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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STEWART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Endangered Species
3 Improvement Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF NUMBER OF A SPECIES ON STATE
5 AND PRIVATE LANDS IN DETERMINATIONS
6 UNDER ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.**

7 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 4(b)(1) of the Endan-
8 gered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1353(b)(1)) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(C) In counting the number of a species in a State
11 for purposes of determining under this section whether the
12 species is an endangered species or threatened species, the
13 Secretary shall count all of the species without regard to
14 whether it is found on State, private, or tribal lands as
15 determined by the State for purposes of recovery of the
16 species and determination of listing status on the basis
17 of the best scientific and commercial data available.”.

18 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
19 section (a) shall apply beginning on the first day of the
20 year of the enactment of this Act.