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H. R. 1094

To prohibit the sale or transport of equines and equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for human consumption.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEHAN (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. MORAN, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LANCE, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. JONES, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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

A BILL

To prohibit the sale or transport of equines and equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for human consumption.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguard American
5 Food Exports Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) horses and other equines are domestic ani-
4 mals that are used primarily for recreation, pleasure,
5 and sport;

6 (2) unlike cows, pigs, and other domesticated
7 species, horses and other members of the equidae
8 family are not raised for the purpose of human con-
9 sumption;

10 (3) equines raised in the United States are fre-
11 quently treated with drugs, including phenylbuta-
12 zone, acepromazine, boldenone undecylenate, omeprazole,
13 ketoprofen, xylazine, hyaluronic acid, nitrofu-
14 razone, polysulfated glycosaminoglycan, clenbuterol,
15 tolazoline, and ponazuril, which are not approved for
16 use in horses intended for human consumption;

17 (4) consuming parts of an equine raised in the
18 United States likely poses a serious threat to human
19 health and the public should be protected from these
20 unsafe products; and

21 (5) the sale and transport of equines for the
22 purpose of processing for human consumption, and
23 the sale and transport of equine parts for human
24 consumption, are economic in nature and substan-
25 tially affect interstate and foreign commerce.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS.**

2 Section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
3 Act (21 U.S.C. 331) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(ccc)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
6 the sale or transport of equines in interstate commerce,
7 or the importing or exporting (or offering for import or
8 export) of equines into or out of the United States, by
9 any person who knows or reasonably should have known
10 that such equines are to be slaughtered for human con-
11 sumption as food.

12 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
13 sale or transport of equine parts (including flesh, meat,
14 and viscera) in interstate commerce, or the importing or
15 exporting (or offering for import or export) of such parts
16 into or out of the United States, by any person who knows
17 or reasonably should have known that such equine parts
18 are to be used for human consumption as food.”.

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