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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 503, TO AMEND THE HORSE PROTECTION ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SHIPPING, TRANSPORTING, MOVING, DELIVERING, RECEIVING, POSSESSING, PURCHASING, SELLING, OR DONATION OF HORSES AND OTHER EQUINES TO BE SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2006.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 981]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 981, by a non-record vote, reports the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 503, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes, under a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour and 20 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. The rule provides that the amendments printed in this report may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The Committee is not aware of any points of order against consideration of the bill or the amendments made in order under the rule. The waivers of all points of order against consideration of the bill and against the amendments made in order under the rule are prophylactic in nature.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

(Summaries derived from information provided by sponsors.)

1. Goodlatte (VA): Provides that H.R. 503 will take effect with respect to any State where it is in violation of the laws thereof to ship, transport, move, deliver, receive, possess, purchase, sell, or donate any horse or other equine to be slaughtered for human consumption. (10 minutes)

2. Goodlatte (VA): Provides that the prohibitions in H.R. 503 will not apply with respect to slaughter in existing horse plants. (10 minutes)

3. Goodlatte (VA): Provides that the Secretary of Agriculture must certify that sufficient horse sanctuaries exist to care for unwanted horses before the law will take effect. (10 minutes)

4. King, Steve (IA): Provides that equines may be shipped, transported, moved, delivered, received, possessed, purchased, sold, or donated for slaughter for human consumption by Native Americans or people from other cultures that eat equine meat. (10 minutes)

5. Goodlatte (VA): Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to make a determination, based on empirical evidence, that the prohibition on shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses to be slaughtered for human consumption is supported by a majority of horse owners before the prohibition can go into effect. (10 minutes)

6. Goodlatte (VA): Replaces "horse or other equine" in H.R. 503 with "registered thoroughbred horse". (10 minutes)

7. Goodlatte (VA): Provides that the Federal government will reimburse State and local governments for the costs incurred in caring for abandoned or unwanted horses. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODLATTE OF VIRGINIA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In the paragraph (8) of section 5 of the Horse Protection Act, which is being added by subsection (c)(2) of section 1 of the bill, strike "consumption." and insert the following: "consumption if the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation occurs in a State that prohibits, pursuant to State law, the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses or other equines within the State to be slaughtered for human consumption.".

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODLATTE OF VIRGINIA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In the paragraph (8) of section 5 of the Horse Protection Act, which is being added by subsection (c)(2) of section 1 of the bill, strike "consumption." and insert the following: "consumption, unless the horse or other equine will be slaughtered at a facility operating before the date of the enactment of this paragraph.".

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3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODLATTE OF VIRGINIA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In the paragraph (8) of section 5 of the Horse Protection Act, which is being added by subsection (c)(2) of section 1 of the bill, strike "consumption." and insert the following: "consumption, except that this prohibition shall not take effect until 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of Agriculture certifies to Congress that sufficient sanctuaries exist in the United States to care for any horses that may be unwanted as a result of this prohibition.".

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4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KING OF IOWA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In the paragraph (8) of section 5 of the Horse Protection Act, which is being added by subsection (c)(2) of section 1 of the bill, strike "consumption." and insert the following: "consumption, unless the horse or other equine will be slaughtered for human consumption by Native Americans or persons of cultures who have traditionally consumed the meat of horses or other equines, as determined by the Secretary.".

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5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODLATTE OF VIRGINIA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In the paragraph (8) of section 5 of the Horse Protection Act, which is being added by subsection (c)(2) of section 1 of the bill, strike "consumption." and insert the following: "consumption, except that this prohibition shall not take effect until 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of Agriculture (A) determines that, based on empirical evidence, the prohibition is supported by a majority of those persons who have been owners of a horse or other equine in the United States during a representative period, as determined by the Secretary, and (B) notifies Congress of that determination.".

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6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODLATTE OF VIRGINIA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In the heading of section 1, strike "**HORSE AND OTHER EQUINES**" and insert "**REGISTERED THOROUGHBRED HORSES**".

Strike "horses or other equines" both places it appears and insert "registered Thoroughbred horses".

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7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODLATTE OF VIRGINIA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end the following new subsection:

(f) REIMBURSEMENT.—Section 11 of the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1830) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. REIMBURSEMENT OF STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR UNRECOUPED COSTS RELATED TO STRAY AND ABANDONED HORSES OR OTHER EQUINES.

"The Secretary shall reimburse a State or local government of a State for all unrecouped costs incurred by the State or local government—

"(1) to care for any stray or abandoned horse or other equine; and

"(2) to provide for the sale or adoption or the euthanization and disposal of the horse or other equine.".

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