

S 1283/HR 2433 Safe Commercial Transportation of Horses for Slaughter Act of 1995

Advocates who have fought for proper transport for horses being sent to slaughter say this bill fails to provide even the most basic humane treatment for equines. The California Equine Council believes some of its major flaws mean the shipper may:

_continue to use cattle trucks which are dangerous for horses;

_deny water to horses for up to 24 hours:

...castrate stallions (probably without anesthesia) because the bill demands that stallions be segregated. Such draconian steps would be useless, anyway: experts say it takes months before castration affects a stallion's hormones.

Protest the bill as currently proposed; ask the bills' authors to provide substantive amendments and urge its supporters to reconsider their approval:

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