

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 9191

To amend chapter 3 of title 36, United States Code, to designate the American mastodon as the national fossil mammal and the *Tyrannosaurus rex* as the national fossil dinosaur of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2026

Mrs. HOUCHIN (for herself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. MALOY, Mr. LANGWORTHY, and Mr. MANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL FOSSIL MAMMAL AND DINOSAUR OF THE**
2 **UNITED STATES.**

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

6 **“§ 307. National fossil mammal and dinosaur**

7 “The fossil of—

8 “(1) the genus *Mammut americanum*, com-
9 monly known as the American mastodon, is the na-
10 tional fossil mammal; and

11 “(2) the *Tyrannosaurus rex* is the national fos-
12 sil dinosaur.”.

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

16 (1) in the chapter heading, by striking “**AND**
17 **BIRD**” and inserting “**BIRD, AND FOSSIL**”;
18 and

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

“307. National fossil mammal and dinosaur.”.

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