

AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 588

OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

In the 1st, 2d, and 3d clauses of the preamble, insert “the” before “Congo” each place it appears.

In the 4th clause of the preamble, insert “, according to the United States Department of State,” before “the policy” and insert “the” before “Congo”.

In the 5th clause of the preamble, strike “, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, and other international organizations have” and insert “has”.

In the 7th clause of the preamble, add at the end before the semi-colon the following: “, affecting hundreds of children”.

In the 8th clause of the preamble, strike “United States families” and insert “American families”.

Page 3, strike paragraph (3) and insert the following:

1 (3) expresses concern over the impact on chil-
2 dren and families caused by a suspension of exit per-
3 mit issuance, considering that the courts continue
4 processing adoptions but children adopted during

- 1 the suspension are unable to obtain exit permits or
- 2 necessary documents to depart the country;

Page 3, beginning on line 14, strike “via the Ministry of Gender and Family’s Interministerial Adoption Committee”.

Page 4, line 5, insert “the” before “Congo”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.”.

