
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

HJM 4011

Brief Description: Requesting federal legislation to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands.

Sponsors: Representatives Kessler, Warnick, Haler, Kretz, Hinkle, Orcutt, Newhouse, Lantz, McCune, Kristiansen, Haigh, B. Sullivan and Dunn.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requests the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact a law preserving the access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands where there is an historical tradition of access.
- Requests the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact a law allowing federal agencies to implement proposed reductions in the access of pack and saddle stock animals only after complying with the full review process.

Hearing Date: 2/19/07

Staff: Jaclyn Ford (786-7339).

Background:

Right-to-Ride bills have been introduced in the United States Congress several times, but have never successfully passed both houses. The Right-to-Ride bills have sought to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on land administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service where there was a historical tradition of the use of pack and saddle stock animals.

Summary of Bill:

The United States Congress and the President of the United States should enact a law preserving the access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands where there is a historical tradition of

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access. In addition, federal agencies should comply with the full review process before implementing proposed reductions in the access of pack and saddle stock animals.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.