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| House – International Relations |
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**Title of Bill:** An Act to Accept More Refugees

Be It Enacted By The University of Maryland Model Congress

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