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S. 1214

To prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised
in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2015

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. MIKULSKI)
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To prevent human health threats posed by the consumption
of equines raised in the United States.

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 “John Rainey Memorial
5 Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) unlike cows, pigs, and other domesticated
9 species, horses and other members of the equidae

1 family are not raised for the purpose of human con-
2 sumption;

3 (2) equines raised in the United States are fre-
4 quently treated with substances that are not ap-
5 proved for use in horses intended for human con-
6 sumption and equine parts are therefore unsafe
7 within the meaning of section 409 of the Federal
8 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

9 (3) equines raised in the United States are fre-
10 quently treated with drugs, including phenylbuta-
11 zone, acepromazine, boldenone undecylenate, omepr-
12azole, ketoprofen, xylazine, hyaluronic acid, nitrofu-
13 razole, polysulfated glycosaminoglycan, clenbuterol,
14 tolazoline, and ponazuril, which are not approved for
15 use in horses intended for human consumption and
16 equine parts are therefore unsafe within the mean-
17 ing of section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and
18 Cosmetic Act; and

19 (4) consuming parts of an equine raised in the
20 United States likely poses a serious threat to human
21 health and the public should be protected from these
22 unsafe products.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS.**

2 Section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
3 Act (21 U.S.C. 331) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(ddd) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
6 section—

7 “(1) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under
8 section 409 of this Act;

9 “(2) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under
10 section 512 of this Act; and

11 “(3) the knowing sale or transport of equines or
12 equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for
13 purposes of human consumption is hereby prohib-
14 ited.”.

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