

Union Calendar No. 158

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 638

[Report No. 113–218]

To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Mr. FLEMING (for himself, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. JONES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. POSEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. AMODEI, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. SOUTHERLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

Additional sponsors: Mrs. LUMMIS and Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina

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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 “National Wildlife Ref-
5 uge Review Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW NA-**
7 **TIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(a) of the National Wild-
9 life Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.
10 668dd(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) The Secretary may not establish any national
12 wildlife refuge except as expressly authorized by a law en-
13 acted after January 3, 2013.”.

14 (b) EXISTING REFUGES NOT AFFECTED.—The
15 amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply with
16 respect to any national wildlife refuge established on or
17 before January 3, 2013.

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