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To prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to make a final determination on the listing of the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2015

Mr. THUNE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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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. NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Interior
5 shall not use any funds otherwise available to the Sec-
6 retary to make a final determination on the listing of the
7 northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) pursuant

1 to section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
2 U.S.C. 1533).

3 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—The Secretary
4 of the Interior shall not be considered to be in violation
5 of section 4(b)(6) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
6 (16 U.S.C. 1533(b)(6)), for failure to publish a final regu-
7 lation in accordance with this section.

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