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S. 376

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Endan-
5 gered Species Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH ON INTERNET BASIS**
2 **FOR LISTINGS.**

3 Section 4(b) of the Endangered Species Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1533(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(9) PUBLICATION ON INTERNET OF BASIS FOR
7 LISTINGS.—The Secretary shall make publicly avail-
8 able on the Internet the best scientific and commer-
9 cial data available that are the basis for each regula-
10 tion, including each proposed regulation, promul-
11 gated under subsection (a)(1), except that, at the re-
12 quest of a Governor or legislature of a State, the
13 Secretary shall not make available under this para-
14 graph information regarding which the State has de-
15 termined public disclosure is prohibited by a law of
16 that State relating to the protection of personal in-
17 formation.”.

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