

**Amendment offered by Mr. Thanedar of Michigan**

**Amendment description**

The amendment would insert the text of H.R. 3946, the FIGHT Act of 2025, at the End of Part I of subtitle A of Title XII of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.



1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any  
2 person to knowingly sponsor or exhibit an animal in  
3 an animal fighting venture.

4           “(2) ATTENDING OR CAUSING AN INDIVIDUAL  
5 WHO HAS NOT ATTAINED THE AGE OF 16 TO AT-  
6 TEND.—It shall be unlawful”; and

7           (2) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
8 following:

9           “(3) ANIMAL VENTURE GAMBLING.—It shall be  
10 unlawful for any person to gamble on an animal  
11 fighting venture, including an in-person or broadcast  
12 event.”.

13           (c) USE OF POSTAL SERVICE OR OTHER INTER-  
14 STATE INSTRUMENTALITY TO TRANSPORT ROOSTERS.—  
15 Section 26(c) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.  
16 2156(c)) is amended—

17           (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “OR  
18 TO TRANSPORT ROOSTERS” after “VENTURE”;

19           (2) by striking “speech for purposes of adver-  
20 tising” and inserting the following: “speech—

21           “(1) for purposes of advertising”;

22           (3) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by  
23 striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”;  
24 and

25           (4) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) to transport a rooster.”.

2 (d) CIVIL CITIZEN SUITS; SEIZURE.—Section 26(e)  
3 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156(e)) is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) by striking the subsection designation and  
6 heading and all that follows through “The Secretary  
7 or any other person authorized by him” in the first  
8 sentence and inserting the following:

9 “(e) INVESTIGATIONS; CIVIL CITIZEN SUITS.—

10 “(1) INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS BY SEC-  
11 RETARY; ASSISTANCE BY OTHER FEDERAL AGEN-  
12 CIES; ISSUANCE OF SEARCH WARRANT; FORFEITURE;  
13 COST RECOVERABLE IN FORFEITURE OR CIVIL AC-  
14 TION.—The Secretary, or any other person author-  
15 ized by the Secretary,”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(2) CIVIL CITIZEN SUITS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person may com-  
19 mence a civil suit in a district court of the  
20 United States on their own behalf to enjoin any  
21 person who is alleged to be in violation of any  
22 provision of this section.

23 “(B) AMOUNT OF FINE.—For any person  
24 found to have violated a provision of this sec-  
25 tion in any suit brought under subparagraph

1 (A), the district court may issue a fine in an  
2 amount not greater than \$5,000 for each viola-  
3 tion.

4 “(C) REQUIREMENT.—A person seeking to  
5 commence a civil suit under subparagraph (A)  
6 shall, at least 60 days before commencing the  
7 suit, submit to the Secretary and local law en-  
8 forcement notice of the alleged violation of a  
9 provision of this section.

10 “(D) LIMITATION.—No action may be  
11 commenced under subparagraph (A)—

12 “(i) if the Secretary has commenced  
13 an action against the same person to im-  
14 pose a penalty pursuant to paragraph (1)  
15 for the same alleged violation; or

16 “(ii) if the United States has com-  
17 menced, and is diligently prosecuting, a  
18 criminal action against the same person in  
19 a State or Federal court to redress the  
20 same alleged violation.

21 “(E) JURISDICTION.—A suit under this  
22 paragraph may be brought in the judicial dis-  
23 trict in which the alleged violation occurred.

24 “(F) INTERVENTION.—The Attorney Gen-  
25 eral, at the request of the Secretary, may inter-

1           vene on behalf of the United States as a matter  
2           of right in any civil suit brought under subpara-  
3           graph (A).

4           “(G) ATTORNEY’S FEES.—The court, in  
5           issuing any final order in any suit brought  
6           under subparagraph (A), may award costs of  
7           litigation (including reasonable attorney and ex-  
8           pert witness fees) to any party, whenever the  
9           court determines such an award is appropriate.

10          “(3) SEIZURE.—Whoever is found, pursuant to  
11          an investigation under paragraph (1), to have vio-  
12          lated subsection (a)(1) shall, in addition to the pen-  
13          alties applicable under paragraph (1), be subject to  
14          seizure of all real property, including any right, title,  
15          and interest (including any leasehold interest) in the  
16          whole of any lot or tract of land and any appur-  
17          tenances or improvements, that is used, or intended  
18          to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to  
19          facilitate the commission of, a violation of subsection  
20          (a)(1).”.

21          (e) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—

22          (1) Section 26(h) of the Animal Welfare Act (7  
23          U.S.C. 2156(h)) is amended to read as follows:

24          “(h) CONFLICT WITH STATE LAW.—The provisions  
25          of this Act shall not supersede or otherwise invalidate any

1 such State, local, or municipal legislation or ordinance re-  
2 lating to animal fighting ventures except in case of a direct  
3 and irreconcilable conflict between any requirements  
4 thereunder and this Act or any rule, regulation, or stand-  
5 ard hereunder.”.

6 (2) Section 3001(a) of title 39, United States  
7 Code, is amended by inserting “(7 U.S.C. 2156),”  
8 before “is nonmailable”.

