There are Major Problems confronting our zoos.

1. The federal bureaucracy through its administration of various regulations has made intelligent and legitimate zoological park operations extremely difficult, yet the federalization of our nation's zoos spreads at an alarming rate.

   - Tens of thousands of exotic birds have been slaughtered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture because of suspected presence of Newcastle's virus in only five or six birds.
   - The U.S. Department of Interior impedes protection of endangered species by prohibiting zoos from shipping endangered species to other zoos for breeding purposes, even though captive breeding CAN save these species from extinction.
   - Scientific research is stymied by the Department of Commerce through its rigid interpretation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.
   - Importation by zoos of most rare and exotic birds has been stopped.

2. Proposed legislation would give the federal government excessive control over every aspect of zoo operations through the establishment of additional bureaucracy, the Federal Zoological Control Board.

3. More than 20 organizations, most of them with full-time staffs, are working and lobbying against America's zoos.

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