IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 20, 1973

Mr. Abourezk introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

A BILL

To discourage experimentation on animals by elementary and secondary schoolchildren.

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

DECLARATION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. (a) It is hereby declared to be the public policy of the United States that the needless suffering or killing of animals at the hands of or for use by elementary and secondary schoolchildren for surgical, scientific, quasi-scientific, medical and quasi-medical experimentations on such animals in the name of science, is brutalizing to these children and should be discouraged.
(b) The Congress finds that there exists other sufficient means by which young schoolchildren can be stimulated to pursue scientific and medical interests. And further, the Congress finds that the above public policy is in conformity with the established public policy to prohibit inhumane treatment to and the needless suffering and death of animals within the jurisdiction of the United States.

DEFINITIONS

Sec. 2. For the purpose of this Act, “animal” shall mean any live vertebrate animal or dead vertebrate animal which has been killed and collected for such experimentation.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO LIVE EXPERIMENTATION

Sec. 3. (a) Consequently, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare shall encourage the use of illustrations, models, manuals, films, and other alternative methods to live experimentation in the furtherance of stimulating medical and scientific interest in elementary and secondary schools.

(b) The Secretary shall take such necessary steps and expend such funds as necessary in the furtherance of the policy of this Act.

WITHHOLDING OF NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDS

Sec. 4. Section 401 of title 20 of the United States Code is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph at the end of the section as follows:

“No funds appropriated under the authorizations contained in any of the subchapters of chapter 17 of title 20 shall be expended in any form, for example, loans, grants, and/or other assistance, for biology or any other science program in any school in any school district in the United States otherwise eligible for such funds where animal experimentation as described in this Act is practiced.”

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 5. There are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year in which this title is enacted and for the next four fiscal years thereafter such sums as may be necessary to carry out this title, but the sums appropriated for any such year shall not exceed $100,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 6. The provisions of this Act shall become effective one year after the date of its enactment.
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