a copy of all records documenting violations to state, local, and municipal animal control or law enforcement officials within 24 hours of such inspections or investigations. Inspections must be held at least once a year of each research facility, the premises of each animal dealer, and each exhibitor of animals. If violations are found during inspections, then USDA must conduct any necessary follow-up inspections until all the violations are corrected. Inspectors must confiscate or destroy in a humane manner animals found to be suffering physical or psychological harm as a result of failure to comply with the AWA. Violators are subject to civil penalties as outlined in the bill.

Primary Sponsors
Nicole Malliotakis

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 31, 2023, 1:24 PM
"Goldie's Act" amends the Animal Welfare Act to require that USDA have access to breeding facilities at all reasonable times, make inspections at least once a year, and record all violations. Adds new definition for "violation" to Section 2132 (Definitions) to mean: "with respect to a provision of this Act or any regulation or standard issued thereunder, any deficiency, deviation, or other failure to comply with any regulation." Amends Section 2146(a) (Searchable Database Requirements) by adding new subsections: Allowing the Secretary of USDA to determine whether any dealer, exhibitor, intermediate handler, carrier, research facility or operator of an auction sale has violated or is violating any provision or standard of this act. Requiring the inspectors to document and record a detailed description of any violation noted during the inspections. Inspectors should also conduct any follow-up inspections necessary until all violations are corrected. Requiring inspectors to confiscate or destroy in a humane manner any animal found upon discovery during inspection to be suffering from physical or psychological harm as a result of the person's failure to comply with this standard. Amends Section 2145 (Consultation and Cooperation with Federal State and Local Governmental Bodies by Secretary of Agriculture) by adding a new subsection requiring that the Secretary must provide a copy of all records documenting any violation identified in the inspection to animal control or law enforcement officials of appropriate jurisdiction within 24 hours of the inspection or investigation. Amends Section 2149 (Violations by Licensees) by adding new subsections which provide: Penalties may not exceed \$10,000 per violation. The Secretary should also order the person cease and desist from continuing the violation. Each violation and day during which the violation continues will constitute a separate offense. No penalty will be assessed unless the person is given notice and opportunity to be heard with respect to the violation. The cease-and-desist order from the Secretary is final and conclusive UNLESS the affected person files an appeal. A hearing must be conducted by at minimum, one veterinarian, two additional animal care specialists or directors. The hearing should take place within 21 days after the notice of the violation has been delivered- UNLESS the secretary identifies a reason to extend the deadline. Penalties must be calculated on a per animal and per violation basis- and the final monetary penalty and may not be reduced by 10% or more of the total. USDA must designate a responsible party within USDA to establish penalty guidelines for violations and verify the department adheres to those guidelines. Any failure to pay the penalty will allow the Secretary to request the Attorney General to institute a civil action in court to collect the penalty and receive further action. Any person who knowingly fails to obey a cease-and-desist order will be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,500.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-24

Labels: APPA Issue Canine Subcommittee
CFA Issue Communications Dogs Level 1
Mike Bober

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 2459	Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Wildlife And Fisheries 2023 05 08	In House	Monitor	Low

Title

Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors

Ed Case

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Apr 13, 2023, 2:47 PM

The "Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2023" would establish a competitive grant program to support the conservation and recovery of native plant and animal species in the State of Hawaii. Provides that not later than 180 days after the date on which amounts are appropriated to carry out this Act, the Secretary shall establish a grant program, to be known as the "Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Grant Program". Provides that the grant program shall identify priorities and provide funding and technical assistance to carry out coordinated, science-based conservation and recovery projects in the State: (1) To prevent and mitigate the introduction and spread of invasive species, pests, and diseases that threaten native species; (2) To address the ecological consequences of climate change on native species; (3) To address loss and degradation of native species' habitats; (4) To manage, maintain, and restore populations of native species; (5) To increase scientific capacity to support the planning, monitoring, and research activities necessary for the conservation and recovery of native species; (6) To improve information collection, ecological monitoring, and management relating to the activities described in paragraphs (1) through (5); and (7) To engage the public through outreach, education, and community involvement to increase capacity and support for the conservation and recovery of native species in the State. Provides that the Secretary, in carrying out the grant program, shall consult with Native Hawaiian organizations with respect to any project that receives funding under the grant program with implications for the Native Hawaiian Community.

Introduction Date: 2023-04-03

Labels: Birds Fish Herps Level 4

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 2878	Referred To The Subcommittee On Health 2023 04 28	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
CARE Act of 2023

Description
Companion Animal Release from Experiments Act of 2023 or the CARE Act of 2023 This bill requires, as a condition of receiving funding from the National Institutes of Health, entities that carry out animal-based research to establish adoption policies for dogs, cats, and rabbits when they are no longer used for research. It also limits, under certain conditions, an entity's liability related to these adoptions.

Primary Sponsors
Tony Cardenas

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Apr 27, 2023, 5:44 PM
The "Companion Animal Release from Experiments Act of 2023" or the "CARE Act of 2023" would require research facilities that use companion dogs, cats, or rabbits for research purposes and receive funding from the National Institutes of Health to offer such animals for adoption after completion of such research. Provides that certain research facilities develop and implement policies for the adoption of dogs, cats, or rabbits no longer needed for biomedical and behavioral research to include making reasonable efforts to offer for adoption any dog, cat, or rabbit deemed suitable for adoption, either through (I) private placement; (II) an animal shelter; or (III) an animal adoption organization. Provides for recordkeeping requirements and for certain immunity for research facilities. For purposes of this section: "Animal adoption organization" means an organization that (A) Rescues animals in need and finds permanent, adoptive homes for such animals; (B) Is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and (C) Is exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code. "Animal shelter means a facility that (A) Accepts or seizes animals to care for such animals; and (B) Places such animals in a permanent adoptive home.

Introduction Date: 2023-04-26

Labels: APPA Issue Cats CFA Issue Dogs
Level 4

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 2881	Referred To The Subcommittee On Conservation Research And Biotechnology 2023 06 01	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
Hawaii Invasive Species Protection Act

Primary Sponsors
Ed Case

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at May 8, 2023, 1:01 PM
The "Hawaii Invasive Species Protection Act" amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 by requiring preclearance quarantine inspections for all movement to or from the State of Hawaii by either domestic or international travel. Provides that the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service and in consultation with the government of Hawaii, shall develop a list of items subject to inspection for purposes of screening for high-risk invasive species and agricultural materials. Provides that not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Hawaii Invasive Species Protection Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service and in cooperation with the government of Hawaii, shall publish in the Federal Register the list of items subject to inspection for purposes of screening for high-risk invasive species and agricultural materials. Requires preclearance inspections (visual, x-ray and canine) of persons, baggage, cargo, and any other articles destined for direct movement to or from the State of Hawaii by either domestic or international travel for high-risk invasive species and agricultural materials.

Introduction Date: 2023-04-26

Labels: APPA Issue General Level 4

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 3363	Referred To The Subcommittee On Health 2023 06 02	In House	Monitor	Low

Title
VA Canine Reporting Act of 2023

Description
VA Canine Reporting Act of 2023 This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to report on the average time it took to provide a veteran with a service or guide dog in the prior year. The report must also include legislative recommendations to reduce such wait time.

Primary Sponsors
Monica De La Cruz

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The "VA Canine Reporting Act of 2023" amends Title 38 (Veterans' Benefits), Part II (General Benefits), Chapter 17 (Hospital, Nursing Home, Domiciliary, and Medical Care), Section 1714 (Fitting and training in use of prosthetic appliances; guide dogs; service dogs) of U.S. Code to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report annually to Congress on the average time to provide a veteran with a service dog or a guide dog. Adds provision that, not less than annually, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report, including: (1) The average time to provide a veteran with a service dog or a guide dog in the prior year; and (2) Legislative recommendations of the Secretary to reduce the wait time for a veteran to be provided with a service dog or a guide dog.

Introduction Date: 2023-05-16

Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue Dogs Level 4

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 3419	Referred To The Subcommittee On Livestock Dairy And Poultry 2023 06 23	In House	Monitor	Medium

Title
Foreign Animal Disease Prevention, Surveillance, and Rapid Response Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Ronny Jackson

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at May 24, 2023, 3:05 PM
The "Foreign Animal Disease Prevention, Surveillance, and Rapid Response Act of 2023" amends the Animal Health Protection Act to reauthorize the animal disease prevention and management programs. Amends Title 7 (Agriculture), Chapter 109 (Animal Health Protection), Section 8308a (Animal Disease Prevention and Management), Subsection d (Funding) of U.S. Code to reauthorize and increase funding (for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2028) for: (1) The National Animal Health Laboratory Network; (2) The National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program; and (3) The National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank. For purposes of this section: "National Animal Health Laboratory Network" is a network established by the Secretary of Agriculture to coordinate the development, implementation, and enhancement of national veterinary diagnostic laboratory capabilities, with special emphasis on surveillance planning and vulnerability analysis, technology development and validation, training, and outreach. "National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program" is a program established by the Secretary of Agriculture to address the increasing risk of the introduction and spread within the United States of animal pests and diseases affecting the economic interests of the livestock and related industries of the United States, including the maintenance and expansion of export markets. "National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank" is a program established by the Secretary of Agriculture to: (1) Maintain sufficient quantities of veterinary countermeasures to appropriately and rapidly respond to the most damaging animal diseases affecting or with potential to affect human health or the economy of the United States; and (2) Leverage, when appropriate, the mechanisms and infrastructure that have been developed for the management, storage, and distribution of the National Veterinary Stockpile.

Introduction Date: 2023-05-17

Labels: Alyssa Miller APPA Issue General Level 3 Zoonosis Subcommittee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 3709	Referred To The Subcommittee On Livestock Dairy And Poultry 2023 06 23	In House	Monitor	Medium

Title
Keeping Pets and Families Together Act

Primary Sponsors
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The “Keeping Pets and Families Together Act” amends Section 2158 (Protection of Pets) of the Animal Welfare Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to award grants to support the microchipping of dogs and cats in the care of animal shelters or similar establishments. Adds a new Subsection d) Grants To Support Microchipping Of Dogs And Cats - to provide that the Secretary shall establish a program under which the Secretary will award grants to entities for purposes of supporting the capability of such entities to provide for microchipping of dogs and cats in their care before allowing such dogs or cats to be recovered by their original owner, adopted by other individuals, or sold to a dealer.

Introduction Date: 2023-05-25

Labels: APPA Issue Cats CFA Issue Dogs
Level 3 Mike Bober

Title

Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act

Description

Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act This bill revises the licensing process of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for animal dealers and exhibitors to expand USDA's oversight and enforcement of animal welfare requirements. Dealers and exhibitors must apply to USDA for licenses or renewal licenses each year. In order to obtain the licenses or renewals, dealers and exhibitors must meet certain standards for the humane treatment of animals and pass inspections as specified by this bill. USDA may not issue or renew such licenses if the dealers or exhibitors have violated laws relating to animals or if the issuance of the licenses would facilitate the circumvention of state or local laws that prohibit the private ownership of certain animals. Further, USDA must suspend the licenses of dealers or exhibitors whose violations present a risk to animal welfare. USDA must revoke the licenses if the violations persist or if the licensees commit multiple violations. Dealers and exhibitors with suspended or revoked licenses may not be (1) granted another license, (2) granted another license through another person or entity, or (3) employed by another licensee to work with animals during the period of the suspension or revocation.

Primary Sponsors

Raja Krishnamoorthi

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jun 7, 2023, 11:12 AM

The "Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act" amends Title 7 (Agriculture), Chapter 54 (Transportation, Sale and Handling of Certain Animals) - Animal Welfare Act - by adding provisions for license issuance and suspension, prohibited activities, inspections, citizen lawsuits, and publication of violations by USDA licensees. Adds provision that an inventory of all animals present in all of the applicant's facilities must be included in an applicant's submission of an application for a license. Provides that a license is valid for a period not to exceed 1 calendar year and must be renewed prior to expiration. Prohibits issuance of a license to dealers: 1) found to have violated Federal, State, or local laws relating to animals; or 2) which would facilitate the circumvention of State or local law prohibiting the private ownership of certain animals. x Adds provision that a license shall not be issued unless a dealer: 1) has shown compliance with USDA standards (Sec. 2143 - Standards and certification process for humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals) through full, unannounced facility inspections; and 2) has no violation of USDA standards in the previous 2 calendar years). Provides that the Secretary shall deny a license application if an applicant fails the 2nd of at least 2 inspections and the applicant may not submit another application for a period of one calendar year. Allows the Secretary to suspend a dealer's license for a period not to exceed 21 days if a violation is determined to present a risk to animal welfare. Prohibits a suspended or revoked licensee's family members, household members, partnerships, firm, corporations or other legal entities which have a substantial interest, financial or otherwise, from being issued a license. Prohibits a licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked from buying, selling, transporting, exhibiting, delivering for transportation, or being employed in any capacity with respect to any animal during the period of suspension or revocation, under any circumstances, whether on his or her behalf or on the behalf of another licensee or registrant. Mandates that the Secretary of Agriculture shall publish, in a searchable format on its public website, violation and facility inspection information and reports (without redactions).

Introduction Date: 2023-06-06

Labels: Cats CFA Issue Dogs Level 1
Mike Bober Small Animals

Title

Credit Card Competition Act of 2023

Description

Credit Card Competition Act of 2023 This bill addresses network access and competition in electronic credit transactions. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System must prohibit certain credit card issuers with assets of over \$100 billion from restricting the number of networks on which electronic credit card transactions may be processed. These transactions must be able to be processed on at least two networks and must not be restricted to networks (1) owned by or affiliated with the issuer, (2) designated as a national security risk, or (3) that have the largest market share of credit cards issued. Additionally, credit card issuers are prohibited from imposing certain limitations on the routing of electronic credit transactions, such as through penalties for failure to meet a specified threshold of transactions on a particular payment card network. The board must also designate payment card networks that pose a security risk to the United States or are owned, operated, or sponsored by a foreign state entity.

Primary Sponsors

Lance Gooden

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Nov 9, 2023, 6:58 PM

The "Credit Card Competition Act of 2023" would amend Title 15 (Commerce & Trade), Chapter 41 (Consumer Credit Protection), Subchapter IV (Electronic Fund Transfers) of U.S. Code to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve system to prescribe regulations relating to network competition in credit card transactions. Adds a new Section 2 (Competition in Credit Card Transactions), Subsection A (No Exclusive Network) to provide that not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Credit Card Competition Act of 2023, the the Federal Reserve would issue regulations ensuring that banks in four-party card systems that have assets of over \$100 billion cannot restrict the number of networks on which an electronic credit transaction may be processed to less than two unaffiliated networks, at least one of which must be outside of the top two largest networks.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-07

Labels: General Level 3 Mike Bober

State US	Bill Number HR 3957	Last Action Referred To The Subcommittee On Livestock Dairy And Poultry 2023 07 28	Status In House	Position Support	Priority Medium
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Title
PUPP Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Jason Crow

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jun 13, 2023, 5:04 PM
The "Providing for Unhoused People with Pets Act of 2023" or the "PUPP Act of 2023" would authorize the Secretary of Housing & Urban Development to make grants to eligible entities to modify and upgrade structures to serve as interim and permanent housing to accommodate unhoused individuals with pets. Provides that amounts from a grant under this section may be used only for costs of acquiring, renovating, rehabilitating, re-purposing, retrofitting, or constructing a property to be used as interim or permanent housing that accommodates homeless persons, and homeless families, who have pets, and for pet-related costs of operating such housing as provided in this section. Provides that basic veterinary care and behavioral support for pets, including spay and neuter, basic wellness examinations, vaccinations, dental care, heartworm treatment and prevention, flea and tick treatment and prevention, and basic medical procedures, shall be made available for pets of occupants of the housing. Appropriates \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2026 to carry out this section. For purposes of this section: "Eligible entity" means (i) a unit of general local government; (ii) a nonprofit organization; and (iii) an entity providing housing or shelters for homeless persons. Such term does not include an animal wellness or welfare organization or an animal shelter, except that this subparagraph may not be construed to prevent any such organization or shelter from partnering with an eligible entity to provide interim or permanent housing assisted with amounts from a grant under this Act. "Pet" means any domesticated animal that is normally maintained as a companion or pet animal near the owner or person who cares for the animal, such as a domestic dog (including a service dog), domestic cat, ferret, gerbil, mouse, rat, guinea pig, rabbit, or hamster.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-09

Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue Communications
General Level 3 Mike Bober

State US	Bill Number HR 3989	Last Action Referred To The House Committee On Financial Services 2023 06 09	Status In House	Position Support	Priority Medium
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Title
Pets Belong With Families Act

Description
Pets Belong With Families Act This bill prohibits public housing agencies from imposing breed restrictions on pets owned by residents of public housing units. The bill continues to allow public housing agencies to prohibit ownership of dangerous animals in public housing, but prohibits classification as dangerous by breed and requires that any such classification be based on specific behaviors or actions of the animal.

Primary Sponsors
Adam Schiff

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jun 13, 2023, 5:09 PM
The "Pets Belong with Family Act" amends Title 42 (Public Health & Welfare), Chapter 8 (Low-Income Housing), Subchapter 1 (General Program of Assisted Housing), Section 1437z-3 (Pet ownership in public housing) of U.S. Code to prohibit public housing agencies from imposing breed restrictions on household pets owned by residents of dwelling units in public housing. Amends subsection (b) - Reasonable Requirements to include: 1) Limitations on the number of animals in a unit, based on unit size; 2) Prohibitions on types of animals that are classified as dangerous, provided that classification is based on specific behaviors or actions by the animal and is not based on the breed of the animal; and 3) Restrictions or prohibitions based on size and type of building or project, or other relevant conditions. Provides that reasonable requirements may not include prohibitions on breeds of animals.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-09

Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue General
Level 3 Mike Bober

Title

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024

Description

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies. The bill provides appropriations to USDA for agricultural programs, including * the Office of the Secretary, * Executive Operations, * the Economic Research Service, * the National Agricultural Statistics Service, * the Agricultural Research Service, * the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, * the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, * the Agricultural Marketing Service, and * the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The bill also provides appropriations to USDA for farm production and conservation programs, including * the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center, * the Farm Service Agency, * the Risk Management Agency, and * the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The bill provides appropriations to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund and the Commodity Credit Corporation Fund. For USDA rural development programs, the bill includes appropriations for * Salaries and Expenses, * the Rural Housing Service, * the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and * the Rural Utilities Service. The bill provides appropriations to the Food and Nutrition Service for * Child Nutrition Programs; * the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); * the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); * the Commodity Assistance Program; and * Nutrition Programs Administration. The bill provides appropriations to the Foreign Agricultural Service for (1) Food for Peace Title II Grants, and (2) McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program Grants. The bill also provides appropriations for * the Food and Drug Administration, * the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and * the Farm Credit Administration. Additionally, the bill sets forth requirements and restrictions for using funds provided by this and other appropriations acts.

Primary Sponsors

Andy Harris

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jul 12, 2023, 1:07 PM

The "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024" provides FY 2024 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies (includes funding for dog importation oversight and zoonotic disease programs). Imported Dogs: The Committee is aware that USDA issued a report that showed that over one million dogs are imported into the U.S. each year. Of that number, however, less than one percent are subject to thorough health screenings to show that they are healthy, vaccinated, and free of disease prior to entering the country. The limited health requirements and inspection has resulted in the importation of animals that, tragically, arrive in poor health or die during travel, as well as the importation of animals carrying various diseases from rabies to canine influenza to leptospirosis, among others. As the connection between human and animal health becomes clearer, it is imperative that imported animals, including dogs, are healthy, vaccinated, and of an appropriate age to travel. Therefore, the Committee maintains the fiscal year 2022 increase of \$1,000,000 for APHIS to strengthen its oversight of imported dogs, including stronger interagency coordination to better protect animal and public health. National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN): The laboratories within the NAHLN network are on the frontline for detection of newly identified and reemerging animal diseases. NAHLN laboratories provide a critical contribution to animal and human health, as demonstrated during the pandemic. Therefore, the Committee rejects the budget reduction and continues to provide funding for NAHLN through both APHIS and NIFA at no less than \$18,500,000 for fiscal year 2024. This amount is in addition to mandatory funding provided through the 2018 Farm Bill for Animal Disease Prevention and Management. The Committee encourages the Department to provide robust funding from the 2018 Farm Bill for NAHLN.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-27

Labels: CFA Issue Communications General
Level 2 Mike Bober

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4665	Received In The Senate Read Twice Placed On Senate Legislative Calendar Under General Orders Calendar No 222 2023 10 03	In Senate	Monitor	Medium

Title

Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024

Description

Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs. The bill provides appropriations to the State Department for * Administration of Foreign Affairs, * International Organizations, and * International Commissions. The bill provides appropriations for related agencies and programs, including * the U.S. Agency for Global Media, * the Asia Foundation, * the U.S. Institute of Peace, * the Center for Middle Eastern-Western Dialogue Trust Fund, * the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program, * the Israeli Arab Scholarship Program, * the East-West Center, and * the National Endowment for Democracy. The bill provides appropriations for other commissions, including * the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, * the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, * the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, * the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, and * the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The bill provides appropriations to * the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), * the State Department and the President for International Security Assistance, and * International Financial Institutions for Multilateral Assistance. The bill provides appropriations for bilateral economic assistance, including programs and activities conducted by * the President; * the State Department; * Independent Agencies, including the Peace Corps, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Inter-American Foundation, and the U.S. African Development Foundation; and * the Department of the Treasury. The bill provides appropriations for export and investment assistance to * the Export-Import Bank of the United States, * the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, and * the U.S. Trade and Development Agency. The bill sets forth requirements and restrictions for using funds provided by this and other appropriations acts.

Primary Sponsors

Mario Diaz-Balart

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jul 27, 2023, 3:47 PM

The "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024" makes appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 (to include funding for response to emerging zoonotic infectious diseases). Section 7058 (Global Health Activities), Section c) Pandemics and Other Infectious Disease Outbreaks: Provides that funds appropriated by this Act under the heading "Global Health Programs" shall be made available for global health security programs to accelerate the capacity of countries to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks, including by strengthening public health capacity where there is a high risk of emerging zoonotic infectious diseases. Provides that not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the planned uses of such funds.

Introduction Date: 2023-07-17

Labels: Alyssa Miller APPA Issue General
Level 3 Zoonosis Subcommittee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4750	Referred To The House Committee On Education And The Workforce 2023 07 19	In House	Support	Medium

Title

Bring Animals Relief and Kibble Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors

Jamie Raskin

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jul 20, 2023, 4:57 PM

The "Bring Animals Relief and Kibble Act of 2023" or "BARK Act of 2023" amends the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, which provides criminal and civil liability protections to people and businesses that make good faith donations of food to nonprofits serving needy individuals, to include donations of pet food and supplies to animal shelters. No Text Available Yet - Provisions from H.R. 5684 (2021-22 Session): Amends Section c) Liability for damages from donated food and grocery products, Paragraph (2) Liability of nonprofit organization to read: "A unit of local government shall not be subject to liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product that the unit of local government received as a donation in good faith from a person or gleaner FOR ULTIMATE DISTRIBUTION TO PETS." Inserts "OR PETS" after "needy individuals" throughout the Act. For purposes of this section: "Pet" means a domesticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent, fish, turtle, or other animal that is kept for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes. "Pet Supplies" means tangible personal property used for pets, including pet carriers, crates, kennels, houses, cages, clothing, bedding, toys, collars, leashes, leads, tie-outs, feeders, bowls, dishes, pet gates, or pet doors.

Introduction Date: 2023-07-19

Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue General
Level 3 Manufacturer-Distributor Subcommittee
Mike Bober

Title
SAVES Act

Primary Sponsors
George Santos

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Aug 30, 2023, 12:12 PM
The "Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act" or the "SAVES Act" would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans. Provides that nonprofit organizations would be required to submit an application to the Secretary that includes: (1) A description of the training that will be provided by the organization to eligible veterans; (2) The training of dogs that will serve as service dogs; (3) The aftercare services that the organization will provide for the service dogs and eligible Veteran; (4) The plan for publicizing the availability of service dogs through a marketing campaign; and (5) The committee of the organization to have humane standards or animals. Nonprofit organizations would also need to certify that they are accredited by Assistance Dogs International or another widely recognized accreditation organization. Provides that total amount of grants awarded to each nonprofit organization under this section may not exceed \$2,000,000. Provides that there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028. For purposes of this section: "Service dog" means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks that are: (i) for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical or sensory disability or a psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability; and (ii) directly related to the disability of the individual.

Introduction Date: 2023-07-20

Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue Dogs Level 3

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 4922	Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary And In Addition To The Committee On Natural Resources For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2023 07 26	In House	Oppose	High

Title
Lacey Act Amendments of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Anna Luna

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jul 28, 2023, 4:34 PM

The "Lacey Act Amendments of 2023" amends Title 18 (Crimes & Criminal Procedure), Chapter 3 (Animals, Birds, Fish and Plants), Section 42 (Importation or shipment of injurious mammals, birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibia, and reptiles; permits, specimens for museums; regulations) of U.S. Code to enhance protections against the importation, and transport between States, of injurious species, and for other purposes. Strikes the term "shipment between the continental United States" and replaces with "transport between the States" when referring to species which the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe by regulation to be injurious to human beings, to the interests of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States. Provides that the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe by regulation an emergency designation prohibiting the importation of any species of wild mammals, wild birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibians, or reptiles, or the offspring or eggs of any such species, as injurious to human beings, to the interests of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States, for not more than 3 years, under this subsection, if the Secretary of the Interior determines that such regulation is necessary to address an imminent threat to human beings, to the interests of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States. Provides that importation into the United States of any species of wild mammals, wild birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibians, or reptiles, or the offspring or eggs of any such species, that is not native to the United States and, as of the date of enactment of the Lacey Act Amendments of 2021, is prohibited unless: 1) During the 1-year period preceding the date of enactment of the Lacey Act Amendments of 2021, the species was, in more than minimal quantities— (i) imported into the United States; or (ii) transported between the States, any territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any possession of the United States; or 2) The Secretary of the Interior determines, after an opportunity for public comment, that the species does not pose a significant risk of invasiveness to the United States and publishes a notice in the Federal Register of the determination. Provides that not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall promulgate regulations to define the term "minimal quantities" for purposes of this section.

Introduction Date: 2023-07-26

Labels: APPA Issue Birds Bob Likins Fish
Herp Subcommittee Herps Level 1
Small Animal Subcommittee

Title
Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023

Description
Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023 or the Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023 This bill modifies enforcement provisions under the Animal Welfare Act, including by allowing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to bring civil actions against violators of the act for appropriate relief, such as removing animals, revoking violators' licenses, or issuing civil penalties. DOJ must use the penalties to pay for the temporary care for animals pending the disposition of civil or criminal proceedings that allege violations of the act with respect to such animals.

Primary Sponsors
Guy Reschenthaler

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jul 28, 2023, 3:54 PM
The "Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023" or the "Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023" amends the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the U.S. Department of Justice's enforcement power against animal abusers by allowing the department to levy civil penalties against abusers, suspend and revoke their licenses, and remove or relocate animals who may be experiencing harmful treatment. New Section - Enforcement by Attorney General: 1) Provides that the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States for appropriate relief, including a temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction (including for removal or relocation of animals), license revocation, and civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for each violation for each day during which the violation continues, against any person who violates any provision of this Act or any rule, standard, or regulation promulgated thereunder. 2) Provides that any animal that is subjected to conduct that constitutes a violation of this Act, or any rule, standard, or regulation promulgated thereunder, shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture to the United States in accordance with Chapter 46 (Forfeiture) of Title 18 (Crimes & Criminal Procedure) of United States Code. 3) Provides that any person whose act or omission is the basis for a seizure authorized by this section may be charged a reasonable fee for expenses to the United States relating to the transfer and care of the seized animal. 4) Provides that the judges of the district courts of the United States and United States magistrate judges may, within their respective jurisdictions, on proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, issue such warrants or other processes as may be required for enforcement of this Act and any rule, standard, or regulation promulgated thereunder. Provides that not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Attorney General to carry out the authorities granted by the amendments made by this section, including an agreement to provide the Attorney General with timely information about violators who have multiple citations that seriously or adversely affect the health or well-being of an animal. Section 2134 - Valid license for dealers and exhibitors required: Adds provision that no dealer or exhibitor shall do any of the following in commerce: exhibit, purchase, offer to purchase, sell, offer to sell, transport, or offer for transportation any animal, unless the dealer or exhibitor has a valid license from the Secretary that has not been suspended. Section 2149 - Violations by Licensees: Adds a new subsection (e) - Rewards and Certain Incidental Expenses - to provide that sums received as penalties or fines for violations of the Act be used to pay the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by any person in providing temporary care for any animal pending the disposition of any civil or criminal proceeding alleging a violation of this Act with respect to that animal.

Introduction Date: 2023-07-27

Labels: APPA Issue Birds Canine Subcommittee
Cats CFA Issue Dogs Level 1 Mike Bober
Small Animal Subcommittee Small Animals

Title

PETS SAFE Act of 2023

Description

Providing Essential Temporary Shelter Assistance For Emergencies Act of 2023 or the PETS SAFE Act of 2023 This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish a pilot program to provide grants for mobile pet shelters during emergencies and major disasters. FEMA may provide funds to state, local, and tribal governments to establish a new pet shelter site that is a mobile unit, which may be a companion animal mobile equipment trailer, to be used in case of evacuation due to emergencies and major disasters. FEMA's authority to approve projects under this bill shall cease on January 1, 2029.

Primary Sponsors

Adam Schiff

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Aug 9, 2023, 12:57 PM

The "Providing Essential Temporary Shelter Assistance For Emergencies Act of 2023" or the "PETS SAFE Act of 2023" directs the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish a pilot grant program for mobile pet shelters during emergencies and major disasters. Provides that the President, acting through the FEMA Administrator, in coordination with State, local, and Tribal governments, shall establish and conduct a pilot program to provide grants for equipping mobile pet shelter sites for use during emergencies and major disasters. Provides that a pet shelter site may be a companion animal mobile equipment trailer, to be used in the case of evacuation due to emergencies and major disasters. Provides that the duties of such mobile unit shall be to: (1) Provide immediate and temporary shelter to common household pets in the case of government directed or ordered evacuation at embarkation sites in the impacted jurisdiction or shelters or reception sites within the impacted jurisdiction or a host jurisdiction; or (2) Provide safe transport of common household pets that require shelter during evacuations and relocate pets to a safe location; and (3) Facilitate the reunification of common household pets, including return transport, if necessary, with the owners of such pets not later than 3 weeks after all evacuation warnings are lifted and disaster-caused congregate shelters operation transition and close. Provides that not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the FEMA Administrator shall submit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of the pilot program. For purposes of this section: "Common household pet" means an animal, including a dog, cat, bird, rodent, rabbit, or turtle, that is kept in the home as a companion animal rather than for commercial purposes.

Introduction Date: 2023-08-08

Labels: APPA Issue Birds Cats CFA Issue
Dogs Herps Level 4 Small Animals

Title

To require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to withdraw proposed rules relating to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Dan Newhouse

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Sep 26, 2023, 5:50 PM

Requires the Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to withdraw proposed rules relating to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Provides that the proposed rules be withdrawn: (1) The proposed rule of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (Docket FWS-HQ-ES-2021-0107) entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat" which amends Section 424.11 (b) to read: The Secretary shall make any determination required by paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this section solely on the basis of the best available scientific and commercial information regarding a species' status WITHOUT REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE ECONOMIC OR OTHER IMPACTS OF SUCH DETERMINATION. (2) The proposed rule of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (Docket FWS-HQ-ES-2021-0104) entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Regulations for Interagency Cooperation". Provides that the Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as applicable, may not take any action to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rules.

Introduction Date: 2023-09-14

Labels: [Birds](#) [Bob Likins](#) [Communications](#)
[Fish](#) [Herp Subcommittee](#) [Herps](#) [Level 1](#)

Title

Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act

Description

Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act
This bill provides continuing FY2024 appropriations to federal agencies through November 17, 2023, and provides emergency funding for disaster relief. It also extends several expiring programs and authorities, including several Federal Aviation Administration programs, the National Flood Insurance Program, Federal Drug Administration user fees for animal drug applications, and several public health programs. DIVISION A--CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024 This division provides continuing FY2024 appropriations to federal agencies through the earlier of November 17, 2023, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations act. It is known as a continuing resolution (CR) and prevents a government shutdown that would otherwise occur if the FY2024 appropriations bills have not been enacted when FY2024 begins on October 1, 2023. The CR funds most programs and activities at the FY2023 levels with several exceptions that provide funding flexibility and additional appropriations for various programs. This division also provides emergency funding to respond to natural disasters. (Sec. 101) This section provides FY2024 appropriations to federal agencies for continuing projects or activities at the levels and under the conditions included in specified FY2023 appropriations acts. The section also extends several immigration-related programs and specifies several exceptions. (Sec. 102) This section prohibits the Department of Defense (DOD) from funding new or accelerated production of certain projects and other activities and certain multiyear procurements prior to the enactment of the regular annual appropriations act. (Sec. 103) This section specifies that funds provided by Section 101 of this division shall be available to the extent and in the manner that would be provided in the pertinent appropriations act. (Sec. 104) This section generally prohibits appropriations provided by Section 101 of this division from being used to initiate or resume any project or activity that was not funded during FY2023. (Sec. 105) This section specifies that appropriations provided by the CR are to be used to conduct FY2024 activities and programs during the period of the CR. (Sec. 106) This section continues the appropriations provided by this division through the earlier of November 17, 2023, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations act. (Sec. 107) This section requires expenditures for activities funded in this division to be charged to the full-year appropriations bill and relevant account when the applicable appropriations bill becomes law. (Sec. 108) This section waives the normal time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments of accounts funded in annual appropriations act... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Kay Granger

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Nov 27, 2023, 4:45 PM

The "Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act" includes language from the "Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023" (AGDUFA) which amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs. Establishes a short title - "Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023" - and provides that the fees authorized by the amendments in the title will go toward expediting the animal generic drug development process and the review of abbreviated, supplemental abbreviated, and investigational generic new drug submissions as set forth in the commitment letter submitted to the Congressional Record. Reauthorizes the authority to collect fees at a higher level beginning in 2024 through October 1, 2028. Maintains the existing reauthorization process and reporting requirements. Provides that not later than December 31, 2023, the Secretary of Health & Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall submit to the Committee on Energy & Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions of the Senate a report describing: (1) Activities conducted by the Center for Veterinary Medicine of the Food & Drug Administration during the period of fiscal years 2019 through 2023 to support antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings, including ongoing activities and the targeted completion date of such activities; and (2) With respect to antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings: (A) The goals of the Center regarding supporting antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings; (B) Activities the Center plans to execute during the period of fiscal years 2024 through 2028 to support such goals, including targeted completion dates for such activities; and (C) Metrics the Center plans to use to evaluate progress toward its goals regarding supporting antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings.

Introduction Date: 2023-09-30

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General

Level 3

Manufacturer-Distributor Subcommittee

Mike Bober

Zoonosis Subcommittee

Title
Supporting Our Shelters Act

Primary Sponsors
Pete Aguilar

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Nov 1, 2023, 2:16 PM
The "Supporting our Shelters Act" would amend the Animal Welfare Act - Title 7 (Agriculture), Chapter 54 (Transportation, Sale, and Handling of Certain Animals), Section 2158 (Protection of Pets) of U.S. Code - to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program under which the Secretary will award grants to entities for purposes of supporting the capability of such entities to provide care to animals in their care. Adds a new Subsection D (Grants to Support Animal Shelters) to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a program under which the Secretary will award grants to certain entities for purposes of supporting the capability of such entities to provide care to animals in their care, including feeding, sheltering, veterinary care, recreational activities, and the hiring, training, and retention of staff to provide such care. Entities covered under this section include: (1) Each State, county, or city owned and operated pound or shelter; (2) Each private entity established for the purpose of caring for animals, such as a humane society, or other organization that is under contract with a State, county, or city that operates as a pound or shelter and that releases animals on a voluntary basis; and (3) Each research facility licensed by the Department of Agriculture. Provides that the term of a grant shall not exceed 3 years. Provides that not later than 180 days after the date on which the first grant is awarded under this subsection and each year thereafter, each recipient of a grant under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary a detailed accounting of: (1) The number of each species taken into the shelter and the outcome for each species during the period covered by the report; and (2) How the recipient of the grant used grant funds during the period covered by the report. Provides that not later than 180 days after the enactment of this subsection the Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

Introduction Date: 2023-10-06

Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue General
Level 3 Mike Bober

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 6053	Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Resources And Environment 2023 10 26	In House	Monitor	Medium

Title
Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Jared Huffman

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Oct 30, 2023, 6:47 PM

The "Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2023" amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes. Adds a new Part II (Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Foam Food Service Products; Accessories on Request) to provide that, effective beginning on the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this subtitle, no retail establishment or food service business shall provide or sell to a customer any single-use plastic bag. For purposes of this section: "Carryout bag" means a bag provided to a customer by a retail establishment or food service business for the purpose of transporting groceries, a prepared food, or a retail good. The term "carryout bag" does not include: (i) A paper bag provided by a pharmacy to a customer purchasing a prescription medication; (ii) A bag without handles that is (a) used to protect items from damaging or contaminating other purchased items placed in a recycled paper bag or a reusable grocery bag; or (b) designed to be placed over articles of clothing on a hanger; c) a bag used solely to contain a live animal, such as a fish or insect sold at a pet store or bait shop; (d) a newspaper bag; or (e) a bag provided to contain an unwrapped food item.

Introduction Date: 2023-10-25

Labels: APPA Issue General Level 3
Manufacturer-Distributor Subcommittee Mike Bober

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 6393	Referred To The House Committee On Natural Resources 2023 11 13	In House	None	None

Title
To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to allow certain activities to be conducted with respect to sturgeon held in captivity or in a controlled environment in the United States, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Mike Waltz

Introduction Date: 2023-11-13

Title
Healthy Dog Importation Act

Description

Healthy Dog Importation Act This bill imposes requirements on the importation of live dogs. Specifically, the bill prohibits the importation of a live dog into the United States unless the Department of Agriculture (USDA) determines the dog (1) is in good health; (2) has received all necessary vaccinations, internal and external parasite treatment, and demonstrated negative test results as evidenced by a certificate from a licensed veterinarian; and (3) is officially identified by a permanent method approved by USDA. Additionally, dogs entering the United States for transfer must be at least six months of age and accompanied by a USDA permit. Transfer is defined as a change of ownership or control of an imported dog to another person, including by sale, adoption, exchange, or donation. USDA must provide an exception to any requirements under the bill for dogs that are transferred for (1) research purposes; (2) veterinary treatment under certain conditions, including appropriate quarantining; or (3) lawful importation into the state of Hawaii if the dog is not transported out of Hawaii for transfer at less than six months of age. USDA also has enforcement authority under the bill.

Primary Sponsors
Chuck Grassley

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Feb 17, 2023, 9:58 PM

The "Healthy Dog Importation Act" amends the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.) by adding a new Section 10404A (Importation of Live Dogs) to provide for certain restrictions and requirements for importing dogs into the United States. Provides that no person shall import a dog into the U.S. unless, as determined by the Secretary, the dog: a) Is in good health; b) Has received all necessary vaccinations and demonstrated negative test results required by the Secretary, as evidenced by a certificate; and c) Is officially identified by a permanent method approved by the Secretary. Provides that no person shall import or cause the transportation of a dog into the U.S. from a foreign country for the purpose of transfer unless, as determined by the Secretary, the dog: a) Meets the criteria specified above; b) Is at least 6 months old; and c) Is accompanied by an import permit issued by the Secretary under this Act. Provides certain exceptions for dogs imported for purposes of transfer for: a) Research purposes; b) Veterinary treatment; and c) Lawful importation of dogs less than 6 months of age into State of Hawaii (if not transported out of state for resale). Provides that the Secretary, the Secretary of Health & Human Services, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall promulgate such regulations (to include fees, permits and inspection requirements) as the Secretaries determine to be necessary to implement and enforce this section. Provides that an importer who fails to comply with this section shall be subject to certain penalties and if such importer is a dealer, provide, as the Secretary may determine, at the expense of the importer, for the care (including appropriate veterinary care), forfeiture, quarantine, and removal from the United States and return to its place of export with due care for the welfare of each applicable dog. Amends Section 2143 (Standards and certification process for humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals) of the Animal Welfare Act by inserting "importer" and "transporter" into the transportation standards (currently just intermediate handlers, air carriers, or other carriers of animals). Provides that not later than 18 months after enactment, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue final regulations to implement the amendments made by this Act, including the verification upon arrival that each dog being imported into the United States from a foreign country meets all applicable importation requirements and the denial of entry into the United States of any dog that fails to meet such requirements. For purposes of this section: "Importer" means any person who transports or causes the transportation of a dog into the United States from a foreign country. "Sell" or "Resell" means transfer of ownership or control of an animal, including by sale, adoption, exchange, or donation. "Transfer" means a change of ownership or control of an imported dog to another person, including by sale, adoption, exchange, or donation. "Transporter" means any person, department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or of any State or local government, other than a carrier or intermediate handler, who receives an animal from any importer, dealer, research facility, exhibitor, operator of an auction sale, or department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or of any State or local government and receives compensation for moving such animal in commerce.

Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

Labels: APPA Issue Dogs Level 2 Mike Bober Zoonosis Subcommittee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 707	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Agriculture Nutrition And Forestry Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr S 716 2023 03 08	In Senate	Monitor	Low

Title
AFTER Act of 2023

Description
Animal Freedom from Testing, Experiments, and Research Act of 2023 or the AFTER Act of 2023 This bill requires departments, agencies, or instrumentalities that operate federal research facilities or exhibit animals to promulgate regulations that facilitate and encourage the adoption of certain animals that are suitable for retirement.

Primary Sponsors
Susan Collins

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 9, 2023, 4:26 PM

The "Animal Freedom from Testing, Experiments & Research Act of 2023" or the "AFTER Act of 2023" amends the Animal Welfare Act to allow for the retirement of certain animals used in Federal research. Provides that the animal be adopted or placed with an animal rescue organization, animal sanctuary, animal shelter, or individual who intends to keep the animal as a pet.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-08

Labels: CFA Issue General Level 4

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 759	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Agriculture Nutrition And Forestry 2023 03 09	In Senate	Monitor	Low

Title
Beagle Brigade Act of 2023

Description
Beagle Brigade Act of 2023 This bill provides statutory authority for the National Detector Dog Training Center that is operated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the Department of Agriculture. The center trains dogs to inspect passenger baggage, cargo, mailed packages, and vehicles to detect foreign pests and diseases that threaten domestic agriculture and natural resources. The bill also requires APHIS to report to Congress on (1) current and emerging threats to domestic agricultural and natural resources from foreign pests and diseases, and (2) recommendations to improve the center's capabilities and procedures.

Primary Sponsors
Raphael Warnock

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Apr 6, 2023, 2:12 PM

The "Beagle Brigade Act of 2023" authorizes the National Detector Dog Training Center to: (1) Train dogs for the purpose of safeguarding domestic agricultural and natural resources from foreign and invasive pests and diseases; and (2) Train human handlers to successfully select and train dogs. Provides that the Center shall: (1) Collaborate with relevant Federal agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to safeguard domestic agricultural and natural resources; (2) Collaborate with external stakeholders, including State departments of agriculture, local and county agricultural officials, private sector entities, and other relevant non-Federal partners; (3) Ensure the health and welfare of all dogs under the care of the Center, including by ensuring access to necessary veterinary care, adequate shelter, and proper nutrition; and (4) Provide opportunities for private adoption of retirement-age trained dogs and dogs that do not complete training. Provides that not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, shall submit to Congress a report on the program.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-09

Labels: APPA Issue Dogs Level 4

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 771	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Environment And Public Works 2023 03 09	In Senate	Support	High

Title
SAVES Act

Description

Saving America's Vulnerable and Endangered Species Act or the SAVES Act This bill prohibits a living nonnative species from being listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Primary Sponsors

Ted Cruz

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Mar 10, 2023, 1:45 PM

The "Saving America's Vulnerable Endangered Species Act" or "SAVES Act" amends the ESA of 1973 to include a prohibition on the listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened species or an endangered species. Adds a new Section 19 (Prohibition on Listing of Nonnative Species as Threatened or Endangered Species) to provide that the Secretary of the Interior shall not list under Section 4(c) - Determination of Endangered and Threatened Species (Lists) - any living nonnative species. Also adds a Section 18 to provide for an annual cost analysis by the Fish & Wildlife Service.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-09

Labels: Birds Bob Likins Fish
Herp Subcommittee Herps Level 1

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 1145	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Environment And Public Works 2023 03 30	In Senate	Monitor	Low

Title
Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2023

Description

Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2023 This bill directs the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a program that annually provides, through grants and other means, funding for projects that support the conservation and recovery of native plant and animal species in Hawaii. Hawaii, Hawaiian local governments, Native Hawaiian organizations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and institutions of higher education may apply for funding under the program.

Primary Sponsors

Brian Schatz

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Apr 13, 2023, 2:44 PM

The "Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2023" would establish a competitive grant program to support the conservation and recovery of native plant and animal species in the State of Hawaii. Provides that not later than 180 days after the date on which amounts are appropriated to carry out this Act, the Secretary shall establish a grant program, to be known as the "Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Grant Program". Provides that the grant program shall identify priorities and provide funding and technical assistance to carry out coordinated, science-based conservation and recovery projects in the State: (1) To prevent and mitigate the introduction and spread of invasive species, pests, and diseases that threaten native species; (2) To address the ecological consequences of climate change on native species; (3) To address loss and degradation of native species' habitats; (4) To manage, maintain, and restore populations of native species; (5) To increase scientific capacity to support the planning, monitoring, and research activities necessary for the conservation and recovery of native species; (6) To improve information collection, ecological monitoring, and management relating to the activities described in paragraphs (1) through (5); and (7) To engage the public through outreach, education, and community involvement to increase capacity and support for the conservation and recovery of native species in the State. Provides that the Secretary, in carrying out the grant program, shall consult with Native Hawaiian organizations with respect to any project that receives funding under the grant program with implications for the Native Hawaiian Community.

Introduction Date: 2023-03-30

Labels: Birds Fish Herps Level 4

Title
Lacey Act Amendments of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Marco Rubio

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at May 19, 2023, 12:44 PM
The "Lacey Act Amendments of 2023" amends Title 18 (Crimes & Criminal Procedure), Chapter 3 (Animals, Birds, Fish and Plants), Section 42 (Importation or shipment of injurious mammals, birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibia, and reptiles; permits, specimens for museums; regulations) of U.S. Code to enhance protections against the importation, and transport between States, of injurious species, and for other purposes. Strikes the term "shipment between the continental United States" and replaces with "transport between the States" when referring to species which the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe by regulation to be injurious to human beings, to the interests of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States. Provides that the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe by regulation an emergency designation prohibiting the importation of any species of wild mammals, wild birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibians, or reptiles, or the offspring or eggs of any such species, as injurious to human beings, to the interests of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States, for not more than 3 years, under this subsection, if the Secretary of the Interior determines that such regulation is necessary to address an imminent threat to human beings, to the interests of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States. Provides that importation into the United States of any species of wild mammals, wild birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibians, or reptiles, or the offspring or eggs of any such species, that is not native to the United States and, as of the date of enactment of the Lacey Act Amendments of 2021, IS prohibited unless: 1) During the 1-year period preceding the date of enactment of the Lacey Act Amendments of 2021, the species was, in more than minimal quantities— (i) imported into the United States; or (ii) transported between the States, any territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any possession of the United States; or 2) The Secretary of the Interior determines, after an opportunity for public comment, that the species does not pose a significant risk of invasiveness to the United States and publishes a notice in the Federal Register of the determination. Provides that not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall promulgate regulations to define the term "minimal quantities" for purposes of this section.

Introduction Date: 2023-05-16

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[Level 1](#) [Small Animals](#)

Title

Foreign Animal Disease Prevention, Surveillance, and Rapid Response Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors

Amy Klobuchar

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at May 24, 2023, 3:05 PM

The "Foreign Animal Disease Prevention, Surveillance, and Rapid Response Act of 2023" amends the Animal Health Protection Act to reauthorize the animal disease prevention and management programs. Amends Title 7 (Agriculture), Chapter 109 (Animal Health Protection), Section 8308a (Animal Disease Prevention and Management), Subsection d (Funding) of U.S. Code to reauthorize and increase funding (for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2028) for: (1) The National Animal Health Laboratory Network; (2) The National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program; and (3) The National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank. For purposes of this section: "National Animal Health Laboratory Network" is a network established by the Secretary of Agriculture to coordinate the development, implementation, and enhancement of national veterinary diagnostic laboratory capabilities, with special emphasis on surveillance planning and vulnerability analysis, technology development and validation, training, and outreach. "National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program" is a program established by the Secretary of Agriculture to address the increasing risk of the introduction and spread within the United States of animal pests and diseases affecting the economic interests of the livestock and related industries of the United States, including the maintenance and expansion of export markets. "National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank" is a program established by the Secretary of Agriculture to: (1) Maintain sufficient quantities of veterinary countermeasures to appropriately and rapidly respond to the most damaging animal diseases affecting or with potential to affect human health or the economy of the United States; and (2) Leverage, when appropriate, the mechanisms and infrastructure that have been developed for the management, storage, and distribution of the National Veterinary Stockpile.

Introduction Date: 2023-05-17

Labels: Alyssa Miller APPA Issue General
Level 3 Zoonosis Subcommittee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 1838	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Banking Housing And Urban Affairs Text Cr S 2007 2008 2023 06 07	In Senate	Monitor	Medium

Title

Credit Card Competition Act of 2023

Description

Credit Card Competition Act of 2023 This bill addresses network access and competition in electronic credit transactions. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System must prohibit certain credit card issuers with assets of over \$100 billion from restricting the number of networks on which electronic credit card transactions may be processed. These transactions must be able to be processed on at least two networks and must not be restricted to networks (1) owned by or affiliated with the issuer, (2) designated as a national security risk, or (3) that have the largest market share of credit cards issued. Additionally, credit card issuers are prohibited from imposing certain limitations on the routing of electronic credit transactions, such as through penalties for failure to meet a specified threshold of transactions on a particular payment card network. The board must also designate payment card networks that pose a security risk to the United States or are owned, operated, or sponsored by a foreign state entity.

Primary Sponsors

Dick Durbin

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Nov 9, 2023, 6:58 PM

The "Credit Card Competition Act of 2023" would amend Title 15 (Commerce & Trade), Chapter 41 (Consumer Credit Protection), Subchapter IV (Electronic Fund Transfers) of U.S. Code to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve system to prescribe regulations relating to network competition in credit card transactions. Adds a new Section 2 (Competition in Credit Card Transactions), Subsection A (No Exclusive Network) to provide that not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Credit Card Competition Act of 2023, the the Federal Reserve would issue regulations ensuring that banks in four-party card systems that have assets of over \$100 billion cannot restrict the number of networks on which an electronic credit transaction may be processed to less than two unaffiliated networks, at least one of which must be outside of the top two largest networks.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-07

Labels: General Level 3 Mike Bober

Title

Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023

Description

Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023 This bill reauthorizes the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to collect fees for brand-name and generic animal drug applications through FY2028. It also makes related updates to fee calculations and FDA reporting requirements. The bill also (1) provides for a specific fee for requests to establish generic investigational new animal drug files and requires other application fees to be adjusted accordingly; (2) authorizes the FDA to remove species from the definition of major species (currently horses, dogs, cats, cattle, pigs, chickens, and turkeys); and (3) provides statutory authority for the FDA to report on its progress supporting antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings (i.e., supporting responsible use of antimicrobial drugs for animals to slow the development of drug-resistant bacteria). Animal drugs are drugs that are intended for animals other than humans (e.g., pets and livestock). Animal drugs must be approved by the FDA before they may be offered on the commercial market. The FDA is authorized to collect fees for animal drug applications in order to support its regulatory activities; this authority currently expires at the end of FY2023.

Primary Sponsors

Tammy Baldwin

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jun 13, 2023, 1:57 PM

The "Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023" (AGDUFA) amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs. Establishes a short title - "Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023" - and provides that the fees authorized by the amendments in the title will go toward expediting the animal generic drug development process and the review of abbreviated, supplemental abbreviated, and investigational generic new drug submissions as set forth in the commitment letter submitted to the Congressional Record. Reauthorizes the authority to collect fees at a higher level beginning in 2024 through October 1, 2028. Maintains the existing reauthorization process and reporting requirements. Provides that not later than December 31, 2023, the Secretary of Health & Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall submit to the Committee on Energy & Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions of the Senate a report describing: (1) Activities conducted by the Center for Veterinary Medicine of the Food & Drug Administration during the period of fiscal years 2019 through 2023 to support antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings, including ongoing activities and the targeted completion date of such activities; and (2) With respect to antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings: (A) The goals of the Center regarding supporting antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings; (B) Activities the Center plans to execute during the period of fiscal years 2024 through 2028 to support such goals, including targeted completion dates for such activities; and (C) Metrics the Center plans to use to evaluate progress toward its goals regarding supporting antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary settings.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-07

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APPA Issue

General

Level 3

Manufacturer-Distributor Subcommittee

Mike Bober

Zoonosis Subcommittee

Title

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2023

Description

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2023 This bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through FY2028, including activities and programs related to airport planning and development, facilities and equipment, and operations. The bill also addresses a wide range of issues, including by * expanding air traffic controller training capacity and requiring the FAA to update the training process for air traffic controllers and the FAA Contract Tower Program; * prohibiting aircraft dispatchers from working remotely, with limited exceptions for emergencies; * requiring the FAA to operationalize key programs under the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) by December 31, 2025; * requiring air carriers to provide a full refund, upon request, to passengers who hold a nonrefundable ticket for a cancelled or significantly delayed flight; * requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish a policy directing certain air carriers to seat a young child next to an accompanying adult if adjacent seats are available without charging an additional fee; * requiring DOT to issue rules on minimum training standards for airline personnel who assist wheelchair users; * requiring air carriers to publish information related to the stowage of powered wheelchairs, including cargo hold dimensions; * establishing a new DOT grant program for airports to dispose of products that contain per- or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), such as certain firefighting equipment, and purchase fluorine-free firefighting alternatives; * requiring the FAA to update safety standards for commercial air tour operators (i.e., sightseeing airplane and helicopter flights); and * requiring the FAA to establish a regulatory pathway for the certification or approval of commercial unmanned aircraft (i.e., drones) to operate beyond the visual line of sight.

Primary Sponsors

Maria Cantwell

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jun 15, 2023, 1:21 PM

The "FAA Reauthorization Act of 2023" amend Title 49 (Transportation) of US Code to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. Sec. 738 adds the "Access and Dignity For All People Who Travel Act of 2023" which provides for: (1) "Known Service Animal User Travel Pilot Program" and (2) Accredited service animal training programs and authorized registries. Provides that the "Known Service Animal User Travel Pilot Program" shall: (i) Be optional; (ii) Provide to applicants assistance, including over-the-phone assistance, throughout the application process for the program; (iii) With respect to any web-based components of the pilot program, meet or exceed the standards described in Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d) and the regulations implementing that Act as set forth in part 1194 of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations; and (iv) Exempt participants of the pilot program from any documentation requirements under Part 382 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations. Provides that in establishing the pilot program the Secretary shall consult with: (i) Disability advocacy entities, including nonprofit organizations focused on ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to live and participate in their communities; (ii) Air carriers and foreign air carriers; (iii) Accredited service animal training programs and authorized registrars, such as the International Guide Dog Federation, Assistance Dogs International, and other similar organizations and foreign and domestic governmental registrars of service animals; (iv) Other relevant departments or agencies of the Federal Government; and (v) Other entities determined to be appropriate by the Secretary. Provides eligibility requirements for the pilot program, reporting to Congress, and a nominal fee (\$25). Provides that not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall publish on the website of the Department of Transportation and maintain a list of: (1) Accredited programs that train service animals; and (2) Authorized registrars that evaluate service animals.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-13

Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue General

Level 4

Title
SAVES Act

Primary Sponsors
Thom Tillis

Bill Summary: Last edited by Jeff Plummer at Jun 24, 2023, 12:55 PM

The "Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act" or the "SAVES Act" would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans. Provides that nonprofit organizations would be required to submit an application to the Secretary that includes: (1) A description of the training that will be provided by the organization to eligible veterans; (2) The training of dogs that will serve as service dogs; (3) The aftercare services that the organization will provide for the service dogs and eligible Veteran; (4) The plan for publicizing the availability of service dogs through a marketing campaign; and (5) The committee of the organization to have humane standards or animals. Nonprofit organizations would also need to certify that they are accredited by Assistance Dogs International or another widely recognized accreditation organization. Provides that total amount of grants awarded to each nonprofit organization under this section may not exceed \$2,000,000. Provides that there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028. For purposes of this section: "Service dog" means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks that are: (i) for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical or sensory disability or a psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability; and (ii) directly related to the disability of the individual.

Introduction Date: 2023-06-21

Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue Dogs Level 3
Mike Bober

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 2333	Placed On Senate Legislative Calendar Under General Orders Calendar No 202 2023 09 06	In Senate	Support	High

Title

Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Response Act

Primary Sponsors

Bob Casey

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The "Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Response Act" reauthorizes certain programs under the Public Health Service Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes. Section 205 (Combating Antimicrobial Resistance) Amends Title 42 (The Public Health & Welfare), Chapter 6A (Public Health Service), Subchapter II (General Powers & Duties), Part B (Federal-State Cooperation), Section 247d-5 (Combating Antimicrobial Resistance) of U.S. Code to provide that the Antimicrobial Resistance Task Force shall consider factors the Secretary considers appropriate, including factors to: (A) Slow the emergence of resistant bacteria and fungi and prevent the spread of resistant infections; (B) Strengthen activities to combat resistance with respect to zoonotic diseases; (C) Advance development and use of rapid and innovative capabilities, including diagnostic tests, for identification and characterization of resistant bacteria and fungi; (D) Accelerate basic and applied research and development for new antibiotics, antifungals, and other related therapeutics and vaccines; and (E) Support international collaboration and capacities for antimicrobial-resistance prevention, detection, and control. Duties of Antimicrobial Resistance Task Force currently in statute: (1) Public health factors contributing to increasing antimicrobial resistance; (2) Public health needs to detect and monitor antimicrobial resistance; (3) Detection, prevention, and control strategies for resistant pathogens; (4) The need for improved information and data collection; (5) The assessment of the risk imposed by pathogens presenting a threat to the public health; and (6) Any other issues which the Secretary determines are relevant to antimicrobial resistance.

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Title
BARK Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Raphael Warnock

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The "Bring Animals Relief and Kibble Act of 2023" or "BARK Act of 2023" amends the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, which provides criminal and civil liability protections to people and businesses that make good faith donations of food to nonprofits serving needy individuals, to include donations of pet food and supplies to animal shelters. No Text Available Yet - Provisions from H.R. 5684 (2021-22 Session): Amends Section c) Liability for damages from donated food and grocery products, Paragraph (2) Liability of nonprofit organization to read: "A unit of local government shall not be subject to liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product that the unit of local government received as a donation in good faith from a person or gleaner FOR ULTIMATE DISTRIBUTION TO PETS." Inserts "OR PETS" after "needy individuals" throughout the Act. For purposes of this section: "Pet" means a domesticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent, fish, turtle, or other animal that is kept for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes. "Pet Supplies" means tangible personal property used for pets, including pet carriers, crates, kennels, houses, cages, clothing, bedding, toys, collars, leashes, leads, tie-outs, feeders, bowls, dishes, pet gates, or pet doors.

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Labels: APPA Issue CFA Issue General
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Mike Bober

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 2397	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2023 07 19	In Senate	Monitor	Low

Title
WATCH Act

Primary Sponsors
Eric Schmitt

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The "Worldwide Animal Testing Compliance and Harmonization Act of 2023" or "WATCH Act" amends Title 42 (Public Health & Welfare), Chapter 6A (Public Health Services), Subchapter III (National Research Institutes), Part H (General Provisions), Section 289d (Animals in Research) of U.S. Code to require inspections of foreign laboratories conducting biomedical and behavioral research to ensure compliance with applicable animal welfare requirements. Adds a new Subsection f (Inspection and Certification of Foreign Laboratories) to provide that, as a condition of eligibility to perform research involving animals under a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement administered by the National Institutes of Health or any national research institute, a laboratory located outside the United States that receives Federal funds shall be subject to quarterly inspections to evaluate compliance with certain animal welfare and recordkeeping requirements. Provides that The Secretary of Health & Human Services, in consultation with the Director of NIH, shall designate an appropriate authority to conduct the quarterly inspections. Provides that the inspection process established by the Secretary shall evaluate the compliance of foreign laboratories with the requirements to include: (1) the establishment and operation of animal care committees; (2) the review and evaluation of animal care and treatment; and (3) proper record-keeping and reporting procedures. Provides that copies of the certificates of compliance shall be maintained by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare and shall remain publicly accessible with other information about currently issued Animal Welfare Assurances. Provides that if the Secretary determines that a foreign facility is not in compliance with the requirements and does not take appropriate corrective action after given a reasonable opportunity to do so, the Secretary shall suspend or revoke the applicable grant, contract, or cooperative agreement involving research on animals under such conditions as the Director of NIH determines appropriate.

Introduction Date: 2023-07-19

Labels: CFA Issue General Level 5

Title

Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023

Description

Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023 or the Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023 This bill modifies enforcement provisions under the Animal Welfare Act, including by allowing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to bring civil actions against violators of the act for appropriate relief, such as removing animals, revoking violators' licenses, or issuing civil penalties. DOJ must use the penalties to pay for the temporary care for animals pending the disposition of civil or criminal proceedings that allege violations of the act with respect to such animals.

Primary Sponsors

Dick Blumenthal

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The "Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023" or the "Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023" amends the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the U.S. Department of Justice's enforcement power against animal abusers by allowing the department to levy civil penalties against abusers, suspend and revoke their licenses, and remove or relocate animals who may be experiencing harmful treatment. New Section - Enforcement by Attorney General: 1) Provides that the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States for appropriate relief, including a temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction (including for removal or relocation of animals), license revocation, and civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for each violation for each day during which the violation continues, against any person who violates any provision of this Act or any rule, standard, or regulation promulgated thereunder. 2) Provides that any animal that is subjected to conduct that constitutes a violation of this Act, or any rule, standard, or regulation promulgated thereunder, shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture to the United States in accordance with Chapter 46 (Forfeiture) of Title 18 (Crimes & Criminal Procedure) of United States Code. 3) Provides that any person whose act or omission is the basis for a seizure authorized by this section may be charged a reasonable fee for expenses to the United States relating to the transfer and care of the seized animal. 4) Provides that the judges of the district courts of the United States and United States magistrate judges may, within their respective jurisdictions, on proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, issue such warrants or other processes as may be required for enforcement of this Act and any rule, standard, or regulation promulgated thereunder. Provides that not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Attorney General to carry out the authorities granted by the amendments made by this section, including an agreement to provide the Attorney General with timely information about violators who have multiple citations that seriously or adversely affect the health or well-being of an animal. Section 2134 - Valid license for dealers and exhibitors required: Adds provision that no dealer or exhibitor shall do any of the following in commerce: exhibit, purchase, offer to purchase, sell, offer to sell, transport, or offer for transportation any animal, unless the dealer or exhibitor has a valid license from the Secretary that has not been suspended. Section 2149 - Violations by Licensees: Adds a new subsection (e) - Rewards and Certain Incidental Expenses - to provide that sums received as penalties or fines for violations of the Act be used to pay the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by any person in providing temporary care for any animal pending the disposition of any civil or criminal proceeding alleging a violation of this Act with respect to that animal.

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Labels: APPA Issue Birds Canine Subcommittee Cats CFA Issue Dogs Level 1 Mike Bober Small Animal Subcommittee Small Animals

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 2716	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2023 09 05	In Senate	Monitor	Low

Title
Accountability in Foreign Animal Research Act

Primary Sponsors
Joni Ernst

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The "Accountability in Foreign Animal Research Act" is an Act which would prohibit the use of taxpayer dollars to support animal experimentation in the laboratories of adversarial nations. Provides that the Secretary of Health & Human Services may not directly or indirectly conduct research that involves testing on vertebrate animals in any facility, or through any entity, owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by (1) Any of the foreign countries specified in this Act; or (2) Such other foreign country that the Secretary of Health & Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, determines is a foreign country of concern for the purposes of this Act. Foreign countries specified in this Act are: (1) The People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; (2) The Islamic Republic of Iran; (3) The Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and (4) The Russian Federation. Provides for certain reporting requirements by the Secretary of Health & Human Services to certain Congressional committees.

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Labels: General Level 5

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	S 2811	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Environment And Public Works 2023 09 14	In Senate	Support	High

Title
A bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to withdraw proposed rules relating to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Cynthia Lummis

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Requires the Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to withdraw proposed rules relating to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Provides that the proposed rules be withdrawn: (1) The proposed rule of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (Docket FWS-HQ-ES-2021-0107) entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat" which amends Section 424.11 (b) to read: The Secretary shall make any determination required by paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this section solely on the basis of the best available scientific and commercial information regarding a species' status WITHOUT REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE ECONOMIC OR OTHER IMPACTS OF SUCH DETERMINATION. (2) The proposed rule of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (Docket FWS-HQ-ES-2021-0104) entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Regulations for Interagency Cooperation". Provides that the Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as applicable, may not take any action to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rules.

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Labels: Birds Bob Likins Communications
Fish Herps Level 1

Title
Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Jeff Merkley

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The "Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2023" amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes. Adds a new Part II (Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Foam Food Service Products; Accessories on Request) to provide that, effective beginning on the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this subtitle, no retail establishment or food service business shall provide or sell to a customer any single-use plastic bag. For purposes of this section: "Carryout bag" means a bag provided to a customer by a retail establishment or food service business for the purpose of transporting groceries, a prepared food, or a retail good. The term "carryout bag" does not include: (i) A paper bag provided by a pharmacy to a customer purchasing a prescription medication; (ii) A bag without handles that is (a) used to protect items from damaging or contaminating other purchased items placed in a recycled paper bag or a reusable grocery bag; or (b) designed to be placed over articles of clothing on a hanger; (c) a bag used solely to contain a live animal, such as a fish or insect sold at a pet store or bait shop; (d) a newspaper bag; or (e) a bag provided to contain an unwrapped food item.

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Manufacturer-Distributor Subcommittee Mike Bober