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## Wild and Exotic Animal Federal Legislative Summary as of 4/7/2009

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### USA FEDERAL LEGISLATION (111th Congress, Year 2009):

[http://www.rexano.org/DA\\_FEDERAL.htm](http://www.rexano.org/DA_FEDERAL.htm)

#### "Captive Primate Safety Act" H.R. 80 (House version of S. 462)

[http://www.rexano.org/PrimateAct\\_2009Frame.htm](http://www.rexano.org/PrimateAct_2009Frame.htm)

Title: To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Democrat Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3] (introduced 1/6/2009)

#### Latest Major Action:

3/12/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

2/24/2009 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 323 - 95 (Roll no. 76).

2/23/2009 House floor actions. Status: At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Broun (GA) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.

2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

#### Cosponsors (27)

**Democrats:** Moran James P. [VA-8], Farr Sam [CA-17], Miller George [CA-7], Lee Barbara [CA-9], Moore Dennis [KS-3], Van Hollen Chris [MD-8], Pallone Frank Jr. [NJ-9], Johnson Eddie Bernice [TX-30], Nadler Jerrold [NY-8], Stark Fortney Pete [CA-13], Israel Steve [NY-2], Woolsey Lynn C. [CA-6], Grijalva Raul M. [AZ-7], Berman Howard L. [CA-28], Levin Sander M. [MI-12], Lofgren Zoe [CA-16], Braley, Bruce L [IA-1], Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU], Maloney, Carolyn B. [NY-14], Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10], Jackson-Lee, Sheila [TX-18], Capps, Lois [CA-23], Himes, James A. [CT-4], Sestak, Joe [PA-7]

**Republicans:** Kirk Mark Steven [IL-10], Brown Henry E., Jr. [SC-1], Lance Leonard [NJ-7]

**Comments:** This bill has been reintroduced more than once and it is similar to already existing version signed into law in 2003 that affects big cats, cougars and up. It basically prevents a non USDA, aka pet, owner of non human primate to take their beloved animals

with them across state lines, not even in the case if a household move, or in case of an emergency, such as a natural disaster. The agency stuck enforcing these bills, the US Fish and wildlife, service has been opposing these bills. However our city slicker legislators rather listen to the animal rights groups introducing these idiotic anti animal bills, than to the real experts, the owners and enforcing agencies.

**"Captive Primate Safety Act" S. 462 (Senate version of H.R. 80, see above)**  
([http://www.rexano.org/S462\\_Wildlife\\_Frame.htm](http://www.rexano.org/S462_Wildlife_Frame.htm))

**Title:** A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** **Democrats:** Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 2/24/2009)  
**Latest Major Action:** 2/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Cosponsors (6):**

**Democrats:** Robert Menendez [NJ], Sheldon Whitehouse [RI]  
**Independent:** Joseph I. Lieberman [CT]  
**Republicans:** Vitter David [LA], Richard Burr [NC], John Ensign [NV]

**To Include Python genera as an injurious animal S. 373**  
([http://www.rexano.org/S373\\_Python\\_Invasion\\_Frame.htm](http://www.rexano.org/S373_Python_Invasion_Frame.htm))

**Title:** A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal.

**Sponsor:** **Democrat** Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 2/3/2009)

**Comments:** Florida supposedly has Burmese python, ex pets, released in Everglades Park and eating native critters. Florida state already addressed this issue by passing so called 'Python bill' that would require microchipping and registration of many animals including Burmese pythons and other big constrictors. This is an isolated local issue that has been dealt locally with already, but that didn't stop Senator Nelson from introducing this federal bill, even though there is no way any reptile could survive in Alaska and elsewhere else for that matter. Our tax money at work.

**The Non-Native Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act H.R. 669 (reincarnation of last year's H.R. 6311)**  
([http://www.rexano.org/HR669\\_Wildlife\\_Invasion\\_Frame.htm](http://www.rexano.org/HR669_Wildlife_Invasion_Frame.htm))

**Title:** To prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or other animal species' or human health, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [**Democrat-GU**] (introduced 1/26/2009)

**Congressional hearing scheduled for April 23, 2009.**

**Latest Major Action:**

2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

1/26/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

**Cosponsors (21):**

**Democrats:** Napolitano Grace [CA-38], George Miller [CA-7], McGovern James P.[MA-3], Klein Ron [FL-22], Kind Ron [WI-3], Kildee Dale [MI-5], Hastings Alcee [FL-23], Grijalva Raul M. [AZ-7], Abercrombie Neil [HI-1], Lee Barbara [CA-9], Faleomavaega, Eni F.H. [AS], Frank Barney [MA-4], Barbara Lee [CA-9], Lynn Woolsey [CA-6], Sam Farr [CA-17], Steve Cohen [TN-9], Rush D. Holt [NJ-12], Peter A. DeFazio [OR-4], Steve Kagen [WI-8], Frank Pallone Jr. [NJ-6], Maurice D. Hinchey [NY-22]

**Independent:** Gregorio Sablan [Northern Mariana Islands]

**Republicans:** NONE SO FAR

**Comments:** HR 699 would create 'Prohibited' and 'Approved' species lists. Usually with bills, if the species is not on prohibited list, it is legal by default. In the case of HR 699, for the species to be legal, it would have to be absent from the PROHIBITED list, and at the same time be on the APPROVED list. All others would be ILLEGAL by default. To be listed on the Approved list, proof must be provided that it will never harm the environment. This is as insane as asking the person buying a new car that they will never get into a car accident.

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