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# H. R. 838

To prohibit treatment of gray wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan as endangered species, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Mr. KLINE (for himself, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. CRAVAACK, Mr. PETRI, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Western Great Lakes  
5 Wolf Management Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
9 the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

1           (2) WOLF.—The term “wolf” means any spe-  
2           cies, subspecies, or population segment of *Canis*  
3           *lupus*.

4 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF WOLVES IN MIN-**  
5 **NESOTA, WISCONSIN, AND MICHIGAN UNDER**  
6 **THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.**

7           Any wolf in Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Michigan shall  
8           not be treated under any status of the Endangered Species  
9           Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), including as an  
10          endangered species, a threatened species, an essential ex-  
11          perimental population, or a nonessential experimental pop-  
12          ulation.

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

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

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

21          (c) REIMBURSEMENT BY STATES.—Nothing in this  
22          Act shall preclude any State from reimbursing the owner  
23          of livestock for any loss of livestock that results from dep-

- 1 redation by wolves, or that derives from wolves, that were
- 2 introduced into the wild.

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