



described; and

Whereas, On January 30, 2003, Senators James Jeffords (Independent-Vermont), John Ensign (R- Nevada), Ron Wyden (D-Oregon), Carl Levin (D-Michigan) and Gordon Smith (R-Oregon) introduced S. 269, known as the "Captive Wildlife Safety Act," in the United States Senate and was then referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works ("S. 269"); and

Whereas, In S. 269, this exemption specifically identifies zoos, circuses, research facilities licensed or registered and inspected by a federal agency or aquarium; any person accredited by the Association of Sanctuaries or the American Sanctuary Association; any State college, university, or agency, State-licensed wildlife rehabilitator, or State-licensed veterinarian; and any incorporated humane society, animal shelter, or society prevention of cruelty to animals; and

Whereas, S. 269 is also not applicable to any federally licensed and inspected breeder or dealer that is conducting any breeding or dealing activity with a person referred to in this exemption, or any person having custody of a wild animal solely for the purposes of transporting that animal to a person referred to in this exemption; and

Whereas, The language in H.R. 1006 and S. 269 does not preempt or supersede the authority of a State to regulate wildlife species within that State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Congress to enact the "Captive Wildlife Safety Act" (S. 269/ H.R. 1006) to prohibit the import, export, transport, sale, receipt, acquisition or purchase of wildlife including live lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, cougars, and jaguars in interstate and foreign commerce.

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