

32. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
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DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2601, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. ESHOO OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 246, after line 7, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 956. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ASSISTANCE**
2 **FOR CHALDOASSYRIANS AND OTHER INDIGENOUS**
3 **CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) ChaldoAssyrians and other indigenous
6 Christians in Iraq welcome the opportunity following
7 Iraq's liberation to move beyond the days of repres-
8 sion and persecution and toward greater prosperity
9 by cooperating in the development of a democratic,
10 pluralistic state.

11 (2) Religious and ethnic discrimination has
12 driven half of Iraq's indigenous Christians into dias-
13 pora since the 1960s and now threatens to create a
14 mass exodus, thereby depriving Iraq of one of its
15 oldest and most distinctive ethnic communities.

16 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
17 gress that—

18 (1) all relevant departments and agencies of the
19 Government of the United States should pay special



1 attention to the welfare of ChaldoAssyrians and
2 other indigenous Christians in Iraq in order to pre-
3 vent a mass exodus that would detrimentally affect
4 the preservation of diversity in the Middle East and
5 the promotion of general tolerance for others; and

6 (2) the President, acting through the Adminis-
7 trator of the United States Agency for International
8 Development, should allocate funds specifically for
9 the promotion of the welfare, education, and reset-
10 tlement of ChaldoAssyrians and other indigenous
11 Christians in Iraq where they may be currently pre-
12 vented from returning to their homes.

