



AFA Legislation

AFA members Tim Dahl, Ruth Hanesian and Lee Phillips spearheaded opposition to a resolution before the House Environment Matters Committee of the Maryland General Assembly which would have appointed a task force to "study the problems and special needs of exotic birds and animals living in this State, coming into this State, and being sold in this State; and requesting the task force to make recommendations and proposals to the General Assembly as to how to alleviate these problems and special needs". The proposed 15-member task force would have been heavily weighted against the keeping of birds and exotic animals, including representatives of two State agencies whose heads have publicly stated their opposition to keeping birds and pets, a representative of the poultry industry and its allied agency, the State Department of Agriculture, and only one representative of the pet industry and two citizen members.

The resolution made reference to "pre-

sent danger to citizens in the State as evidenced by 600 reported cases of exotic or wild animal bites per year".

The AFA members rallied support from the pet industry and pet owners and a contingent of over 20 people was present at the hearing to oppose the resolution. AFA members testified before the committee and presented a report from the State Department of Health that indicated only one of the reported 600 bites was from a pet bird, six from exotic animals and the remaining, 593 from native wild animals and over 13,000 from dogs and cats. They also revealed there had been only 3 cases of psittacosis in the entire state in 1979; they also detailed quarantine procedures for legally imported birds.

Although the House Environmental Matters Committee reported the resolution unfavorably and thereby killed it, the Committee intends to study the matter in the coming year and introduce legislation next year which at the very best would define "exotic animal".



On page 35 in the April/May 1980 issue of the Watchbird the bird in the top picture is identified as a razorbilled curassow (*Crax mitu mitu*). It is in fact a Salvin's razorbilled curassow (*Crax salvini*).

The photos on the front and back covers of the same issue of the magazine are courtesy of Frank Todd, Corporate Curator of Birds, Sea World. He took the photos and generously let us use them. Frank is one of the most experienced men in the world regarding endangered birds and we owe a great deal of gratitude to him. He is also responsible for making the correction on the Salvin's curassow. Now who else would have noticed that?

Analysis per 3.5 grams (approximately one teaspoon)

A	600 IU
Carotene	0.365 mg.
Canthaxanthin	1.8 mgs.
D ₃	60 IU
Arginine	32 mgs.
Histidine	13 mgs.
Isoleucine	24 mgs.
Leucine	33 mgs.
Phenylalanine	30 mgs.
Tyrosine	33 mgs.
Methionine	12 mgs.
Cystine	8 mgs.
Threonine	33 mgs.
Tryptophane	9 mgs.
Valine	40 mgs.
Lysine	44 mgs.
Alanine	30 mgs.
Aspartic Acid	50 mgs.
Glutamic Acid	140 mgs.
Glycine	36 mgs.



E	10 IU
K	0.001 mg.
C	6 mgs.
Bioflavonoid Complex	0.85 mg.
Hesperidine Complex	0.735 mg.
Rutin	0.365 mg.
B ₁	0.5 mgs.
B ₂	0.5 mgs.
B ₆	0.5 mgs.
B ₁₂	0.001 mg.
Choline	7.8 mgs.
Inositol	7.8 mgs.

Niacinamide	3.7 mgs.
P.A.B.A.	2 mgs.
Biotin	0.003 mg.
Calcium	170 mgs.
Phosphorus	170 mgs.
Magnesium	7.3 mgs.
Potassium Chloride	39 mgs.
Sodium Chloride	25 mgs.
Manganese	0.069 mg.
Cobalt	Trace
Silicon	Trace
Iron	0.7 mgs.
Copper	0.037 mg.
Iodine	0.008 mg.
Zinc	0.245 mg.
Proline	39 mgs.
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Pantothenic Acid	2.5 mgs.
Folic Acid	0.122 mg.

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