

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for special immigrant status for certain spouses and children of employees of the United States Government abroad killed in the line of duty.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COONS

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle C of title II, add the following:

2 **SEC. 2320. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN SUR-**
3 **VIVING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(27) (8 U.S.C.
5 1101(a)(27)) is amended in subparagraph (D)—

6 (1) by inserting “(i)” before “an immigrant
7 who is an employee”;

8 (2) by inserting “or” after “grant such sta-
9 tus;”; and

10 (3) by inserting after clause (i), as designated
11 by paragraph (1), the following:

1 “(ii) an immigrant who is the surviving
2 spouse or child of an employee of the United
3 States Government abroad killed in the line of
4 duty, provided that the employee had performed
5 faithful service for a total of 15 years, or more,
6 and that the principal officer of a Foreign Serv-
7 ice establishment (or, in the case of the Amer-
8 ican Institute of Taiwan, the Director thereof)
9 in his or her discretion, recommends the grant-
10 ing of special immigrant status to the spouse or
11 child and the Secretary of State approves such
12 recommendation and finds that it is in the na-
13 tional interest to grant such status;”.

14 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) take effect beginning on January 31, 2013,
16 and shall have retroactive effect.