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S. 771

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to include a prohibition on the listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened species or an endangered species, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2023

Mr. CRUZ 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 “Saving America’s Vul-
5 nerable and Endangered Species Act” or the “SAVES
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF LIVING NONNATIVE**
 2 **SPECIES AS THREATENED SPECIES OR EN-**
 3 **DANGERED SPECIES.**

4 (a) LIMITATION.—The Endangered Species Act of
 5 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) is amended by adding at
 6 the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 19. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF LIVING NONNATIVE**
 8 **SPECIES AS THREATENED SPECIES OR EN-**
 9 **DANGERED SPECIES.**

10 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
 11 retary shall not list under section 4(c) any living nonnative
 12 species.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 14 tents for the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
 15 prec. 1531) is amended by inserting after the item relating
 16 to section 17 the following:

“Sec. 18. Annual cost analysis by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

“Sec. 19. Prohibition on listing of living nonnative species as threatened species
 or endangered species.”.

