LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This edition of Update is the first dealing with legislation and judicial decisions. Legislative Updates will be periodically prepared by The HSUS Department of Information and Legislation. In addition to our regular distribution, legislative issues of Update will be made available to a select number of humane societies and individual animal welfare workers who have, in past, shown a special interest in animal welfare legislation.

Our first Legislative Update is confined to Congressional legislation; however, future editions will include state and municipal legislation of special interest, and precedent setting judicial decisions of national significance. HSUS Regional Offices and other recipients of Legislative Update are encouraged to submit reports and bill copies for use in future issues of this publication.

When possible, the Department of Information and Legislation will attempt to provide copies of legislative proposals upon request. The Society will also make available for distribution copies of testimony presented at legislative hearings.

This report contains a review of all introductions and action relating to animal welfare bills through May 31st. All animal welfare bills are listed including identical, companion and similar measures.

Due to limitations on the availability of bill copies, routine requests for Congressional bills should be addressed directly to either the House Document Room, Capitol Building, Washington, D. C., 20515 or the Senate Document Room, Capitol Building, Washington, D. C., 20510. No more than six bills may be requested in one letter and each request must be accompanied by a self-addressed gum label.
SENATE LEGISLATION

S. 399, Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.). To amend the Animal Welfare Act of 1970 to regulate terminal facilities used by common carriers licensed under the Act and to bring birds in pet stores and zoos under the provisions of the Act. To the Senate Committee on Commerce. Companion House bill H.R. 1264 (Whitehurst, R-Va.). These measures are primarily directed at the shipment of animals in air commerce. S. 399 and H.R. 1264 are preferred by The HSUS over other bills dealing with animal transportation. The secondary provision pertaining to birds may be sacrificed if necessary to procure passage.

S. 819, Senator Birch Bayh (D-Ind). To establish a program of research into methods of controlling and conserving predatory animals; to place responsibility for predator control among the states; to prohibit federal funding of predator control programs involving chemical toxicants; and to prohibit the use on public lands of any chemical toxicant for the purpose of controlling predators. To the Senate Committee on Commerce. Predator control legislation is another of the key measures facing The HSUS in the 93rd Congress. Sheep ranchers are opposing all predator control legislation in the hope that the absence of Congressional support for the President's 1971 Executive Order will facilitate a lifting of the ban on poisons.

S. 887, Senator Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.). The Administration version of predator control legislation. To the Senate Committee on Commerce. Similar House bill H.R. 38. Similar in format to S. 819, however a weaker bill.

S. 932, Senator James Abourezk (D-S.D.). Requires the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to encourage the use of models, illustrations, films and other alternatives to animal experimentation in elementary and secondary schools; withholds federal funds from any school district where live animal experimentation is practiced; establishes as public policy that such experimentation is brutalizing to children and should be discouraged. To the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Similar House bill H.R. 4685. This is another of the key issues for animal welfare organizations during the 93rd Congress and a push for these measures can be expected during the winter of 1973.

S. 1032, Senator Birch Bayh (D-Ind.). To make available low cost loans for the construction of spay and neuter clinics and to make available grants for the training of paraprofessional personnel to assist in and perform castrations and ovariohysterectomies. To the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Companion House bill H.R. 6920 (Koch, D-N.Y.).

S. 1133, Senator Lee Metcalfe (D-Mont.). To provide additional funds to the states for carrying out wildlife restoration programs through a tax on component parts of ammunition. To the Senate Committee on Commerce.
S. 1333, Senator Richard Clark (D-Iowa). To provide for the establishment of a veterinary biologics facility by USDA in order to promote the health of income producing food animals. To the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. Similar House bill H.R. 1192.

S. 1388, Senator Herman E. Talmadge (D-Ga.). To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and assist the several states in carrying out a program of animal health research. To the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. Similar House bill H.R. 1683.

S. 1390, Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisc.). Predator control. To the Senate Committee on Commerce. Similar Senate bill S. 819.

S. 1592, Senator Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.). To amend the Endangered Species Conservation Act to provide for the conservation of species and subspecies of fish and wildlife which are threatened with extinction or likely within the foreseeable future to become threatened with extinction; and to extend the protection afforded endangered species native to the United States. To the Senate Committee on Commerce. Similar House bill H.R. 37. The HSUS is supporting this measure with the provision that we do not believe any portion of the act should be placed in the hands of the Department of Commerce in light of their past failures to protect endangered species in instances where they had regulatory authority to do so.

S. 1637, Senator Birch Bayh (D-Ind.). To require the Secretary of Interior to prohibit the use, on public lands, of any trap, net, snare or other device which does not painlessly capture or immediately kill its victim; to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or transportation in interstate or foreign commerce of any trap which does not painlessly capture or immediately kill its victim. To the Senate Committee on Commerce. Companion House bill H.R. 8065 (Anderson, D-Ca.). This bill was co-drafted by The HSUS and Friends of the Earth. Senator Bayh's remarks upon introduction were taken directly from the written testimony given by Guy Hodge before the Indiana State Senate in February. S. 1637 has the highest priority among all the measures expected to be brought before the 93rd Congress. Within the limits of permissible legislative activity, all branch and regional offices should focus attention on this measure.

S. 1652, Senator Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.). To prohibit the importation or interstate shipment of commercially produced domestic dog and cat products. To the Senate Committee on Finance. Companion House bill H.R. 3347 (Anderson, D-Ca.).

S. 1706, Senator Henry Bellmon (R-Okla.). To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a program of research into the substantial losses
of animals sustained through disease and injury while such animals are being transported to market. To the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

S. 1742, Senator Harrison Williams (D-N.J.). To prohibit the use of leghold, steel jaw traps or other inhumane snaring devices. To the Senate Committee on Commerce.

S. 1777, Senator Richard S. Schweicker (R-Pa.). To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to prohibit the sale for human consumption of meat from horses, mules and other equines. To the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. Companion House bill H.R. 7787 (Broomfield, R-Mich.).

HOUSE LEGISLATION


H.R. 59, Rep. Leonor Sullivan (D-Mo.). Authorizes the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to regulate or prohibit the transportation, sale or other distribution in interstate commerce of live animals intended as household pets, if such animals are determined to transmit diseases to humans. To the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. This measure is intended to eliminate the sale of chicks, turtles, ducklings and rabbits as pets. The HSUS is hopeful that consideration can be given this measure during the second session of the 93rd Congress.


H.R. 584, Rep. William Green (D-Pa.). To regulate the interstate trafficking and sale of hypodermic needles and syringes. To the House
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Identical House bills H.R. 1833, H.R. 3237, H.R. 3382, H.R. 3688. This measure could critically affect animal shelters. The HSUS is seeking the cooperation of the National League of Cities in appealing to Congress to insure that adequate provision is made to permit the continued availability of needles and syringes to both public and private shelters.

H.R. 731, Rep. William Mailliard (R-Ca.). To establish wildlife, fish and game conservation and rehabilitation programs on certain lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, Atomic Energy Commission, and N.A.S.A. and for other purposes. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 732, Rep. William Mailliard (R-Ca.). To extend to hawks, owls, and certain other raptors the protection now accorded to bald and golden eagles. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Similar House bill H.R. 1903.

H.R. 733, Rep. William Mailliard (R-Ca.). To extend and expand the authority for carrying out conservation programs on military reservations and to authorize the implementation of such programs on certain public lands. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.


H.R. 854, Rep. John Murphy (D-N.Y.). To provide for advance notice to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and certain State agencies before the beginning of any Federal program involving the use of pesticides or other chemicals designed for mass biological controls and for other purposes. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 1087, Rep. Edward R. Roybal (D-Ca.). To authorize the U. S. Commissioner of Education to establish education programs to encourage understanding of policies and support of activities designed to enhance environmental quality and maintain ecological balance. To the House Committee on Education and Labor.

H.R. 1192, Rep. Neal Smith (D-Iowa). To provide for the establishment of a veterinary biologics facility by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and for other purposes. To the House Committee on Agriculture. Similar Senate bill S. 1333. Identical House bill H.R. 5276.

H.R. 1264, Rep. William Whitehurst (R-Va.). To amend the Animal Welfare Act relating to the care and treatment of animals to broaden the categories of persons regulated under such law, to assure that birds in pet stores
and zoos are protected, and to increase protection for animals in transit. To the House Committee on Agriculture. Companion Senate bill S. 399 (Weicker, R-Conn.). Identical House bill H.R. 5603.

H.R. 1266, Rep. William Whitehurst (R-Va.). To establish a National Zoological Park and Aquarium Corporation to set standards for the voluntary accreditation of zoos and aquariums and to provide technical assistance, loans, and grants to such facilities for modernization, research and the training of professional staff. To the House Committee on House Administration. Identical House bills H.R. 4689, H.R. 5604. The research provisions of this measure pertain to captive breeding, nutritional studies and similar programs to be monitored by the Commission, which contains three representatives of national humane organizations.

H.R. 1267, Rep. William Whitehurst (R-Va.). To amend the Horse Protection Act of 1970 to provide for criminal sanctions against persons interfering with USDA officials while engaged in the performance of duties under the Act, and to increase the appropriation for the Act. To the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Identical House bills H.R. 3873, H.R. 4688.

H.R. 1270, Rep. William Whitehurst (R-Va.). To require the Secretary of Interior to make a comprehensive study of the dolphin and porpoise for the purpose of developing adequate conservation measures. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Identical House bill H.R. 5605.

H.R. 1271, Rep. William Whitehurst (R-Va.). To require the Secretary of Interior to make a comprehensive study of the wolf for the purpose of developing adequate conservation measures. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Identical House bill H.R. 5606.

H.R. 1272, Rep. William Whitehurst (R-Va.). To create a fund in the Treasury to be known as The Fund For Endangered Wildlife, to be administered by the Department of Interior. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Identical House bill H.R. 4690.


H.R. 1683, Rep. William Scherle (R-Iowa). To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and assist the several states in carrying out a program of animal health research. To the House Committee on Agriculture. Similar Senate bill S. 1388. Identical House bills H.R. 3286, H.R. 7861.


H.R. 2289, Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.). To require a federal permit for the taking of any game bird other than migratory water fowl. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 2293, Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.). To provide for comprehensive surveys with respect to the adequacy of game and other animals and game birds and other birds and fish and their habitat. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.


H.R. 2723, Rep. Jerry Pettis (R-Ca.), identical to H.R. 835 (animals in air commerce).


H.R. 3237, Rep. Harold Collier (R-Ill.), identical to H.R. 584 (hypodermic needles).


H.R. 3347, Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Ca.). To prohibit the importation or interstate shipment of commercially produced products made from dogs and cats. To the House Committee on Ways and Means. Companion Senate bill S. 1653 (Schweiker, R-Pa.). Identical House bills H.R. 5756, H.R. 6337, H.R. 7860. While this measure has received wide publicity there is no evidence that a U.S. market for such products exists and, therefore, H.R. 3347 is not considered among the key measures for 1973-74.


H.R. 3430, Rep. Charles Gubser (R-Ca.). To prohibit the importation of live, venomous reptiles. To the House Committee on Ways and Means.


H.R. 3871, Rep. William Whitehurst (R-Va.). To amend the Animal Welfare Act to cover midways and state and county fairs. To the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 4345, Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.). To prohibit federal assistance to rental housing projects where tenants are not allowed to have dogs, or to local governments which do not permit dogs in rental housing. To the House Committee on Banking and Currency.


H.R. 4712, Rep. Clarence Long (D-Md.). To prohibit the interstate shipment or importation of any fur or leather product taken from a state or country which does not prohibit the sale of steel jaw, leghold traps. To the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Identical House bill H.R. 5917.


H.R. 5756, Rep. Bill Young (R-Fla.), identical to H.R. 3347 (dog and cat skins).


H.R. 5986, Rep. Teno Roncalio (D-Wyo.). To amend the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1956 to protect game and wildlife resources by prohibiting the use of lead shot for hunting in marshes and other aquatic areas. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Identical House bill H.R. 6410. This problem has resulted in administrative action by USDI.


H.R. 7895, Rep. John Zwach (R-Minn.). To require the protection, management and control of free roaming horses and burros on public lands. To the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. This bill is being withdrawn since identical legislation, now P.L. 92-159, was passed by the last Congress.


H.R. 7955, Rep. James J. Howard (D-N.Y.). To amend title 18 of the United State Code to prohibit the sale or purchase for slaughter of pregnant mares and mares with foals. To the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 8065, Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Ca.). To discourage the use of painful devices in the trapping of animals and birds. To the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Companion Senate bill S. 1637 (Bayh, D-Ind.).


SENATE AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

S.J.R. 24, Senator Thomas McIntyre (D-N.H.). Asks the President to declare the fourth Saturday of each September as National Hunting and Fishing Day. To the Senate Judiciary Committee. The HSUS is actively opposing this measure.

H.C.R. 40, Rep. William Whitehurst (R-Va.). To establish as the sense of Congress that the federal government should take appropriate steps to determine if new research methods can be developed to complement or eliminate current methods involving the direct or indirect use of animals. To the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.


H.J.R. 447, Rep. Jamie Whitten (D-Miss.). To designate the first week of each May as Be Kind to Animals Week. To the House Judiciary Committee.

H.J.R. 524, Rep. Richard Fulton (D-Tenn.). Authorizing the President to proclaim May of each year as National Earth and Wildlife Month. To the House Judiciary Committee.