



U.S. Horses are not Safe from Slaughter!!!

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America's horses are in jeopardy of losing a temporary reprieve from slaughter that was overwhelmingly approved recently by both the Senate and the House. Just days ago, a landslide vote in the Senate approved the Ensign-Byrd amendment to the Agricultural Appropriations bill, a measure that would halt horse slaughter in the U.S. for one year. However, the amendment that passed both Houses goes to a joint Conference Committee who will decide its fate with others before being signed into law by the President.

The Conference Committee will occur within the next two weeks so immediate action to safeguard it is critical. Horse slaughter proponents are working feverishly to ensure this potential victory for horses will be dropped from the Agricultural Appropriations bill. It is imperative that we rally forces to let the conferees from both Houses know that America wants the Ensign-Byrd amendment kept in the Agricultural Appropriations bill thereby giving our nation's horses a chance to be free from the terrible fate of slaughter. Give us a year and we'll show you the truth!

Your help is needed today! Please make calls to as many members of the Conference Committee listed below as you can and let them know that you want the Agriculture Appropriations amendment to stop federal funding of horse slaughter to stand. If you are a constituent of any of these individuals, please be sure to emphasize this when you call.

You may also contact your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative even if they're not on the Conference Committee, and ask their help in contacting the members of the Conference Committee on Agricultural Appropriations to advocate support for the amendment to stop federal funding of horse slaughter.

All Members of Congress can be reached by calling the Capitol Hill Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Representative Rosa L. DeLauro, (D-CT) Ranking Member - (202) 225-3661

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Representative John Doolittle, (R-CA) - (202) 225-6511

Representative Jo Ann Emerson, (R-MO) - (202) 225-4404
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Members in bold italics voted in favor of the amendment to prohibit federal funding from being used to support horse slaughter (a requirement for the slaughtering and export of animals intended for human consumption). Please thank them for their vote and urge them to strongly defend this amendment during the conference committee.

Note: The following information is from some months ago