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H. R. 6096

To require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress annual reports on the progress made by the United States in negotiating international agreements relating to international child abduction with countries that are not contracting parties to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2008

Mr. LAMPSON (for himself, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. POE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “International Child
3 Abduction Progress Reports Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL CHILD AB-**
5 **DUCTION.**

6 (a) REPORT ON PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATING BILAT-
7 ERAL TREATIES WITH NON-HAGUE CONVENTION COUN-
8 TRIES.—The Secretary of State shall prepare and submit
9 to the Congress an annual report on progress made by
10 the United States in negotiating and entering into bilat-
11 eral treaties (or other international agreements) relating
12 to international child abduction with countries that are not
13 contracting parties to the Hague Convention on the Civil
14 Aspects of International Child Abduction.

15 (b) REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.—(1)
16 Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
17 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the
19 end and inserting a semicolon;

20 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
21 the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(9) the status of efforts in each country to
24 prohibit international child abduction, including—

1 “(A) efforts to expedite the return of chil-
2 dren to the country of their habitual residence;
3 and

4 “(B) the extent to which the country re-
5 spects the rights of custody and of access under
6 the laws of other countries.”.

7 (2) Section 502B(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act
8 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(b)) is amended by inserting after
9 the sixth sentence the following: “Each report under this
10 section shall include information on the status of efforts
11 in each country to prohibit international child abduction,
12 including efforts to expedite the return of children to the
13 country of their habitual residence and the extent to which
14 the country respects the rights of custody and of access
15 under the laws of other countries.”.

16 (c) REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 1204 OF
17 TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.—The Attorney Gen-
18 eral, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall pre-
19 pare and submit to the Congress an annual report that
20 contains a description of the status of each case involving
21 a request during the preceding year for extradition to the
22 United States of an individual alleged to have violated sec-
23 tion 1204 of title 18, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR EXTRADITION.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated for each of
3 fiscal years 2009 through 2012 such funds as may be nec-
4 essary for the costs of extraditing individuals from foreign
5 countries to the United States for violations of laws in
6 the United States by reason of unlawfully removing a child
7 from the child's custodial parent.

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