

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5129

For the relief of Thomas W. Sikes and Wellington Trade, Inc., doing business  
as Containerhouse.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

Mr. NORWOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

For the relief of Thomas W. Sikes and Wellington Trade,  
Inc., doing business as Containerhouse.

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. COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
5       shall pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise  
6       appropriated, \$990,500, to the persons named in sub-  
7       section (b) for damages sustained by such persons in con-  
8       nection with a 1991 government contract for the purchase  
9       and delivery of certain ocean freight containers.

1 (b) PERSONS TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION.—The  
2 Secretary of the Treasury shall compensate the following  
3 persons under subsection (a):

4 (1) Thomas W. Sikes of Cadwell, Georgia.

5 (2) Wellington Trade Inc., of Cornelia, Georgia,  
6 doing business as Containerhouse.

7 **SEC. 2. SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED**  
8 **STATES.**

9 Payment under section 1 shall constitute full settle-  
10 ment of all legal and equitable claims by the persons  
11 named in section 1(b) against the United States for the  
12 damages described in section 1(a).

13 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ATTORNEY AND AGENT FEES.**

14 Not more than 10 percent of the payment made  
15 under section 1 may be paid to or received by an agent  
16 or attorney as consideration for any service rendered in  
17 connection with this Act. Each violation of this section is  
18 punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

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