

**NATIONAL EQUINE  
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES  
NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING**

**H.R. 503 PREVENTION EQUINE CRUELTY ACT OF 2009**

- **ANTI-SLAUGHTER BILL**
- **CURRENTLY IN SENATE AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**
- **COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) TO STUDY IMPACT OF SLAUGHTERHOUSE CLOSINGS ON THE EQUINE INDUSTRY. REPORT DUE MARCH 1, 2010**
- **A NEW ORGANIZATION, THE "UNITED ORGANIZATION OF THE HORSE" HAS DRAFTED OPPOSING LEGISLATION ( SUPPORTING SLAUGHTER) FINAL DRAFT TO BE READY BY END OF 2009**

**OHC POSITION**

- **WE OPPOSE H.R. 503**
- **THIS IS A PERSONAL CHOICE YOU AS INDIVIDUALS HAVE TO MAKE. SLAUGHTER OR NO SLAUGHTER IT IS YOUR INDIVIDUAL CHOICE**
- **WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE OUR RIGHT AFFORDED EACH OF US UNDER THE CONSTITUTION TO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING OUR PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**NAIS NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM**

- **TWO PIÉCES OF LEGISLATION FROM 2008. ONE FOR MANDATORY AND ONE FOR NON-MANDATORY**
- **CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**
- **IMPLEMENTATION CURRENTLY IS VOLUNTARY. HORSES NOT INCLUDED**
- **MUST WATCH THIS AS IT COULD BE AN AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT RULING UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION**