

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3574

To amend chapter 3 of title 36, United States Code, to designate the mastodon as the national fossil of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 10, 2024

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “National Fossil Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL FOSSIL OF THE UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) DESIGNATION.—Chapter 3 of title 36, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

1 **“§ 306. National fossil**

2 “The fossil of the genus Mammut, commonly known
3 as the mastodon, is the national fossil.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The table of sec-
5 tions for chapter 3 of title 36, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking the chapter heading and insert-
8 ing **“NATIONAL ANTHEM, MOTTO, FLO-**
9 **RAL EMBLEM, MARCH, TREE, AND FOS-**
10 **SIL”**; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

“306. National fossil.”.

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