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Refugees:

The Full Senate General Committee met this morning to receive testimony from Congressmen Mulvaney and Duncan, and to vote on the two refugee bills. Congressman Mulvaney spoke highly of your attempts to prevent Syrian refugees from entering South Carolina, and even quoted parts of the letter you wrote to Secretary Kerry. The two bills were combined into one bill via a subcommittee amendment. Subsequently, the bill as amended was reported favorably out of the full committee by a vote of 9-3. Senator Johnson attached a minority report.

DSS has communicated to Holly that they have concerns with the bill. Those concerns relate to 1) the posting of refugee Personally Identifiable Information online, and 2) creating a civil cause of action against resettlement organizations if certain refugees are resettled in South Carolina and subsequently injure someone.

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