

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2189

To compensate certain former American hostages held in Lebanon and certain members of their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 1999

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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Lebanon and certain members of their families.

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 “Former Hostage Com-
5 pensation Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the Congress that the Department
8 of State should make a full effort to assist former Amer-
9 ican hostages, taken as victims of international terrorism,

1 in matters of compensation for injuries related to their
2 imprisonment.

3 **SEC. 3. COMPENSATION OF VICTIMS OF CERTAIN TER-**
4 **RORIST ACTS.**

5 Subject to the availability appropriated funds, and
6 subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State may
7 prescribe to prevent unjust enrichment, the Secretary shall
8 pay, to each plaintiff in the case of Cicippio v. Islamic
9 Republic of Iran (Civil Action No. 96–1805(TPJ),
10 brought in the United States District Court for the Dis-
11 trict of Columbia) who requests such payment, the fol-
12 lowing amounts:

13 (1) To a former hostage, a sum not to exceed
14 \$10,000,000.

15 (2) To the spouse of a former hostage, a sum
16 not to exceed \$4,000,000.

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