

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Arctic Refuge Protec-  
5 tion Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF PORTION OF ARCTIC NATIONAL**  
2 **WILDLIFE REFUGE AS WILDERNESS.**

3 Section 4 of the National Wildlife Refuge System Ad-  
4 ministration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(p) DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN LAND AS WILDER-  
7 NESS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
8 a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska  
9 comprising approximately 1,559,538 acres, as generally  
10 depicted on the map entitled ‘Arctic National Wildlife Ref-  
11 uge, Coastal Plain Proposed Wilderness’, dated October  
12 20, 2015, labeled with Map ID 03–0172, and available  
13 for inspection in the offices of the Secretary, is designated  
14 as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation  
15 System under the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
16 seq.).”.