

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9191

AN ACT

To amend chapter 3 of title 36, United States Code, to designate the American mastodon as the national fossil mammal and the Tyrannosaurus rex as the national fossil dinosaur of the United States, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Fossil Act
3 of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL FOSSIL MAMMAL AND DINOSAUR OF THE**
5 **UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) DESIGNATION.—Chapter 3 of title 36, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in the chapter heading, by striking “**AND**
9 **BIRD**” and inserting “**BIRD, AND FOSSIL**”;
10 and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 **“§ 307. National fossil mammal and dinosaur**

13 “The fossil of—

14 “(1) the genus *Mammut americanum*, com-
15 monly known as the American mastodon, is the na-
16 tional fossil mammal; and

17 “(2) the *Tyrannosaurus rex* is the national fos-
18 sil dinosaur.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 36, United
20 States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in the table of sections for chapter 3, by
22 adding at the end the following:

“307. National fossil mammal and dinosaur.”; and

23 (2) by striking the item relating to chapter 3 in
24 the table of chapters at the beginning of such title
25 and inserting the following:

**“3. National Anthem, Motto, Floral Emblem, March,
Tree, Bird, and Fossil 301”.**

Passed the House of Representatives September 16,
2026.

Attest:

Clerk.

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