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H. R. 1320

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 22, 2019

Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, and Mr. GIBBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Census Accuracy Act
5 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. CITIZENSHIP OR LAWFUL PRESENCE STATUS ON**
2 **CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES.**

3 Section 141 of title 13, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
6 section (h); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(g) In conducting the 2020 decennial census and
10 each decennial census thereafter, the Secretary shall in-
11 clude in any questionnaire distributed or otherwise used
12 for the purpose of determining the total population by
13 States—

14 “(1) a checkbox or other similar option for re-
15 spondents to indicate whether the respondent is a
16 citizen or national of the United States, is lawfully
17 admitted for permanent residence in the United
18 State, is an alien who otherwise has lawful status
19 under the immigration laws, or none of these; and

20 “(2) in connection with the option relating to
21 status under the immigration laws, a question re-
22 garding which Federal program or provision of law
23 accorded the respondent such status.”.