

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5611**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HILL OF ARKANSAS**

Add, at the end of the bill, the following:

1 **SEC. 8. REVIEW OF REFUGEES TO IDENTIFY SECURITY**  
2 **THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.**—In addition to  
4 the screening conducted by the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
5 curity, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
6 shall take all actions necessary to ensure that each covered  
7 alien receives a thorough background investigation prior  
8 to admission as a refugee. A covered alien may not be ad-  
9 mitted as a refugee until the Director of the Federal Bu-  
10 reau of Investigation certifies to the Secretary of Home-  
11 land Security and the Director of National Intelligence  
12 that each covered alien has received a background inves-  
13 tigation that is sufficient to determine whether the covered  
14 alien is a threat to the security of the United States.

15 (b) **CERTIFICATION BY UNANIMOUS CONCUR-**  
16 **RENCE.**—A covered alien may only be admitted to the  
17 United States after the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
18 with the unanimous concurrence of the Director of the  
19 Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director of Na-  
20 tional Intelligence, certifies to the appropriate Congres-

1 sional Committees that the covered alien is not a threat  
2 to the security of the United States.

3 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW OF CERTIFI-  
4 CATIONS.—The Inspector General of the Department of  
5 Homeland Security shall conduct a risk-based review of  
6 all certifications made under subsection (b) each year and  
7 shall provide an annual report detailing the findings to  
8 the appropriate Congressional Committees.

9 (d) MONTHLY REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland  
10 Security shall submit to the appropriate Congressional  
11 Committees a monthly report on the total number of appli-  
12 cations for admission with regard to which a certification  
13 under subsection (b) was made and the number of covered  
14 aliens with regard to whom such a certification was not  
15 made for the month preceding the date of the report. The  
16 report shall include, for each covered alien with regard to  
17 whom a certification was not made, the concurrence or  
18 nonconcurrence of each person whose concurrence was re-  
19 quired by subsection (b).

20 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

21 (1) COVERED ALIEN.—The term “covered  
22 alien” means any alien applying for admission to the  
23 United States as a refugee who—

1 (A) is a national or resident of Iraq, Syria,  
2 or a country designated as a high-risk country  
3 by the Secretary of State under section 3;

4 (B) has no nationality and whose last ha-  
5 bitual residence was in Iraq, Syria, or a country  
6 designated as a high-risk country by the Sec-  
7 retary of State under section 3; or

8 (C) has been present in Iraq or Syria at  
9 any time on or after March 1, 2011.

10 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
11 MITTEE.—The term “appropriate Congressional  
12 Committees” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of  
14 the Senate;

15 (B) the Select Committee on Intelligence  
16 of the Senate;

17 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
18 Senate;

19 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security  
20 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

21 (E) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
22 the Senate;

23 (F) the Committee on Appropriations of  
24 the Senate;

1 (G) the Committee on Armed Services of  
2 the House of Representatives;

3 (H) the Permanent Select Committee on  
4 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

5 (I) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
6 House of Representatives;

7 (J) the Committee on Homeland Security  
8 of the House of Representatives;

9 (K) the Committee on Appropriations of  
10 the House of Representatives; and

11 (L) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
12 the House of Representatives.

13 **SEC. 9. REPORT ON RISK LEVELS OF COUNTRIES.**

14 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary  
16 of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland  
17 Security, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
18 tion, and the Director of National Intelligence, shall sub-  
19 mit to the appropriate Congressional Committees (as such  
20 term is defined in section 2(e)) a report, which shall be  
21 submitted in unclassified form to the maximum extent  
22 practicable, but may include a classified annex, and which  
23 includes the following:

24 (1) A list of each country, a national or resi-  
25 dent of which submitted an application for admis-

1 sion to the United States as a refugee under section  
2 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
3 U.S.C. 1157) during the year preceding the report.

4 (2) For each country listed under paragraph  
5 (1), an evaluation of the threat to the security of the  
6 United States posed by aliens who are nationals or  
7 residents of each such country, and a designation of  
8 each such country as high-risk, medium-risk, or low-  
9 risk.

10 (3) For each country listed under paragraph  
11 (1), the number of applications for admission as a  
12 refugee to the United States during the year pre-  
13 ceding the report.

14 (4) For each country listed under paragraph  
15 (1), the number of aliens who were admitted to the  
16 United States as refugees during the year preceding  
17 the report.

18 (5) Beginning with the second report submitted  
19 under this section, in the case of a country for which  
20 the designation under paragraph (2) changed from  
21 the designation of that country in the preceding  
22 year's report, an explanation of the reason for the  
23 change.

1           (6) To the extent practicable, and without jeop-  
2           ardizing intelligence sources or methods, a descrip-  
3           tion of the following:

4                   (A) Any presence of terrorism, hostile ac-  
5                   tions against the United States or its allies,  
6                   gross violations of human rights, human traf-  
7                   ficking, drug trafficking, religious persecution,  
8                   or other violations of international law.

9                   (B) Any presence of al Qaeda, al Qaeda af-  
10                  filiates, Islamic State, or other terrorist groups.

11                  (C) Any presence of transnational criminal  
12                  organizations.

