

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 7152  
OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Divided Families Na-  
3 tional Registry Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DI-  
5 VIDED FAMILIES.**

6       The Secretary of State, acting through the Special  
7 Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues or such  
8 other individual as the Secretary may designate, shall—

9           (1) collate information on Korean American  
10 families who wish to be reunited with family mem-  
11 bers in North Korea from which such Korean Amer-  
12 ican families were divided after the signing of the  
13 Agreement Concerning a Military Armistice in  
14 Korea, signed at Panmunjom July 27, 1953 (com-  
15 monly referred to as the “Korean War Armistice  
16 Agreement”), in anticipation of future reunions for  
17 such families and family members, including in-per-  
18 son and video reunions; and

1           (2) establish a private internal national registry  
2           of the names and other relevant information of such  
3           Korean American families—

4                   (A) to host such future reunions in South  
5           Korea, the United States, or third countries;  
6           and

7                   (B) to provide for a private internal reposi-  
8           tory of information about such Korean Amer-  
9           ican families and family members in North  
10          Korea, including information about individuals  
11          who may be deceased.

12 **SEC. 3. ACTIONS TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE**  
13 **UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA.**

14          (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of State shall take  
15          such actions as may be necessary to ensure that any direct  
16          dialogue between the United States and North Korea in-  
17          cludes progress towards holding future reunions for Ko-  
18          rean American families and their family members in North  
19          Korea as described in section 2.

20          (b) **CONSULTATIONS.**—The Secretary of State shall  
21          consult with the Government of the Republic of Korea in  
22          carrying out this section.

23          (c) **REPORT.**—No later than one year after enact-  
24          ment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the

1 Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
2 sional committees a report on—

3 (1) the status of the national registry estab-  
4 lished pursuant to section 2(a)(2);

5 (2) the number of individuals included on the  
6 registry who—

7 (A) have met their family members in  
8 North Korea during previous reunions; and

9 (B) have yet to meet their family members  
10 in North Korea during previous reunions;

11 (3) a summary of responses by North Korea to  
12 requests to hold reunions of divided families; and

13 (4) a description of regulations in North Korea  
14 and actions taken by North Korea in the year pre-  
15 vious to submission of each report that prevent the  
16 emigration of family members of Korean American  
17 families.

18 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
19 DEFINED.—In this Act, “appropriate congressional com-  
20 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
21 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign  
22 Relations of the Senate.

