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Order of Business: The bill will be considered following the last recorded vote as a unanimous consent request.

Summary: The United States is a signatory to the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, a 20-year old Convention. The resolution notes that there has been an increase in international abductions of children by parents. The International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children have cited serious shortcomings in the implementation of the treaty. Some countries have used exceptions in the convention intended to ensure common sense in dealing with abduction cases, as a justification not to return children to their parents. The resolution proposes the Permanent Bureau of The Hague write a guide for parents, judges, and policy makers so that they may have a framework for applying the Hague Treaty to international abduction cases. This guide, according to the resolution, will not be legally binding.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing authority is unavailable.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules: No

Concerns: No Known Concerns

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