

# Union Calendar No. 533

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5026

[Report No. 113–702]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2014

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. MICHAUD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 22, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. COTTON

DECEMBER 22, 2014

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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 “Fish Hatchery Protec-  
5       tion Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CLOSING PROPAGATION FISH**  
7                       **HATCHERIES OR REPURPOSING PRIORITIES**  
8                       **FOR PROPAGATION PROGRAMS.**

9       (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Interior  
10       may not permanently close, reprogram, repurpose, decom-  
11       mission, significantly alter, or move to caretaker status  
12       any fish and other aquatic species propagation hatchery  
13       or propagation program within the National Fish Hatch-  
14       ery System of the Department of the Interior unless such  
15       action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress.

16       (b) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—This section shall be effec-  
17       tive during the period beginning November 1, 2013, and  
18       ending upon the expiration of the 10-year period begin-  
19       ning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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