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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Endangered Species Act to prevent a species that is not native to the United States from being listed as an endangered species or a threatened species, to prohibit certain types of financial assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BIGGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Sovereignty
5 and Species Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON LISTING OF NOT NATIVE SPECIES**
2 **AND PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL AS-**
3 **SISTANCE.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION ON LISTING OF NOT NATIVE SPE-**
5 **CIES.**—Section 4(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of
6 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 “(D) **NOT NATIVE SPECIES.**—The Sec-
9 retary may not determine that a species is an
10 endangered species or a threatened species pur-
11 suant to section 4 if such species is not native
12 to the United States.”.

13 (b) **LIMITATION ON PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINAN-**
14 **CIAL ASSISTANCE.**—Section 8(a) of the Endangered Spe-
15 cies Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1537(a)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “As a demonstration of” and in-
17 serting the following:

18 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—As a demonstration of”;

19 (2) by striking “(which includes, but is not lim-
20 ited to, the acquisition, by lease or otherwise, of
21 lands, waters, or interests therein)”;

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(2) **PROHIBITION ON PURCHASING LAND IN A**
24 **FOREIGN COUNTRY.**—No financial assistance pro-
25 vided under paragraph (1) may be used to acquire,

1 by lease or otherwise, lands, waters, or other inter-
2 ests in a foreign country.”.