AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-23

OFFERED BY MR. TROTT OF MICHIGAN

Page 451, insert after line 6 the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 1073. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CATEGORY OF REFUGEE OF SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN CONCERN.

(a) CLASSIFICATION OF SYRIAN AND IRAQI RELIGIOUS MINORITIES.—Syrian and Iraqi nationals who are members of a religious minority in their country of origin—

(1) shall be classified as refugees of special humanitarian concern;

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

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

(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION AS A REFUGEE.—

No alien shall be denied the opportunity to apply for admission under this section solely because such alien—

(1) qualifies as an immediate relative;
(2) is eligible for any other immigrant classification; or

(3) was referred to apply for admission to the United States as a refugee by a United States nonprofit organization that is exempt from Federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) Permitting Certain Aliens Within Categories To Reapply For Refugee Status.—Each alien described in subsection (a) who after, June 1, 2014, and before the date of the enactment of this Act was denied refugee status shall be permitted to reapply for such status. Such an application shall be determined taking into account the application of this Act.

(d) Protection Of Aliens.—In a case in which that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, determines that an alien who is described in subsection (a) and who has applied for admission to the United States as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157) using the processes established under this section is in imminent danger, the Secretary shall make a reasonable effort to provide such alien with protection or the immediate removal from that country.