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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Refugee Proc-
5 ess Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL LIMITATIONS ON ADMISSION OF**
7 **REFUGEES.**

8 (a) **IDENTITY VERIFICATION REQUIRED.**—No alien
9 shall be admitted as a refugee, until the alien has satisfac-

1 torily established his identity pursuant to procedures es-
2 tablished by the Secretary of Homeland Security, which
3 shall address any insufficient, conflicting, or unreliable in-
4 formation, including biographic and biometric data that
5 has not been resolved at the time of admission.

6 (b) COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REFUGEES TO
7 IDENTIFY SECURITY THREATS TO THE UNITED
8 STATES.—No alien shall be admitted as a refugee, if, by
9 the time of admission, the alien’s identity has not been
10 checked against all relevant records or databases main-
11 tained by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attor-
12 ney General (including the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
13 tion), the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense,
14 the Director of National Intelligence, and other Federal
15 records or databases that the Secretary of Homeland Se-
16 curity considers necessary, to determine any national secu-
17 rity, criminal, or other grounds on which the alien may
18 be inadmissible to the United States.

19 (c) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—An alien may only
20 be admitted to the United States as a refugee after the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security certifies that all provi-
22 sions of this Act have been complied with and that the
23 alien has not been firmly resettled in a safe third country
24 as described in section 208(b)(2)(A)(vi) of the Immigra-
25 tion and Nationality Act.

1 (d) MONTHLY REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-
2 retary of Homeland Security shall submit to the appro-
3 priate Congressional Committees a monthly report on, for
4 the month preceding the date of the report, the total num-
5 ber of refugee applicants of special interest and the num-
6 ber of refugee applicants of special interest whose applica-
7 tions were denied.

8 (e) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—The Inspector
9 General of the Department of Homeland Security shall
10 conduct an annual risk-based review of a statistically valid
11 sampling of certifications and provide an annual report de-
12 tailing its findings to the appropriate Congressional Com-
13 mittees.

14 (f) DEFINITION.—In this Act:

15 (1) The term “appropriate Congressional Com-
16 mittees” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of
18 the Senate;

19 (B) the Select Committee on Intelligence
20 of the Senate;

21 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
22 Senate;

23 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security
24 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

1 (E) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
2 the Senate;

3 (F) the Committee on Appropriations of
4 the Senate;

5 (G) the Committee on Armed Services of
6 the House of Representatives;

7 (H) the Permanent Select Committee on
8 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

9 (I) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
10 House of Representatives;

11 (J) the Committee on Homeland Security
12 of the House of Representatives;

13 (K) the Committee on Appropriations of
14 the House of Representatives; and

15 (L) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
16 the House of Representatives.

17 (2) The term “refugee applicant of special in-
18 terest” means any alien applying for admission to
19 the United States as a refugee who—

20 (A) is a national or resident of Iraq or
21 Syria;

22 (B) has no nationality and whose last ha-
23 bitual residence was in Iraq or Syria;

24 (C) has been present in Iraq or Syria at
25 any time on or after March 1, 2011; or

- 1 (D) meets any other criteria the Secretary
- 2 deems appropriate.

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