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H. R. 3673

To prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL (for himself, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. LEE, Mr. STARK, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. FROST, and Mr. MEEHAN) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “War Profiteering Pre-
5 vention Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF PROFITEERING.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18,
2 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
3 end the following:

4 **“§ 1037. War profiteering and fraud relating to mili-**
5 **tary action, relief, and reconstruction ef-**
6 **forts in Iraq**

7 “(a) PROHIBITION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, in any matter in-
9 volving a contract or the provision of goods or serv-
10 ices, directly or indirectly, in connection with the
11 war, military action, or relief or reconstruction ac-
12 tivities in Iraq, knowingly and willfully—

13 “(A) executes or attempts to execute a
14 scheme or artifice to defraud the United States
15 or Iraq;

16 “(B) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by
17 any trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

18 “(C) makes any materially false, fictitious,
19 or fraudulent statements or representations, or
20 makes or uses any materially false writing or
21 document knowing the same to contain any ma-
22 terially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement
23 or entry; or

24 “(D) materially overvalues any good or
25 service with the specific intent to excessively

1 profit from the war, military action, or relief or
 2 reconstruction activities in Iraq;
 3 shall be fined under paragraph (2), imprisoned not
 4 more than 20 years, or both.

5 “(2) FINE.—A person convicted of an offense
 6 under paragraph (1) may be fined the greater of—

7 “(A) \$1,000,000; or

8 “(B) if such person derives profits or other
 9 proceeds from the offense, not more than twice
 10 the gross profits or other proceeds.

11 “(b) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—There is
 12 extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over an offense under
 13 this section.

14 “(c) VENUE.—A prosecution for an offense under
 15 this section may be brought—

16 “(1) as authorized by chapter 211 of this title;

17 “(2) in any district where any act in further-
 18 ance of the offense took place; or

19 “(3) in any district where any party to the con-
 20 tract or provider of goods or services is located.”.

21 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
 22 for chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is
 23 amended by adding at the end the following:

“1037. War profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and recon-
 struction efforts in Iraq.”.

1 (b) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITIES.—The authorities
2 provided for under this Act shall expire upon the date that
3 major combat operations in Iraq cease and desist, the Coa-
4 lition Provisional Authority transfers responsibility for
5 governing Iraq to an indigenous Iraqi government, and a
6 United States mission to Iraq, under the direction and
7 guidance of the Secretary of State, is responsible for
8 United States assistance efforts in Iraq. This subsection
9 shall not limit or repeal any additional authorities pro-
10 vided by law.

11 (c) CIVIL FORFEITURE.—Section 981(a)(1)(C) of
12 title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting
13 “1037,” after “1032,”.

14 (d) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—Section 982(a)(2)(B)
15 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking
16 “or 1030” and inserting “1030, or 1037”.

17 (e) MONEY LAUNDERING.—Section 1956(c)(7)(D) of
18 title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting the
19 following: “, section 1037 (relating to war profiteering and
20 fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction
21 efforts in Iraq),” after “liquidating agent of financial in-
22 stitution),”.

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