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# S. 3018

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11, 2019

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COTTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. OPPOSITION TO ASSISTANCE BY THE INTER-**  
 2 **NATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND**  
 3 **DEVELOPMENT FOR COUNTRIES THAT EX-**  
 4 **CEED THE GRADUATION THRESHOLD AND**  
 5 **ARE OF CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.**

6 The United States Governor of the International  
 7 Bank for Reconstruction and Development shall instruct  
 8 the United States Executive Director of the Bank to vote  
 9 against, and to use the Executive Director's best efforts  
 10 to deny, any loan or the extension of any financial or tech-  
 11 nical assistance by the Bank to a country if—

12 (1) the gross national income per capita of the  
 13 country exceeds, by more than 35 percent, the  
 14 threshold for graduation from eligibility for assist-  
 15 ance from the Bank;

16 (2) the reserves of the country exceed an  
 17 amount equivalent to the value of goods and services  
 18 imported into the country during the most recent  
 19 12-month period for which data are available; and

20 (3) the country is designated—

21 (A) as a country of particular concern for  
 22 religious freedom under clause (ii) of section  
 23 402(b)(1)(A) of the International Religious  
 24 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.  
 25 6442(b)(1)(A)); or

- 1 (B) for placement on the special watch list
- 2 under clause (iii) of that section.

