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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguarding Amer-
3 ica’s Food Economy and Controlling Agricultural Threats
4 to Livestock and Enterprises Act” or the “SAFE CAT-
5 TLE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COOPERATION ON NEW WORLD**
7 **SCREWWORM ERADICATION AND MONI-**
8 **TORING ACTIVITIES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
11 culture and the Secretary of the Interior shall enter into
12 a memorandum of understanding or other interagency
13 agreement, to carry out, and coordinate on, activities to
14 prevent, control, and eradicate New World screwworm in
15 wildlife and non-livestock species of animals on covered
16 lands. Such activities shall include—

17 (1) coordinating joint surveillance and moni-
18 toring protocols for early detection of New World
19 screwworm in wildlife and non-livestock species of
20 animals on covered lands;

21 (2) for purposes of controlling and containing
22 New World screwworm in all species of animals on
23 covered lands in the event of an outbreak, coordi-
24 nating with (as appropriate) State wildlife and live-
25 stock health officers with respect to response proce-

1 dures, the distribution of information, and notifica-
2 tion procedures;

3 (3) coordinating New World screwworm eradi-
4 cation protocols to protect wildlife and non-livestock
5 species of animals on covered lands, stabilize and re-
6 duce the threat to domestic animal agriculture, and
7 safeguard the domestic food supply and the econ-
8 omy; and

9 (4) developing science-based and risk-based ap-
10 proaches and systems to facilitate continuity of busi-
11 ness for non-infected animals of all species and non-
12 contaminated areas on covered lands.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until
15 the date on which the Secretary of Agriculture certifies
16 to the Congress that the New World screwworm has been
17 quarantined south of the Darien Gap in Panama, the Sec-
18 retary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior
19 shall jointly submit to the Committee on Agriculture and
20 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
22 and Forestry and the Committee on Energy and Natural
23 Resources of the Senate a report detailing the following:

24 (1) the extent of interagency coordination be-
25 tween each Federal agency involved in the preven-

1 tion, control, and eradication of New World
2 screwworm on covered lands;

3 (2) any progress made in the surveillance and
4 prevention of New World screwworm outbreaks;

5 (3) any incidents of infestation of New World
6 screwworm in the United States and Federal col-
7 laborative activities undertaken to control the spread
8 of such infestation; and

9 (4) any recommendations for legislative or ad-
10 ministrative action to improve the Federal response
11 capacity to the threat of New World screwworm.

12 (c) COVERED LANDS DEFINED.—In this Act, the
13 term “covered lands” means lands managed by the Na-
14 tional Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife
15 Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of
16 Reclamation, or the Forest Service.

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