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To modify the naturalization requirements related to physical presence in the United States for alien translators granted special immigrant status, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2011

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. MODIFICATION OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE RE-**
4 **QUIREMENTS FOR ALIENS SERVING AS**
5 **TRANSLATORS.**

6 Section 1059(e)(1) of the National Defense Author-
7 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163;
8 8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

1 “(A) CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE.—An ab-
2 sence from the United States described in para-
3 graph (2) shall not be considered to break any
4 period for which continuous residence in the
5 United States is required for naturalization
6 under title III of the Immigration and Nation-
7 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.).

8 “(B) PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—In the case of
9 a lawful permanent resident, for an absence
10 from the United States described in paragraph
11 (2), the time spent outside of the United States
12 in the capacity described in paragraph (2) shall
13 be counted towards the accumulation of the re-
14 quired physical presence in the United States.”.

15 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 The amendment made by section 1 shall take effect
17 as if included in the amendment made by section 1(c)(2)
18 of the Act entitled “An Act to increase the number of Iraqi
19 and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be ad-
20 mitted to the United States as special immigrants, and
21 for other purposes”, approved June 15, 2007 (Public Law
22 110–36; 121 Stat. 227).

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