

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6136

OFFERED BY MR. MOOLENAAR OF MICHIGAN

At the end of division B, add the following:

1 **TITLE VI—IRAQI REFUGEES**

2 **SEC. 6101. UNITED STATES REFUGEE PROGRAM PROC-**
3 **ESSING PRIORITIES.**

4 (a) CLASSIFICATION OF IRAQI RELIGIOUS MINORI-
5 TIES.—Iraqi nationals who are religious minorities in their
6 country of origin (as described in section 599D(b)(1)(D)
7 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related
8 Programs Appropriations Act, 1990) (Public Law 101–
9 167; 8 U.S.C. 1157 note)—

10 (1) shall be classified as refugees of special hu-
11 manitarian concern;

12 (2) shall be eligible for Priority 2 processing
13 under the refugee resettlement priority system; and

14 (3) may apply directly to the United States
15 Refugee Admissions Program for admission to the
16 United States.

17 (b) PROCESSING MECHANISMS.—The Secretary of
18 State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Se-
19 curity, shall establish or use existing refugee processing
20 mechanisms in countries in which individuals described in

1 subsection (a) are residing to provide such individuals with
2 the opportunity to apply and interview for admission to
3 the United States as refugees.

4 **SEC. 6102. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CATEGORY OF REF-**
5 **UGEE OF SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN CONCERN.**

6 Section 599D of the Foreign Operations, Export Fi-
7 nancing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1990
8 (Public Law 101–167; 8 U.S.C. 1157 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
11 “and” at the end;

12 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
13 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(D) one or more categories of aliens
16 who—

17 “(i) are or were nationals and resi-
18 dents of Iraq;

19 “(ii) as members of a religious minor-
20 ity in Iraq, share common characteristics
21 that identify them as targets of persecu-
22 tion in that state on account of religion,
23 creed, or ethnicity; and

24 “(iii) have been underrepresented in
25 the United States refugee resettlement

1 program during the 5-year period ending
2 on September 30, 2017, when compared to
3 their representation in the Iraqi population
4 as a whole.”; and

5 (2) in subsection (e)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Sub-
7 sections (a) and (b)” and inserting “Except as
8 provided in paragraph (4), subsections (a) and
9 (b)”;

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(4) An alien described in subsection (b)(1)(D)
12 may establish a well-founded fear of persecution
13 under subsection (a) by asserting such fear in an ap-
14 plication for admission as a refugee under section
15 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
16 U.S.C. 1157) that is filed during the period begin-
17 ning on the date of the enactment of this section
18 and ending on September 30, 2022.”.

