

Union Calendar No. 238

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1676

[Report No. 119–282]

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to approve the wildlife conservation and restoration program of a State within a certain period of time.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. DONALDS (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GUEST, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, and Mr. JAMES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 27, 2025]

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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 “Make SWAPs Efficient*
 5 *Act of 2025” or the “Make State Wildlife Action Plans Effi-*
 6 *cient Act of 2025”.*

7 **SEC. 2. TIMING OF APPROVAL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**
 8 **AND RESTORATION PROGRAM.**

9 *Section 4(e)(3) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Res-*
 10 *toration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c(e)(3)) is amended—*

11 *(1) by inserting “, not later than 180 days after*
 12 *the date on which the State submitted the comprehen-*
 13 *sive plan,” after “, the Secretary”;*

14 *(2) by striking “, as redesignated”;*

15 *(3) by striking “If the Secretary” and inserting*
 16 *“(A) If the Secretary”; and*

17 *(4) by adding at the end the following:*

18 *“(B) Upon submission of a comprehensive plan*
 19 *by a State under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall*
 20 *conditionally authorize the implementation of the*
 21 *wildlife conservation and restoration program of the*
 22 *State and shall set aside amounts as described in sub-*
 23 *paragraph (A).*

24 *“(C) The Secretary, in consultation with the*
 25 *States, shall develop a process to ensure sufficient and*

1 *timely review of comprehensive plans submitted by*
2 *States under paragraph (1) and final approval of the*
3 *wildlife conservation and restoration program of such*
4 *States not later than 180 days after the date on which*
5 *a State submits such a comprehensive plan.*

6 “(D) *It is the intent of Congress that the Sec-*
7 *retary prioritize the—*

8 “(i) *timely review of comprehensive plans*
9 *submitted by States under paragraph (1); and*

10 “(ii) *approval of the wildlife conservation*
11 *and restoration programs of such States.*

12 “(E) *Not later than June 1 of the year imme-*
13 *diately following the year in which a State submits*
14 *a comprehensive plan under paragraph (1), if the*
15 *Secretary does not approve the wildlife conservation*
16 *and restoration program of the State under subpara-*
17 *graph (A) within the time described in that subpara-*
18 *graph, the Secretary shall submit to the Chair and*
19 *Ranking Member of the Committee on Natural Re-*
20 *sources of the House of Representatives and the Envi-*
21 *ronment and Public Works Committee of the Senate*
22 *a report regarding the status of such comprehensive*
23 *plan and including the reason why the wildlife con-*
24 *servation and restoration program was not so ap-*
25 *proved.”.*

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