

HRES 588

Concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection. (Jul 8, 2014)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 18, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 SRES 502	Related bill	Jul 31, 2014: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR 8/1/2014 S5313--5314; text as passed Senate: CR 8/1/2014 S5313-5313)

Affirms that all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent family.

Recognizes the importance of ensuring that international adoptions of all children are conducted in an ethical and transparent manner.

Expresses concern over the increasing number of new adoption cases that have been opened and the impact on children and families of the Democratic Republic of the Congo's suspension of exit permits.

Requests that the Congolese government: (1) resume issuing exit permits for all children that have been adopted and continue processing adoptions that are already underway, and (2) expedite the processing of adoptions involving medically fragile children.

Encourages continued cooperation between the Department of State and the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to improve the intercountry adoption process and ensure the welfare of all children adopted from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 8, 2014:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Jul 8, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5839-5842)
- **Jul 8, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 588.
- **Jul 8, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5839)
- **Jul 8, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5839)
- **Jul 8, 2014:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 26, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 18, 2014:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 18, 2014:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent .
- **Jun 10, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.
- **May 19, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.