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H. R. 353

To prohibit the export of American black bear viscera, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources and, in addition, to the Committees on International Relations and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Black Bear Protection
5 Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF AMERICAN BLACK**
2 **BEAR VISCERA.**

3 The Secretary of Commerce shall exercise the au-
4 thorities the Secretary has under the Export Administra-
5 tion Act of 1979 to prohibit the export from the United
6 States of American black bear viscera.

7 **SEC. 3. REPORT BY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**

8 The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the
9 Secretary of the Treasury, shall prepare and submit to
10 the Congress, not later than 180 days after the date of
11 the enactment of this Act, a report that describes—

12 (1) the effectiveness of the computerized infor-
13 mation system or any other system of the Fish and
14 Wildlife Service or the United States Customs Serv-
15 ice that records data on the importation or expor-
16 tation of wildlife body parts, specifically of the
17 American black bear, to and from the United States;
18 and

19 (2) any plans of the Fish and Wildlife Service
20 to monitor the illegal movement of, or commercial
21 activity in, American black bear viscera or other
22 American black bear body parts.

23 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.**

24 The United States Trade Representative shall discuss
25 the issues involving trade in American black bear viscera
26 with the appropriate representatives of those countries

1 trading with the United States who are determined jointly
2 by the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to be the
3 leading importers of American black bear viscera.

4 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

5 As used in this Act, the term “American black bear
6 viscera” means the gall bladder or any internal organs of
7 an American black bear (*Ursus Americanus*).

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