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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding the release of internationally adopted children from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. _____

To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2017, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. JOHNSON

Viz:

1 At the end of title I, add the following:

2 **SEC. 121. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE RE-**
3 **LEASE OF INTERNATIONALLY ADOPTED**
4 **CHILDREN FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REPUB-**
5 **LIC OF CONGO.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following
7 findings:

8 (1) In September 2013, the Government of the
9 Democratic Republic of Congo suspended the
10 issuance of exit permits to children adopted by inter-
11 national parents.

1 (2) In February 2016, after continuous efforts
2 by the Department of State, the President, and Con-
3 gress, the Government of the Democratic Republic
4 of Congo began issuing exit permits to internation-
5 ally adopted children and committed to completing
6 all unresolved cases by the end of March 2016.

7 (3) As of March 31, 2016, exit permits had
8 been issued to nearly 330 adopted children, but ap-
9 proximately 100 adopted children remain stranded
10 in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including at
11 least two children adopted by Wisconsin families.

12 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—The Senate—

13 (1) urges the Government of the Democratic
14 Republic of Congo to complete its review of all unre-
15 solved international adoption cases as soon as pos-
16 sible; and

17 (2) calls upon the United States Government to
18 continue to treat the release of internationally adopt-
19 ed children from the Democratic Republic of Congo
20 as a priority until all cases have been resolved.