**PROTOMOMYS TEILHARD DE CHARDIN, 1927 (MAMMALIA): PROPOSED SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS.**

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Omomys was proposed as a generic name by Leidy in 1869 (Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad. 1869 : 63). Teilhard de Chardin, in 1927 (Mem. Mus. roy. Hist. nat. Belg. 36 : 16) proposed Omomys belgicus n.sp. The species was well described and figured. Later in the same article (p. 25) under a section on isolated limb bones he remarked in passing, “Protomomys = Omomys belgicus”, with no further explanation: this single citation constitutes the proposal of the name Protomomys.

2. In 1940 Simpson recognized Teilhard de Chardin’s species O. belgicus as generically distinct from Omomys and proposed the genus name Teilhardina. The binomen Teilhardina belgica has been accepted and exclusively used since that date. Protomomys Teilhard de Chardin, 1927, has been ignored since its creation, although it has priority over Teilhardina Simpson, 1940.

3. We request that in the interest of stability the International Commission: (a) use its plenary powers to suppress the generic name Protomomys Teilhard de Chardin, 1927, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;

(b) place the generic name Protomomys Teilhard de Chardin, 1927 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (a) above) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

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