

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 1494**

To amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended  
to be proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT FAMILY UNITY**  
4 **SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE A GUIDING PRIN-**  
5 **CIPLE OF UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION SYS-**  
6 **TEM.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
8 ings:

9 (1) The family is the bedrock of society in the  
10 United States.

1           (2) From time immemorial, families have served  
2           as a source of emotional support and economic secu-  
3           rity.

4           (3) Courageous people living in difficult cir-  
5           cumstances often immigrate to the United States in  
6           order to make a better life for themselves and their  
7           families.

8           (4) Once such immigrants succeed and establish  
9           themselves as part of their communities in the  
10          United States, they want to help the families they  
11          left behind, and want their families to join them and  
12          provide succor and support.

13          (5) Families have proven to be a key factor in  
14          the successful integration of immigrant families into  
15          life in the United States.

16          (6) The Act entitled “An Act to amend the Im-  
17          migration and Nationality Act, and for other pur-  
18          poses”, approved October 3, 1965 (commonly re-  
19          ferred to as the “Immigration and Nationality Act  
20          of 1965”), recognized that families should not be  
21          kept apart based on the places close relatives were  
22          born.

23          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
24          gress that—

1           (1) family unity should continue to be a guiding  
2 principle of the legal immigration system of the  
3 United States;

4           (2) migrant children should not be separated  
5 from their families, and the family separation policy  
6 of the Trump Administration was cruel and grossly  
7 irresponsible; and

8           (3) the immigration system of the United  
9 States should treat children and families humanely  
10 and with compassion and house them in the least re-  
11 strictive setting appropriate for the age of the chil-  
12 dren and their special needs.