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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JACKSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguarding Amer-  
3 ica’s Food Economy and Controlling Agricultural Threats  
4 to Livestock and Enterprises Act” or the “SAFE CAT-  
5 TLE Act”.

**6 SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COOPERATION ON NEW WORLD****7 SCREWWORM ERADICATION AND MONI-  
8 TORING ACTIVITIES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-  
11 culture and the Secretary of the Interior shall enter into  
12 a memorandum of understanding or other interagency  
13 agreement, to carry out, and coordinate on, activities to  
14 prevent, control, and eradicate New World screwworm in  
15 wildlife and non-livestock species of animals on covered  
16 lands. Such activities shall include—

17 (1) coordinating joint surveillance and moni-  
18 toring protocols for early detection of New World  
19 screwworm in wildlife and non-livestock species of  
20 animals on covered lands;

21 (2) for purposes of controlling and containing  
22 New World screwworm in all species of animals on  
23 covered lands in the event of an outbreak, coordi-  
24 nating with (as appropriate) State wildlife and live-  
25 stock health officers with respect to response proce-

1       dures, the distribution of information, and notifica-  
2       tion procedures;

3               (3) coordinating New World screwworm eradi-  
4       cation protocols to protect wildlife and non-livestock  
5       species of animals on covered lands, stabilize and re-  
6       duce the threat to domestic animal agriculture, and  
7       safeguard the domestic food supply and the econ-  
8       omy; and

9               (4) developing science-based and risk-based ap-  
10       proaches and systems to facilitate continuity of busi-  
11       ness for non-infected animals of all species and non-  
12       contaminated areas on covered lands.

13       (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
14       of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until  
15       the date on which the Secretary of Agriculture certifies  
16       to the Congress that the New World screwworm has been  
17       quarantined south of the Darien Gap in Panama, the Sec-  
18       retary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior  
19       shall jointly submit to the Committee on Agriculture and  
20       the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
21       resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
22       and Forestry and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
23       Resources of the Senate a report detailing the following:

24               (1) the extent of interagency coordination be-  
25       tween each Federal agency involved in the preven-

1       tion, control, and eradication of New World  
2       screwworm on covered lands;

3               (2) any progress made in the surveillance and  
4       prevention of New World screwworm outbreaks;

5               (3) any incidents of infestation of New World  
6       screwworm in the United States and Federal col-  
7       laborative activities undertaken to control the spread  
8       of such infestation; and

9               (4) any recommendations for legislative or ad-  
10       ministrative action to improve the Federal response  
11       capacity to the threat of New World screwworm.

12       (c) COVERED LANDS DEFINED.—In this Act, the  
13       term “covered lands” means lands managed by the Na-  
14       tional Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife  
15       Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of  
16       Reclamation, or the Forest Service.