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H.R. 503—Amendments to the bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption

H.R. 503, the bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Thursday, September 7th, subject to a structured rule (H.Res. 901). The rule makes in order only the seven amendments summarized below (each debatable for ten minutes). The following summaries below are based on RSC staff's review of actual amendment text. For a summary of the underlying bill, see a separate RSC document released yesterday.

- 1. Goodlatte (R-VA) #3:** Makes the underlying prohibition in the bill applicable ONLY in states where it is already illegal to ship, transport, move, deliver, receive, possess, purchase, sell, or donate any horse or other equine to be slaughtered for human consumption.
- 2. Goodlatte (R-VA) #5:** Makes the underlying prohibition in the bill inapplicable to slaughter in existing horse plants.
- 3. Goodlatte (R-VA) #9:** Makes the underlying prohibition in the bill subject to a 30-day layover after the Secretary of Agriculture certifies that sufficient horse sanctuaries exist in the United States to care for any horses that may be unwanted as a result of the prohibition.
- 4. King (R-IA):** Makes an exception to the underlying prohibition in the bill for horse slaughter for human consumption by Native Americans or people from cultures who have traditionally consumed horse or other equine meat (as determined by the Agriculture Secretary).
- 5. Goodlatte (R-VA) #6:** Makes the underlying prohibition in the bill subject to a 30-day layover after the Secretary of Agriculture empirically verifies and certifies to Congress that the prohibition is supported by a majority of people who have been horse or other equine owners in the United States during some defined timeframe (determined by the Secretary).
- 6. Goodlatte (R-VA) #7:** Makes the underlying prohibition in the bill applicable ONLY to registered thoroughbred horses.

7. Goodlatte (R-VA) #8: Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse state and local governments for all unrecouped costs incurred in caring for stray or abandoned horses and in providing for the sale, adoption, euthanization, or disposal of such horses or other equines.

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