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# H. R. 367

To allow North Koreans to apply for refugee status or asylum.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. COX, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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asylum.

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. PURPOSE.**

4       The purpose of this Act is to ensure that North Kore-  
5 ans are not barred from eligibility for refugee status or  
6 asylum in the United States on account of any legal right  
7 to citizenship they may enjoy under the Constitution of  
8 the Republic of Korea. This Act is not intended in any  
9 way to prejudice whatever rights to citizenship North Ko-

1 reans may enjoy under the Constitution of the Republic  
2 of Korea.

3 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF NATIONALS OF THE DEMOCRATIC**  
4 **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.**

5 For purposes of eligibility for refugee status under  
6 section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
7 U.S.C. 1157), or for asylum under section 208 of such  
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1158), a national of the Democratic Peo-  
9 ple's Republic of Korea shall not be considered a national  
10 of the Republic of Korea.

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