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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Refugee Proc-  
5 ess Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL LIMITATIONS ON ADMISSION OF**  
7 **REFUGEES.**

8 (a) **IDENTITY VERIFICATION REQUIRED.**—No alien  
9 shall be admitted as a refugee, until the alien has satisfac-  
10 torily established his identity pursuant to procedures es-

1 tablished by the Secretary of Homeland Security, which  
2 shall address any insufficient, conflicting, or unreliable in-  
3 formation, including biographic and biometric data that  
4 has not been resolved at the time of admission.

5 (b) COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REFUGEES TO  
6 IDENTIFY SECURITY THREATS TO THE UNITED  
7 STATES.—No alien shall be admitted as a refugee, if, by  
8 the time of admission, the alien’s identity has not been  
9 checked against all relevant records or databases main-  
10 tained by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attor-  
11 ney General (including the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
12 tion), the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense,  
13 the Director of National Intelligence, and other Federal  
14 records or databases that the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
15 curity considers necessary, to determine any national secu-  
16 rity, criminal, or other grounds on which the alien may  
17 be inadmissible to the United States.

18 (c) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—An alien may only  
19 be admitted to the United States as a refugee after the  
20 Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that all provi-  
21 sions of this Act have been complied with and that the  
22 alien has not been firmly resettled in a safe third country  
23 as described in section 208(b)(2)(A)(vi) of the Immigra-  
24 tion and Nationality Act.

1 (d) MONTHLY REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-  
2 retary of Homeland Security shall submit to the appro-  
3 priate Congressional Committees a monthly report on, for  
4 the month preceding the date of the report, the total num-  
5 ber of refugee applicants of special interest and the num-  
6 ber of refugee applicants of special interest whose applica-  
7 tions were denied.

8 (e) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—The Inspector  
9 General of the Department of Homeland Security shall  
10 conduct an annual risk-based review of a statistically valid  
11 sampling of certifications and provide an annual report de-  
12 tailing its findings to the appropriate Congressional Com-  
13 mittees.

14 (f) DEFINITION.—In this Act:

15 (1) The term “appropriate Congressional Com-  
16 mittees” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of  
18 the Senate;

19 (B) the Select Committee on Intelligence  
20 of the Senate;

21 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
22 Senate;

23 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security  
24 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

1 (E) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
2 the Senate;

3 (F) the Committee on Appropriations of  
4 the Senate;

5 (G) the Committee on Armed Services of  
6 the House of Representatives;

7 (H) the Permanent Select Committee on  
8 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

9 (I) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
10 House of Representatives;

11 (J) the Committee on Homeland Security  
12 of the House of Representatives;

13 (K) the Committee on Appropriations of  
14 the House of Representatives; and

15 (L) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
16 the House of Representatives.

17 (2) The term “refugee applicant of special in-  
18 terest” means any alien applying for admission to  
19 the United States as a refugee who—

20 (A) is a national or resident of Iraq or  
21 Syria;

22 (B) has no nationality and whose last ha-  
23 bitual residence was in Iraq or Syria;

24 (C) has been present in Iraq or Syria at  
25 any time on or after March 1, 2011; or

1 (D) meets any other criteria the Secretary  
2 deems appropriate.