

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4946

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 2021

Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Manatee Protection  
5 Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. WEST INDIAN MANATEE DESIGNATED ENDAN-**  
7 **GERED SPECIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
9 sion of law, the species known as the “West Indian man-  
10 atee” (*Trichechus manatus*) shall be treated as an endan-

1 gered species for purposes of the Endangered Species Act  
2 of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

3 (b) LISTING OF WEST INDIAN MANATEE.—Notwith-  
4 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of the  
5 Interior shall include the species known as the “West In-  
6 dian manatee” (*Trichechus manatus*) in the endangered  
7 species list published under section 4(c) of the Endangered  
8 Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)).

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