

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2406, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HUFFMAN OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end the following:

1 **TITLE _____—PRESERVATION OF**
2 **ARCTIC COASTAL PLAIN AS**
3 **WILDERNESS**

4 **SEC. __01. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Udall-Eisenhower Arc-
6 tic Wilderness Act”.

7 **SEC. __02. FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

9 (1) Americans cherish the continued existence
10 of expansive, unspoiled wilderness ecosystems and
11 wildlife found on their public lands, and feel a
12 strong moral responsibility to protect this wilderness
13 heritage as an enduring resource to bequeath undis-
14 turbed to future generations of Americans.

15 (2) It is widely believed by ecologists, wildlife
16 scientists, public land specialists, and other experts
17 that the wilderness ecosystem centered around and
18 dependent upon the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic
19 National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, represents the
20 very epitome of a primeval wilderness ecosystem and

1 constitutes the greatest wilderness area and diversity
2 of wildlife habitats of its kind in the United States.

3 (3) President Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated
4 protection of the wilderness values of the Arctic
5 coastal plain in 1960 when he set aside 8,900,000
6 acres establishing the Arctic National Wildlife Range
7 expressly “for the purpose of preserving unique wild-
8 life, wilderness and recreational values”.

9 (4) In 1980, when the Congress acted to
10 strengthen the protective management of the Eisen-
11 hower-designated area with the enactment of the
12 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
13 (Public Law 96–487), Representative Morris K.
14 Udall led the effort to more than double the size of
15 the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and extend stat-
16 utory wilderness protection to most of the original
17 area.

18 (5) Before the enactment of the Alaska Na-
19 tional Interest Lands Conservation Act, the House
20 of Representatives twice passed legislation that
21 would have protected the entire Eisenhower-des-
22 igned area as wilderness, including the Arctic
23 coastal plain.

24 (6) A majority of Americans have supported
25 and continue to support preserving and protecting

1 the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, including the
2 Arctic coastal plain, from any industrial development
3 and consider oil and gas exploration and develop-
4 ment in particular to be incompatible with the pur-
5 poses for which this incomparable wilderness eco-
6 system has been set aside.

7 (7) When the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
8 was established in 1980 by paragraph (2) of section
9 303 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-
10 servation Act (Public Law 96-487; 94 Stat. 2390;
11 16 U.S.C. 668dd note), subparagraph (B)(iii) of
12 such paragraph specifically stated that one of the
13 purposes for which the Arctic National Wildlife Ref-
14 uge is established and managed would be to provide
15 the opportunity for continued subsistence uses by
16 local residents, and, therefore, the lands designated
17 as wilderness within the Refuge, including the area
18 designated by this title, are and will continue to be
19 managed consistent with such subparagraph.

20 (8) Canada has taken action to preserve those
21 portions of the wilderness ecosystem of the Arctic
22 that exist on its side of the international border and
23 provides strong legal protection for the habitat of
24 the Porcupine River caribou herd that migrates an-

1 nually through both countries to calve on the Arctic
2 coastal plain.

3 (9) The extension of full wilderness protection
4 for the Arctic coastal plain within the Arctic Na-
5 tional Wildlife Refuge will still leave most of the
6 North Slope of Alaska available for the development
7 of energy resources, which will allow Alaska to con-
8 tinue to contribute significantly to meeting the en-
9 ergy needs of the United States without despoiling
10 the unique Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic Na-
11 tional Wildlife Refuge.

12 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Congress hereby
13 declares that it is the policy of the United States—

14 (1) to honor the decades of bipartisan efforts
15 that have increasingly protected the great wilderness
16 ecosystem of the Arctic coastal plain;

17 (2) to sustain this natural treasure for the cur-
18 rent generation of Americans; and

19 (3) to do everything possible to protect and pre-
20 serve this magnificent natural ecosystem so that it
21 may be bequeathed in its unspoiled natural condition
22 to future generations of Americans.

1 **SEC. __03. DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS,**
2 **ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALAS-**
3 **KA.**

4 (a) INCLUSION OF ARCTIC COASTAL PLAIN.—In fur-
5 therance of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.),
6 an area within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the
7 State of Alaska comprising approximately 1,559,538
8 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Arctic Na-
9 tional Wildlife Refuge—1002 Area Alternative E—Wilder-
10 ness Designation” and dated October 28, 1991, is hereby
11 designated as wilderness and, therefore, as a component
12 of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The map
13 referred to in this subsection shall be available for inspec-
14 tion in the offices of the Secretary of the Interior.

15 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
16 shall administer the area designated as wilderness by sub-
17 section (a) in accordance with the Wilderness Act as part
18 of the wilderness area already in existence within the Arc-
19 tic National Wildlife Refuge as of the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act.

