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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. REHBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Idaho and Montana Wolf Management Act of 2011”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:
(1) **STATE.**—The term “State” means each of the States of Idaho and Montana.

(2) **WOLF.**—The term “wolf” means any species, subspecies, or population segment of Canis lupus.

**SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF WOLVES IN IDAHO AND MONTANA UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.**

Any wolf in Idaho or Montana shall not be treated under any status of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), including as an endangered species, a threatened species, an essential experimental population, or a nonessential experimental population.

**SEC. 4. STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.**

(a) **STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.**—Each State shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the management of wolves within the borders of that State.

(b) **PROTECTION BY STATES.**—Nothing in this Act shall preclude any State from providing protections to wolves equivalent to those protections provided by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(c) **REIMBURSEMENT BY STATES.**—Nothing in this Act shall preclude any State from reimbursing the owner of livestock for any loss of livestock that results from dep-
redation by wolves, or that derives from wolves, that were introduced into the wild