

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1336

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2003

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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-
10 reans may enjoy under the Constitution of the Republic
11 of Korea.

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

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

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