

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
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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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The United States has always been a nation
6 of immigrants, and throughout the history of the
7 United States, immigrants and their children from
8 around the world have kept the workforce in the
9 United States vibrant and businesses in the United

1 States on the cutting edge, and helped to build the
2 greatest economic engine in the world.

3 (2) The entrepreneurial drive and spirit of the
4 United States is built on a diversity of origins.

5 (3) The American dream first drew people to
6 the United States and continues to drive business in
7 the United States.

8 (4) The success of the United States is a result
9 of the many distinct experiences of the people of the
10 United States, not in spite of it.

11 (5) As a nation of immigrants, we must remem-
12 ber the generations of pioneers that helped lay the
13 railroads and build cities, develop new industries,
14 and fuel innovation and the exchange of ideas.

15 (6) Immigrants start more than a quarter of all
16 new businesses in the United States, and immi-
17 grants and their children start more than 40 percent
18 of Fortune 500 companies.

19 (7) These businesses collectively employ tens of
20 millions of people in the United States and generate
21 more than \$5,500,000,000,000 in annual revenue.

22 (8) Immigrants enhance the productive capacity
23 of the United States economy and contribute ap-
24 proximately \$2,000,000,000,000, or about 10 per-

1 cent of annual gross domestic product of the United
2 States.

3 (9) Immigrants in the United States contribute
4 greatly to advances in technology and sciences.

5 (10) 16 percent of all employed college grad-
6 uates and 54.5 percent of individuals with a Ph.D.
7 working in the fields of science, technology, engi-
8 neering, and math are immigrants.

9 (11) Between 2006 and 2012, 44 percent of
10 new tech startups in Silicon Valley, widely known as
11 the international hub for technological development
12 and innovation, had at least 1 immigrant founder.

13 (12) Immigrants in the United States plant,
14 cultivate, and harvest the rich diversity of agri-
15 culture products available today from the farmlands
16 of the United States.

17 (13) Each immigrant farm employee supports 2
18 to 3 full-time jobs in processing, transportation, and
19 retail.

20 (14) Immigrants involved in agricultural pro-
21 duction aid in the food security and independence of
22 the United States.

23 (15) The work of immigrants has directly en-
24 riched the culture of the United States by influ-
25 encing the performing arts from Broadway to Holly-

1 wood, as well as academia, art, music, literature,
2 media, fashion, cuisine, customs, and cultural cele-
3 brations enjoyed across the United States.

4 (16) Generations of immigrants have come to
5 the United States from all corners of the world, and
6 many immigrants tirelessly fought for the independ-
7 ence of the United States, defending the ideals of
8 the country.

9 (17) More than 30,000 lawful permanent resi-
10 dents are serving in the Armed Forces.

11 (18) Since 2002, more than 102,000 men and
12 women, including individuals serving in Iraq, Af-
13 ghanistan, South Korea, Germany, Japan, and else-
14 where, have become United States citizens while
15 serving in the Armed Forces.

16 (19) Congress represents a rich diversity of
17 communities across the United States and works
18 closely with a variety of diaspora leaders from more
19 than 60 ethnic caucuses to ensure that the voices of
20 United States citizens from all backgrounds are
21 heard.

22 (20) The United States was founded on the
23 universal promise that we are all created equal.

24 (21) Justice Frank Murphy acknowledged in
25 his dissenting opinion in *Korematsu v. United*

1 States, 323 U.S. 214 (1944), that “[r]acial discrimi-
2 nation in any form and in any degree has no justifi-
3 able part whatever in our democratic way of life. It
4 is unattractive in any setting, but it is utterly revolt-
5 ing among a free people who have embraced the
6 principles set forth in the Constitution of the United
7 States.”.

8 (22) The Equal Employment Opportunity Com-
9 mission has specifically recognized the comment “Go
10 back to where you came from” as an example of dis-
11 crimination based on national origin.

12 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

13 It is the sense of Congress that Congress—

14 (1) believes that immigrants and their descend-
15 ants have made the United States stronger, and that
16 individuals who take the oath of citizenship are
17 every bit as American as individuals whose families
18 have lived in the United States for many genera-
19 tions;

20 (2) is committed to keeping the United States
21 open to individuals lawfully seeking refuge and asy-
22 lum from violence and oppression, and individuals
23 who are willing to work hard to live the American
24 Dream, regardless of race, ethnicity, faith, or coun-
25 try of origin; and

1 (3) strongly condemns President Donald
2 Trump’s racist comments that have legitimized and
3 increased fear and hatred of new Americans and
4 people of color by—

5 (A) saying that our fellow Americans who
6 are immigrants, and those who may look to the
7 President like immigrants, should “go back” to
8 other countries;

9 (B) referring to immigrants and asylum
10 seekers as “invaders”; and

11 (C) saying that Members of Congress who
12 are immigrants (or those of our colleagues who
13 are wrongly assumed to be immigrants) do not
14 belong in Congress or in the United States.