

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1083

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2009

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Caribbean Count Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT RELATING TO CENSUS QUESTION-**
6 **NAIRES.**

7 In conducting the 2010 decennial census and every
8 decennial census thereafter, the Secretary of Commerce

- 1 shall include, in any questionnaire distributed or otherwise
- 2 used for the purpose of determining the total population
- 3 by States, a checkbox or other similar option by which re-
- 4 spondents may indicate Carribean extraction or descent.

