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To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans.

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A BILL

To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans.

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 “Udall-Eisenhower Arc-

5 tic Wilderness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Americans cherish the continued existence
9 of expansive, unspoiled wilderness ecosystems and
10 wildlife found on their public lands, and feel a
11 strong moral responsibility to protect this wilderness
12 heritage as an enduring resource to bequeath undis-
13 turbed to future generations of Americans.

14 (2) It is widely believed by ecologists, wildlife
15 scientists, public land specialists, and other experts
16 that the wilderness ecosystem centered around and
17 dependent upon the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic
18 National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, represents the
19 very epitome of a primeval wilderness ecosystem and

1 constitutes the greatest wilderness area and diversity
2 of wildlife habitats of its kind in the United States.

3 (3) President Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated
4 protection of the wilderness values of the Arctic
5 coastal plain in 1960 when he set aside 8,900,000
6 acres establishing the Arctic National Wildlife Ref-
7 uge expressly “for the purpose of preserving unique
8 wildlife, wilderness and recreational values”.

9 (4) In 1980, when the Congress acted to
10 strengthen the protective management of the Eisen-
11 hower-designated area with the enactment of the
12 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
13 (Public Law 96–487; 94 Stat. 2371), Representative
14 Morris K. Udall led the effort to more than double
15 the size of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
16 (under section 303(2) of such Act) and extend statu-
17 tory wilderness protection to most of the original
18 area.

19 (5) Before the enactment of the Alaska Na-
20 tional Interest Lands Conservation Act, the House
21 of Representatives twice passed legislation that
22 would have protected the entire Eisenhower-des-
23 igned area as wilderness, including the Arctic
24 coastal plain.

1 (6) A majority of Americans have supported
2 and continue to support preserving and protecting
3 the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, including the
4 Arctic coastal plain, from any industrial development
5 and consider oil and gas exploration and develop-
6 ment in particular to be incompatible with the pur-
7 poses for which this incomparable wilderness eco-
8 system has been set aside.

9 (7) Canada has taken action to preserve those
10 portions of the wilderness ecosystem of the Arctic
11 that exist on its side of the international border and
12 provides strong legal protection for the habitat of
13 the Porcupine River caribou herd that migrates an-
14 nually through both countries to calve on the Arctic
15 coastal plain.

16 (8) The extension of full wilderness protection
17 for the Arctic coastal plain within the Arctic Na-
18 tional Wildlife Refuge will still leave 95 percent of
19 the North Slope of Alaska without such wilderness
20 protection, so that development of energy resources
21 in Alaska can continue to contribute significantly to
22 meeting the energy needs of the United States with-
23 out despoiling the unique Arctic coastal plain of the
24 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Congress hereby
2 declares that it is the policy of the United States—

3 (1) to honor the decades of bipartisan efforts
4 that have increasingly protected the great wilderness
5 ecosystem of the Arctic coastal plain;

6 (2) to sustain this natural treasure for the cur-
7 rent generation of Americans; and

8 (3) to do everything possible to protect and pre-
9 serve this magnificent natural ecosystem so that it
10 may be bequeathed in its unspoiled natural condition
11 to future generations of Americans.

12 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS, ARC-**
13 **TIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA.**

14 (a) INCLUSION OF ARCTIC COASTAL PLAIN.—In fur-
15 therance of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.),
16 an area within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the
17 State of Alaska comprising approximately 1,559,538
18 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Arctic Na-
19 tional Wildlife Refuge—1002 Area Alternative E—Wilder-
20 ness Designation”, dated October 28, 1991, and available
21 for inspection in the offices of the Secretary of the Inte-
22 rior, is hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore, as
23 a component of the National Wilderness Preservation Sys-
24 tem.

1 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The area designated as wil-
2 derness under subsection (a) shall be administered by the
3 Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions
4 of the Wilderness Act as part of the wilderness area al-
5 ready in existence within the Arctic National Wildlife Ref-
6 uge as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

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