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1ST SESSION

H. R. 2879

To improve migratory bird management by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 11), 2001

Mr. ROSS (for himself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SHOWS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, 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

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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. MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT BY THE DE-**
4 **PARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

5 (a) EXEMPTION FROM NEPA.—Migratory bird man-
6 agement activities carried out by the Secretary of Agri-
7 culture shall be exempt from the National Environmental
8 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

1 (b) ACTIONS UNDER THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY
2 ACT.—An agent, officer, or employee of the Animal and
3 Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Ag-
4 riculture that carries out any activity relating to migratory
5 bird management may take the following actions under the
6 Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.):

7 (1) Issue depredation permits to stakeholders or
8 cooperators of the Service.

9 (2) Manage and take migratory birds.

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