

**Calendar No. 337**106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION**S. 1485**

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

AUGUST 4, 1999

Ms. LANDRIEU (for Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GRAMS, and Mr. JOHNSON)) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 21, 1999

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Adopted Orphans Citi-  
3 zenship Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP BY**  
5 **CERTAIN ADOPTED CHILDREN.**

6 (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NA-  
7 TIONALITY ACT.—Section 301 of the Immigration and  
8 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subsection  
10 (g);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
12 section (h) and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(i) an unmarried person, under the age of 18  
15 years, born outside the United States and its out-  
16 lying possessions and thereafter adopted by at least  
17 one parent who is a citizen of the United States and  
18 who has been physically present in the United States  
19 or one of its outlying possessions for a period or pe-  
20 riods totaling not less than 5 years prior to the  
21 adoption of the person, at least 2 of which were  
22 after attaining the age of 14 years, if—

23 “(1) the person is physically present in the  
24 United States with the citizen parent, having  
25 attained the status of an alien lawfully admitted  
26 for permanent residence;

1           “(2) the person satisfied the requirements  
2           in subparagraph (E) or (F) of section  
3           101(b)(1); and

4           “(3) the person seeks documentation as a  
5           United States citizen while under the age of 18  
6           years.”.

7           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8           subsection (a) shall apply with respect to persons adopted  
9           before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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