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S. 1666

To prevent terrorist hoaxes and false reports.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 8, 2001

Mr. LEAHY 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 “Anti Terrorist Hoax
5 and False Report Act of 2001”.

6 SEC. 2. HOAXES, FALSE REPORTS, AND RESTITUTION.

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 41 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 880 the
9 following:

10 “§ 881. Terrorist Hoaxes and False Information

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever knowingly and mali-
12 ciously imparts, conveys, or communicates information or

1 material, knowing the information or material to be false
2 or fraudulent, and under circumstances in which such in-
3 formation or material may reasonably be believed and is
4 reasonably likely to cause any response by a Federal,
5 State, or local government agency, concerning the exist-
6 ence of activity that would constitute a violation of section
7 175, 229, 2332a, or 831 of this title, shall be fined under
8 this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

9 “(b) RESTITUTION.—Notwithstanding and in addi-
10 tion to sections 3663, or 3663A of this title and any other
11 civil or criminal penalty authorized by law, the court shall
12 order—

13 “(1) restitution to all victims of an offense
14 under subsection (a), including any losses suffered
15 by a victim as a proximate result of the offense; and

16 “(2) the defendant to reimburse all Federal,
17 State, and local government, entities for any ex-
18 penses incurred in response to the offense to protect
19 public health or safety.”.

20 (b) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The chapter analysis for
21 chapter 41 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
22 by inserting at the end the following:

“881. Terrorist hoaxes and false information.”.

