

Call for Action: Please contact your U.S. Representative and ask him/her to OPPOSE H.R. 80, to stop the onslaught of animal rights (AR) supported bills.

The U.S. House of Representatives has again introduced a bill, H.R. 80, which would stop any movement of non USDA primates for the exotic pet trade.

The Captive Primate Safety Act, introduced this session by U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (OR), will not save primates from inadequate and inhumane living conditions not already covered through basic animal welfare (not rights) laws. It also will not protect people from claimed serious injury and deadly disease. It is based on scare tactics furthered through animal rights organizations and groups. There have not been any deaths from primates in the private sector and many claims of attacks have been nothing more than a small scratch sometimes caused through play.

Most of the animal rights organizations supporting these type bills do not believe it is "ethical" to eat meat, yet alone own animals. Primates have been kept in captivity for many generations in the U.S. with none of the claims of disease causing an "outbreak" as depicted in Hollywood style fiction.

The House passed the Captive Primate Safety Act during the last session of Congress, but the Senate failed to act on the bill and it died at the end of the session. The current bill was introduced the first week of the new session and will hopefully get the same result, and also saving the House of Representatives time spent on an unnecessary bill such as HR80.

Today there are an 'claimed' 15,000 primates living in captivity in the United States. Most primate owners take the needs of their pets seriously. To get sympathy for their misguided views, AR falsely claim most pet primates are inhumanely housed in the basements. There are a variety of enclosures used at different times for different situations.

Those believing in animal rights consistently use a few rare instances of improper care, already covered by animal abuse and neglect laws in most every area of the U.S., to try to force others to adopt their views.

Another tactic is portraying the use of a temporary sleeping cage (that facilitates fast removal at night if a fire should occur in the home) as an example of inhumane caging while inferring this is a permanent enclosure.

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