

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1853

To amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 1996

Mr. FAIRCLOTH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Church Arson Preven-
5 tion Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. DAMAGE TO RELIGIOUS PROPERTY.**

7 Section 247(b) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) so that paragraph (1) reads as follows:

1 “(1) the offense is in or affects interstate or
2 foreign commerce; and”;

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$10,000”
4 and inserting “\$5,000”.

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