

## **BLOCKING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT**

Passed: 231-190

### **SUMMARY:**

The House passed a bill to require the president to adhere to and update the landmark 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. (*May 2, 2019, Roll Call No. 184*)

### **BACKGROUND:**

In June of 2017, the President announced the United States withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. This landmark agreement to combat greenhouse gas emissions was agreed to by 196 United Nations member countries. The President's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement is an egregious attack on combatting climate change and the protection of climate sensitive wildlife habitats.

The Climate Action Now Act (H.R. 9) would require the President to adhere to the greenhouse gas emissions standards agreed upon in the Paris Agreement on climate change. This bill would legally compel the President to develop a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26% to 28% from 2005 levels by 2025. Introduced by Representative Kathy Castor (D-Fla.), this legislation would hold the President accountable to the communities and wildlife habitats most at threat by the impacts of climate change.

### **OUTCOME:**

On May 2, 2019, the House passed H.R. 9 by a vote of 231 to 190. "Yes" was the pro-conservation vote.