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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Cruz (for himself and Mr. Paul) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____________________

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”.


SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF LIVING NONNATIVE SPECIES AS THREATENED SPECIES OR ENDANGERED SPECIES.

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

"SEC. 19. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF LIVING NONNATIVE SPECIES AS THREATENED SPECIES OR ENDANGERED SPECIES.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not list under section 4(c) any living nonnative species."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. prec. 1531) is amended by inserting after the item relating 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."