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To amend the Endangered Species Act to prevent a species that is not native to the United States from being listed as an endangered species or a threatened species, to prohibit certain types of financial assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

Mr. BIGGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “American Sovereignty
5 and Species Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON LISTING OF NONNATIVE SPECIES**
2 **AND PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL AS-**
3 **SISTANCE.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION ON LISTING OF NONNATIVE SPE-**
5 **CIES.**—Section 4(a) of the Endangered Species Act of
6 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(a)) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 “(4) **NONNATIVE SPECIES.**—The Secretary may not
9 determine that a species is an endangered species or a
10 threatened species pursuant to this section if such species
11 is not native to the United States.”.

12 (b) **LIMITATION ON PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINAN-**
13 **CIAL ASSISTANCE.**—Section 8(a) of the Endangered Spe-
14 cies Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1537(a)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “As a demonstration of” and in-
16 serting the following:

17 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—As a demonstration of”;

18 (2) by striking “(which includes, but is not lim-
19 ited to, the acquisition, by lease or otherwise, of
20 lands, waters, or interests therein)”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(2) **PROHIBITION ON PURCHASING LAND IN A**
23 **FOREIGN COUNTRY.**—No financial assistance pro-
24 vided under paragraph (1) may be used to acquire,

1 by lease or otherwise, lands, waters, or other inter-
2 ests in a foreign country.”.

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