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H. R. 3557

To require the country of origin of certain special immigrant religious workers to extend reciprocal immigration treatment to nationals of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. ROSS of Florida, and Mr. COBLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Religious Worker Visa
5 Reciprocity Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING RECIPROCAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-**
2 **MENT.**

3 Section 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nation-
4 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(G)) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

6 “(iii) Beginning on October 1, 2012, no petition may
7 be approved for classification of an alien as a special immi-
8 grant under section 101(a)(27)(C) if the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security has determined that the country of the
10 alien’s nationality—

11 “(I) is identified as a ‘Country of Particular
12 Concern’ or a country where religious freedom is of
13 significant interest in the 2010 International Reli-
14 gious Freedom Report; or

15 “(II) does not extend reciprocal immigration
16 treatment to nationals of the United States who are
17 seeking resident status in order to work in a reli-
18 gious vocation or occupation.”.

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