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Prime Sponsor: Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

Catch Title: Free-roaming feral horses.

Subject: Resolution requesting Congress and state and local authorities to prevent damage and control populations of free-roaming feral horses.

Summary/Major Elements:

- There are an estimated 50,000 feral horses roaming rangelands in the West, with 3,000 of those roaming public rangelands in Wyoming.
- The Legislature finds that free-roaming feral horses damage habitat and threaten native species, wildlife and domestic livestock grazing in Wyoming and that fertility control can improve the health of rangelands, conserve wildlife habitat and lessen the need to remove and board free-roaming feral horses.
- The resolution encourages Congress and federal agencies to fund and support efforts to manage free roaming feral horses and to prioritize management activities to minimize damage to sage grouse habitat.
- The resolution calls on Congress and state and local governments to engage in cooperative efforts to minimize the environmental impact of free-roaming feral horses.
- The resolution encourages prohibition of the reintroduction of feral horses on specified rangelands.

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