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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3824
OFFERED BY MR. PEARCE OF NEW MEXICO AND
MR. UDALL OF COLORADO

At the end of the bill add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPREDATION OF LIVE-**
2 **STOCK BY REINTRODUCED SPECIES.**

3 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF REIMBURSEMENT.**—The En-
4 dangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)
5 is further amended by adding at the end the following:
6 “REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPREDATION OF LIVESTOCK BY
7 REINTRODUCED SPECIES

8 “SEC. 18. (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the
9 Interior, acting through the Director of the United States
10 Fish and Wildlife Service, may reimburse the owner of
11 livestock for any loss of livestock resulting from depreda-
12 tion by any population of a species if the population is
13 listed under section 4(c) and includes or derives from
14 members of the species that were reintroduced into the
15 wild.

16 “(b) **ELIGIBILITY FOR AND AMOUNT.**—Eligibility for,
17 and the amount of, reimbursement under this section shall
18 not be conditioned on the presentation of the body of any
19 animal for which reimbursement is sought.



1 “(c) LIMITATION ON REQUIREMENT TO PRESENT
2 BODY.—The Secretary may not require the owner of live-
3 stock to present the body of individual livestock as a condi-
4 tion of payment of reimbursement under this section.

5 “(d) USE OF DONATIONS.—The Secretary may ac-
6 cept and use donations of funds to pay reimbursement
7 under this section.

8 “(e) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The re-
9 quirement to pay reimbursement under this section is sub-
10 ject to the availability of funds for such payments.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
12 in the first section of such Act is further amended by add-
13 ing at the end the following:

“Sec. 18. Reimbursement for depredation of livestock by reintroduced species.”.

