



## **How We Can End Slaughter**

Despite being passed by landslide votes in both houses of Congress and the attempts to strip the amendment in committee, opponents have sought to undermine the Ensign-Byrd (Sweeney in the House) Amendment horse slaughter amendment by adding provisions for the foreign owned industry to continue it's operations for another 120 days\*, thwarting the will of Congress and the American people. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX), chair of the agriculture appropriations subcommittee in the House, and a cattle rancher, ignoring Congressional rules modified the amendment language to delay it's implementation for 120 days while the horse slaughter plants will continue to operate. cutting the amendment time from 1 year to 8 months causing another approximately 25,000 horses to be slaughtered this winter.

A last minute provision amending the Federal Meat Inspection Act could prevent legislators from introducing new amendments removing funds for mandatory USDA horsemeat inspection next year, thereby prohibiting us from having this amendment inserted in the fiscal year 2007 budget. A permanent halt to the slaughter of horses and ponies, mules and burros can only be achieved through passage of the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act, H.R. 503 in the House of Representatives and S. 1915 in the Senate.

All people who want to see the needless, brutal suffering and killing end should call/write/fax their Representative and both Senators today and in weeks to come urging cosponsorship and immediate action on these important bills. Please DO check first to see if they have already cosponsored on our Alerts page list, updated daily by bill so you dont waste time asking officials who are with us already. Those, you should wholeheartedly thank and ask that they push for a hearing or scheduling of a vote.

The underhand, self-serving, backroom maneuvers of a very few of these men cannot be allowed to thwart the will of the people---YOU, and cause endless suffering to continue fir the horses that depend on us and serve us silently and faithfully. The legislation must succeed this time. We have the momentum, the media, we must keep them. Thank You. Let us know if you need written documents to refute disingenuous claims of the other side.

The critical numbers for chairs and ranking members (Dems) of the House and Senate committees and subcommittees have been corrected. If you saw lists like these painstaking prepared by others, all but the above are believed to be correct in those versions. UNLESS you live or work in the District (relevant to House members), or the state (for any senators you want to reach), they generally are less responsive. The committee chairs and ranking members work on this issue through their committee staff. We have listed the correct numbers and faxes for those eight important officials. Please make use of this information and help us all end slaughter.

- It should end in 120 days beginning November 12th making the effective date, March 12. AHDF is declaring THAT the Day Of The Horse. We will host events all over the US. Please email: [president@ahdf.org](mailto:president@ahdf.org) if you want to be involved.
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