

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 6251  
OFFERED BY MR. BEGICH OF ALASKA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Polar Bear Conserva-  
3 tion and Fairness Act of 2026”.

**4 SEC. 2. PERMITS FOR IMPORTATION OF POLAR BEAR TRO-  
5 PHIES TAKEN IN SPORT HUNTS IN CANADA.**

6       Section 104(c)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protec-  
7 tion Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374(c)(5)(D)) is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9           “(D)(i) The Secretary of the Interior shall, ex-  
10 peditiously after the expiration of the applicable 30-  
11 day period under subsection (d)(2), issue a permit  
12 for the importation of any polar bear part (other  
13 than an internal organ) from a polar bear taken in  
14 a sport hunt in Canada to any person who submits,  
15 with the permit application, proof that the polar  
16 bear—

17           “(I) was legally harvested by the person  
18 before February 18, 1997; or

1           “(II) was legally harvested by the person  
2           before May 15, 2008, from a polar bear popu-  
3           lation from which a sport-hunted trophy could  
4           be imported before that date in accordance with  
5           section 18.30(i) of title 50, Code of Federal  
6           Regulations.

7           “(ii) The Secretary shall issue permits under  
8           clause (i)(I) without regard to subparagraphs (A)  
9           and (C)(ii) of this paragraph, subsection (d)(3), and  
10          sections 101 and 102.

11          “(iii) The Secretary shall issue permits under  
12          clause (i)(II) without regard to subparagraph (C)(ii)  
13          of this paragraph, subsection (d)(3), and sections  
14          101 and 102.”.

