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1ST SESSION

# S. 276

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Saving America’s Vul-  
5       nerable and Endangered Species Act” or the “SAVES  
6       Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF LIVING NONNATIVE**  
 2 **SPECIES AS THREATENED SPECIES OR EN-**  
 3 **DANGERED SPECIES.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION.**—The Endangered Species Act of  
 5 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) is amended by adding at  
 6 the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 19. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF LIVING NONNATIVE**  
 8 **SPECIES AS THREATENED SPECIES OR EN-**  
 9 **DANGERED SPECIES.**

10 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-  
 11 retary shall not list under section 4(c) any living nonnative  
 12 species.”.

13 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The table of con-  
 14 tents for the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.  
 15 prec. 1531) is amended by inserting after the item relating  
 16 to section 17 the following:

“Sec. 18. Annual cost analysis by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

“Sec. 19. Prohibition on listing of living nonnative species as threatened species  
 or endangered species.”.

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