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To amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. LEE, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. BEAN, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MCNULTY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. WOLF, Ms. CARSON, Mr. WEINER, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. LINDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

To amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping,

transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

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. PROHIBITION ON SHIPPING, TRANSPORTING,**
 4 **MOVING, DELIVERING, RECEIVING, POS-**
 5 **SESSING, PURCHASING, SELLING, OR DONA-**
 6 **TION OF HORSES AND OTHER EQUINES FOR**
 7 **SLAUGHTER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Horse Protection
 9 Act (15 U.S.C. 1821) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3),
 11 and (4) as paragraphs (2), (3), (5), and (6), respec-
 12 tively;

13 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
 14 designated, the following new paragraph:

15 “(1) The term ‘human consumption’ means in-
 16 gestion by people as a source of food.”; and

17 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3), as so re-
 18 designated, the following new paragraph:

19 “(4) The term ‘slaughter’ means the killing of
 20 one or more horses or other equines with the intent
 21 to sell or trade the flesh for human consumption.”.

1 (b) FINDINGS.—Section 3 of the Horse Protection
2 Act (15 U.S.C. 1822) is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
4 (5) as paragraphs (6) through (10), respectively;

5 (2) by adding before paragraph (6), as so redesi-
6 gnated, the following new paragraphs:

7 “(1) horses and other equines play a vital role
8 in the collective experience of the United States and
9 deserve protection and compassion;

10 “(2) horses and other equines are domestic ani-
11 mals that are used primarily for recreation, pleasure,
12 and sport;

13 “(3) unlike cows, pigs, and many other animals,
14 horses and other equines are not raised for the pur-
15 pose of being slaughtered for human consumption;

16 “(4) individuals selling horses or other equines
17 at auctions are seldom aware that the animals may
18 be bought for the purpose of being slaughtered for
19 human consumption;

20 “(5) the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
21 Service of the Department of Agriculture has found
22 that horses and other equines cannot be safely and
23 humanely transported in double deck trailers;”;

24 (3) by striking paragraph (8), as so redesi-
25 gnated, and inserting the following new paragraph:

1 “(8) the movement, showing, exhibition, or sale
2 of sore horses in intrastate commerce, and the ship-
3 ping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving,
4 possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation in intra-
5 state commerce of horses and other equines to be
6 slaughtered for human consumption, adversely affect
7 and burden interstate and foreign commerce;”.

8 (c) PROHIBITION.—Section 5 of the Horse Protection
9 Act (15 U.S.C. 1824) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through
11 (11) as paragraphs (9) through (12), respectively;
12 and

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph 7 the following
14 new paragraph:

15 “(8) The shipping, transporting, moving, deliv-
16 ering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or
17 donation of any horse or other equine to be slaugh-
18 tered for human consumption.”.

19 (d) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN.—Section 6(e) of the
20 Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1825(e)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking the first sentence of paragraph
22 (1);

23 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2)
24 and as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

1 (3) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
2 designated, the following new paragraph:

3 “(1) The Secretary may detain for examination, test-
4 ing, or the taking of evidence—

5 “(A) any horse at any horse show, horse exhi-
6 bition, or horse sale or auction which is sore or
7 which the Secretary has probable cause to believe is
8 sore; and

9 “(B) any horse or other equine which the Sec-
10 retary has probable cause to believe is being shipped,
11 transported, moved, delivered, received, possessed,
12 purchased, sold, or donated in violation of section
13 5(8).”.

14 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 12 of the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1831) is
16 amended by striking “\$500,000” and inserting
17 “\$5,000,000”.

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