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I support SB181 because we humans have for too long brutalized animals with the excuse that we had to "experiment" on alive creatures to benefit mankind. Rubbish. That's no longer valid an excuse. Further, we have done the torturing because of the false belief that those "lower" creatures couldn't feel any pain anyway.

I quote Henry Beston in The Outermost House: We patronize them [animals] for their incompleteness, for their tragic fate of having taken form so far below ourselves.

"And therein we err, and greatly err. For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours, they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendour and travail of the earth."

And what of the staff that has to experiment on these innocent and intelligent and sentient beings? Must traumatize the hell out of some.

Can we finally stop torturing, brutalizing of these innocent beings?