

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2253

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit the use under that Act of any item or information obtained by trespassing on privately owned property, or otherwise taken from privately owned property without the consent of the owner of the property.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 1999

Mr. CALVERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

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 “Property Owners Pro-
5 tection Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON USE OF ITEMS AND INFORMATION**
2 **OBTAINED FROM PRIVATELY OWNED PROP-**
3 **ERTY WITHOUT CONSENT.**

4 Section 11 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
5 (16 U.S.C. 1540) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(f) RESTRICTION ON USE OF ITEMS OR INFORMA-
8 TION OBTAINED FROM PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY
9 WITHOUT CONSENT.—Any item or information obtained
10 by trespassing on privately owned property, or otherwise
11 taken from privately owned property without the consent
12 of the owner of the property—

13 “(1) shall not be admissible as evidence in any
14 criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding under
15 this Act; and

16 “(2) may not otherwise be used to administer
17 this Act.”.

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