

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3320

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2003

Mr. ROSS (for himself, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. BERRY) 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

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

5       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
6       “American Aquaculture and Fishery Resources Protection  
7       Act”.

1       (b) EXEMPTION FROM NEPA.—Migratory bird man-  
2 agement activities carried out by the Secretary of Agri-  
3 culture shall be exempt from the National Environmental  
4 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

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

11           (1) Issue depredation permits to stakeholders or  
12       cooperators of the Service.

13           (2) Manage and take migratory birds.

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