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To provide for the security of United States passports, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SALI (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WHITFIELD of Kentucky, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. RENZI, Mr. POE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. TERRY, and Ms. FALLIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To provide for the security of United States passports, and
for other purposes.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) A United States passport is the primary
6 document used to denote identity and citizenship for
7 United States citizens for international travel.

1 (2) United States citizens have an expectation
2 that United States passports will be manufactured
3 and assembled in a secure manner.

4 (3) All United States passports currently incor-
5 porate several components manufactured outside the
6 United States.

7 (4) All United States passports manufactured
8 and assembled for United States citizens are cur-
9 rently sent to Thailand for the inlaying of the Radio
10 Frequency Identification Device (RFID) antennae.

11 (5) According to the Government Printing Of-
12 fice (GPO), the “GPO contracts with two suppliers
13 (Gemalto and Infineon), who produce the chip in the
14 e-passport and who subcontract with another vendor
15 to do the inlaying. That subcontractor is an overseas
16 company, who does inlaying and is the only company
17 in the world who met standards required under the
18 RFP.”.

19 (6) National security is best served when the
20 manufacture and assembly of United States pass-
21 ports occurs within the borders of the United States.

22 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

23 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the United States Government must set the
2 highest standards needed to protect the privacy and
3 security of United States passports; and

4 (2) the Department of State must safeguard
5 the security of the United States passport.

6 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

7 The Secretary of State shall—

8 (1) when establishing the requirements for
9 physical and security components of United States
10 passports and passport cards, include only such elec-
11 tronic components as are currently manufactured in
12 the United States, or can be manufactured in the
13 United States; and

14 (2) ensure that—

15 (A) all assembly of United States pass-
16 ports occurs only within the borders of the
17 United States; and

18 (B) personalization of permanent United
19 States passports occurs only under the direct
20 supervision of United States Government em-
21 ployees.

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