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January 2, 2002

THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 643 - African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Gilchrest (R) MD and 2 others

Last Day for Action

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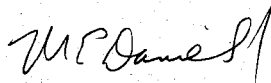
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One Hundred Seventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and one*

An Act

To reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT.

Section 2306 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4245) is amended by striking "1997" and all that follows through "2002" and inserting "2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007".

SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

Section 2306 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4245) is further amended—

(1) by striking "There are authorized" and inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this Act, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$80,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this Act."

SEC. 4. COOPERATION.

Part I of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 2104. ADVISORY GROUP.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in carrying out this Act, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of African elephants.

"(b) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—

"(1) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Group shall—

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SEC. 5. PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY.

Section 2101 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211) is amended by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f), and by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

“(e) PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY.—To the maximum extent practical, in determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects that will enhance sustainable conservation programs to ensure effective long-term conservation of African elephants.”.

SEC. 6. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The African Elephant Conservation Act is amended as follows:

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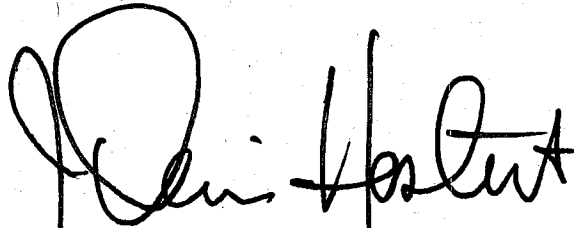
(2) Section 2102 (16 U.S.C. 4212) is amended by striking the section heading and all that follows through “(d) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.—” and inserting the following:

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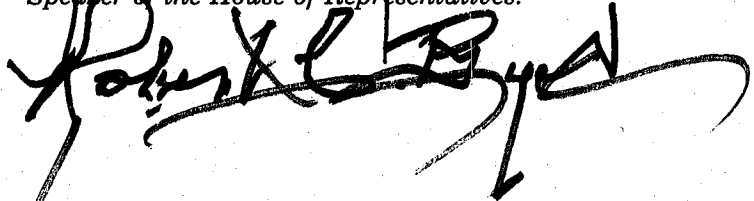
(3) Section 2304 (16 U.S.C. 4243) is repealed.

(4) Section 2305(4) (16 U.S.C. 4244(4)) is amended by striking “the African Elephant Conservation Fund established by section 2102” and inserting “the account established by division A, section 101(e), title I of Public Law 105-277 under the heading ‘MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND’”.

(b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Title I of section 101(e) of division A of Public Law 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681-237) is amended under the heading “MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND” by striking “Rhinceros and Tiger Conservation Act, subchapter I” and inserting “Rhinceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, part I”.

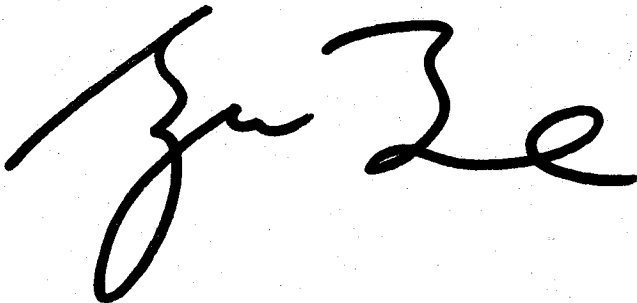


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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 1-2-02 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 1-3-02, 4:00 PM

Subject: H.R. 643 - AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

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RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
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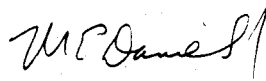
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DEC 21 2001

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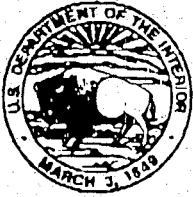
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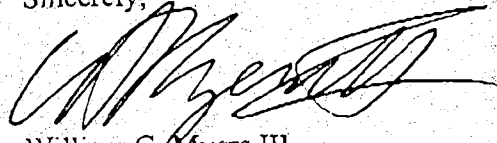
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One Hundred Seventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
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An Act

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
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THE DIRECTOR

January 2, 2002

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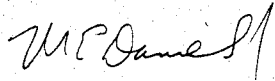
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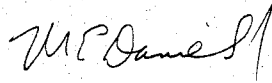
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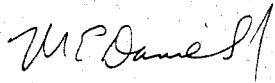
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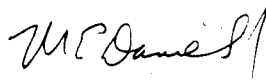
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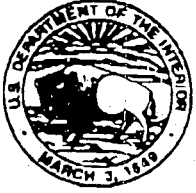
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Subject: H.R. 643 - AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

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Sponsors - Rep. Gilchrest (R) MD and 2 others

Last Day for Action

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Purpose

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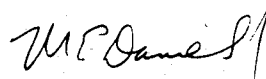
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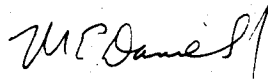
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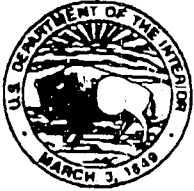
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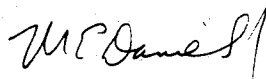
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Date: 1-2-02 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 1-3-02, 4:00 PMSubject: H.R. 643 - AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

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January 2, 2002

THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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Sponsors - Rep. Gilchrest (R) MD and 2 others

Last Day for Action

January 8, 2002 - Tuesday

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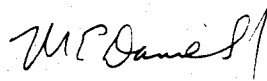
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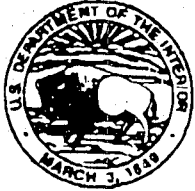
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RESPONSE:

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SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 643 - African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Gilchrest (R) MD and 2 others

Last Day for Action

January 8, 2002 - Tuesday

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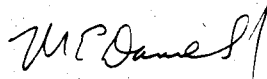
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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

DEC 21 2001

Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative Reference
Washington, D.C. 20503

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
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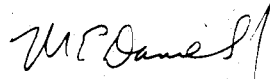
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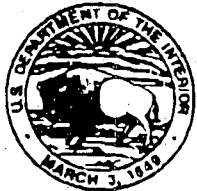
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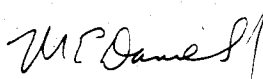
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

January 3, 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR HARRIET MIERS
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JONATHAN BURKS 
DEPUTY STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

H.R. 643 – African Elephant Conservation
Reauthorization Act

The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced draft and has no objection to the President signing the enrolled bill.

SS/ RM NO. 505273

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 1-2-02 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 1-3-02, 4:00 PM

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NO COMMENT

RESPONSE:

EX-107 PRESIDENT
STAFF SECRETARY
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No objection.
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 1-2-02 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 1-3-02, 4:00 PM

Subject: H.R. 643 - AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

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January 2, 2002

THE DIRECTOR

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Last Day for Action

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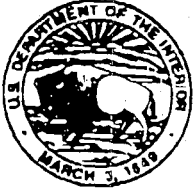
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United States Department of the Interior

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DEC 21 2001

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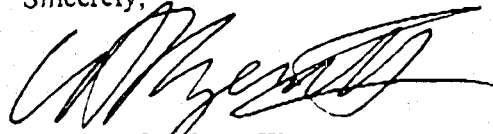
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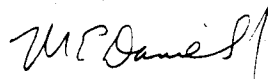
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**SIGNING STATEMENT: AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION
REAUTHORIZATION ACT AND RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION**

Subject: REAUTHORIZATION ACT

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