

## Union Calendar No. 327

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3399

**[Report No. 116–405]**

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Additional sponsors: Ms. LEE of California, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, and Mr. BERA

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Reported with an amendment; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 21, 2019]

# **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. NUTRIA ERADICATION.**

4       *The Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 (Pub-*  
5       *lic Law 108–16) is amended—*

6               *(1) in section 2—*

7                       *(A) in subsection (a)—*

8                               *(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “Wet-*  
9                               *lands and tidal marshes of the Chesapeake*  
10                              *Bay and in Louisiana” and inserting*  
11                              *“Wetlands, tidal marshes, and agricultural*  
12                              *lands”;*

13                             *(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “in*  
14                             *Maryland and Louisiana”; and*

15                             *(iii) by amending paragraph (3) to*  
16                             *read as follows:*

17                       *“(3) Traditional harvest methods to control or*  
18                       *eradicate nutria have failed. Consequently, marsh*  
19                       *loss, loss of public and private wetlands, and loss of*  
20                       *agricultural lands are accelerating.”; and*

21                             *(B) in subsection (b), by striking “the State*  
22                             *of Maryland and the State of Louisiana” and*  
23                             *inserting “any State that has demonstrated the*  
24                             *need”; and*

25               *(2) in section 3—*

1                   (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
2                   *follows:*

3           “(a) *GRANT AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary of the Inte-*  
4 *rior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’), may provide*  
5 *financial assistance to a State, in an amount that is in*  
6 *proportion to the total impacted area of such State affected*  
7 *by nutria, that has demonstrated to the Secretary sufficient*  
8 *need for a program to implement measures to eradicate or*  
9 *control nutria and restore marshland, public and private*  
10 *wetlands, and agricultural lands damaged by nutria.’;*

11                   (B) by striking subsection (b);

12                   (C) in subsection (d)—

13                   (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “the  
14                   program may” and inserting “a State pro-  
15                   gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;  
16                   and

17                   (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “the  
18                   program may” and inserting “a State pro-  
19                   gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;

20                   (D) in subsection (e), by inserting “to a  
21                   State” after “provided”;

22                   (E) in subsection (f), by striking  
23                   “\$4,000,000” and all that follows and inserting  
24                   “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021  
25                   through 2025.”; and

- 1                    *(F) by redesignating subsections (c) through*
- 2                    *(f) as subsections (b) through (e).*

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