

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2145

To make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 2015

(for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

To make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fis-
5 cal year 2016, and for other purposes, namely:

6 BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

7 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

8 MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

9 For an additional amount for “Migration and Ref-
10 ugee Assistance”, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available
11 until expended, for necessary expenses to respond to the
12 refugee crisis resulting from conflict in the Middle East,

1 including costs associated with the resettlement of refu-
 2 gees in the United States: *Provided*, That such amount
 3 is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement
 4 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-
 5 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, except that
 6 such amount shall be available only if the President subse-
 7 quently so designates such amounts and transmits such
 8 designations to the Congress.

9 GENERAL PROVISIONS

10 REPORTING REQUIREMENT

11 SEC. 101. Not later than 45 days after enactment
 12 of this Act and prior to the obligation of funds made avail-
 13 able by this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation
 14 with the heads of other relevant United States Govern-
 15 ment agencies, shall submit a report to the appropriate
 16 congressional committees describing the estimated total
 17 number of refugees who have fled violence and instability
 18 in Syria and Iraq and who are in need of assistance or
 19 are seeking resettlement; the impacts of such refugees on
 20 regional neighbors and European countries, and the ef-
 21 forts of those countries to resettle such refugees; the costs
 22 associated with resettling such refugees in the United
 23 States; and the proposed uses of funds appropriated by
 24 this Act: *Provided*, That such report shall also contain any
 25 additional costs (including personnel costs) to respond to

1 the refugee crisis and a description and assessment of the
 2 security vetting processes used for the resettlement of
 3 such refugees in the United States: *Provided further*, That
 4 the report required by this section shall be updated every
 5 90 days until September 30, 2017.

6 DEFINITION

7 SEC. 102. The term “appropriate congressional com-
 8 mittees” as used in this Act shall be as defined in section
 9 7034(t)(1) of division J of the Consolidated and Further
 10 Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law 113–235),
 11 and shall also include the Committees on the Judiciary
 12 of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

13 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

14 SEC. 103. The Secretary of State may transfer funds
 15 appropriated by this Act to other relevant federal agencies
 16 for the purpose of assisting in the resettlement in the
 17 United States of refugees fleeing conflict in the Middle
 18 East: *Provided*, That any such transfer shall be subject
 19 to prior consultation with, and the regular notification
 20 procedures of, the Committees on Appropriations: *Pro-*
 21 *vided further*, That upon a determination by the Secretary,
 22 in consultation with the head of any federal agency receiv-
 23 ing funds transferred pursuant to the authority of this
 24 section, that any portion of such transferred funds are no

1 longer necessary to meet the purposes of such transfer,
2 such funds shall be returned to the Secretary.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Middle East Refugee
4 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2016.”

