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H. R. 3573

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the enactment into law of a joint resolution approving the number of refugees who may be admitted in any fiscal year, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

Mr. McCAUL (for himself and Mr. BABIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Refugee Resettlement
5 Oversight and Security Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR**
2 **ADMISSION OF REFUGEES.**

3 Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1157) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by amending paragraphs (1) and (2)
7 to read as follows:

8 “(1) Before the beginning of a fiscal year and
9 after appropriate consultation (as defined in sub-
10 section (e) of this section), the President shall sub-
11 mit to Congress a recommendation on the number of
12 refugees who may be admitted under this section in
13 any fiscal year.

14 “(2) Except as provided in subsection (b), no
15 refugees may be admitted under this section in a fis-
16 cal year until such time as a joint resolution is en-
17 acted into law which sets the number of refugees
18 who may be admitted under this section in that fis-
19 cal year.”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (4)—

21 (i) by striking “determination” and
22 inserting “recommendation”; and

23 (ii) by striking “determined” and in-
24 serting “recommended”;

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “fix” and inserting “submit
2 to Congress a recommendation for”;

3 (B) by striking “situation and such” and
4 inserting “situation. Any such”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:
6 “No refugees may be admitted under this sub-
7 section until such time as a joint resolution is
8 enacted into law which sets the number of refu-
9 gees who may be admitted under this sub-
10 section.”;

11 (3) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “Subject to
12 the numerical limitations established pursuant to
13 subsections (a) and (b)” and inserting “Subject to
14 the enactment into law of a joint resolution under
15 subsection (a) or (b), and the numerical limitations
16 established pursuant to such a resolution,”; and

17 (4) in subsection (d)—

18 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “deter-
19 mination” each place it appears and inserting
20 “recommendation”.

21 **SEC. 3. APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION.**

22 Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
23 (8 U.S.C. 1157) is further amended—

24 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by inserting after
25 “Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and of the Senate” the following: “, the
2 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
3 Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security
4 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the
5 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives, and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
7 tions of the Senate”; and

8 (2) in subsection (e), by inserting after “mem-
9 bers of the Committees on the Judiciary of the Sen-
10 ate and of the House of Representatives” the fol-
11 lowing: “, the Committee on Homeland Security of
12 the House of Representatives, the Committee on
13 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
14 Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
15 House of Representatives, and the Committee on
16 Foreign Relations of the Senate”.

17 **SEC. 4. CONSULTATION FOR DETERMINATIONS OF ADMIS-**
18 **SIBILITY.**

19 Section 207(e) of the Immigration and Nationality
20 Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(e)) is further amended—

21 (1) by striking “Attorney General” each place
22 it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Se-
23 curity”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
25 following: “In determining whether an alien is ad-

1 but who, subsequent to admission to the United
2 States, became inadmissible under such paragraph.

3 (2) Federal agencies which are not, as of the
4 date of the report, involved in making determina-
5 tions of admissibility of refugees under such para-
6 graph, which the Comptroller General determines
7 should be so involved.

8 (3) Issues or gaps in the process for deter-
9 mining the admissibility of refugees under such
10 paragraph.

11 (4) Recommendations for improving the process
12 for determining the admissibility of refugees under
13 such paragraph in order to better protect the secu-
14 rity of the United States.

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