

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 282

To designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Arctic Refuge Protec-
5 tion Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF PORTION OF ARCTIC NATIONAL**
2 **WILDLIFE REFUGE AS WILDERNESS.**

3 Section 4 of the National Wildlife Refuge System Ad-
4 ministration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(p) DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN LAND AS WILDER-
7 NESS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
8 a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska
9 comprising approximately 1,559,538 acres, as generally
10 depicted on the map entitled ‘Arctic National Wildlife Ref-
11 uge, Coastal Plain Proposed Wilderness’, dated October
12 20, 2015, labeled with Map ID 03–0172, and available
13 for inspection in the offices of the Secretary, is designated
14 as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation
15 System under the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
16 seq.).”.

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