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S. 4973

To amend section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify the meaning of the Citizenship Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHMITT 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Citizenship
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP ACCORDING TO THE**
2 **UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(a) of the Immigra-
4 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401(a)) is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 “(a) a person born in the United States and not sub-
7 ject to any foreign power: *Provided*, That a person born
8 in the United States shall be deemed subject to a foreign
9 power if neither parent of such person is a United States
10 citizen or has been lawfully admitted for permanent resi-
11 dence at the time of such person’s birth;”.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
13 section (a) may not be construed to affect the citizenship
14 or nationality status of any person who was born before
15 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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