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H. R. 4648

To prohibit assistance to Lebanon unless the Government of Lebanon
extradites Mohammed Ali Hammadi to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 22, 2005

Mr. FOSSELLA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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of Lebanon extradites Mohammed Ali Hammadi to the
United States.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) On June 14, 1985, terrorists hijacked
6 United States jetliner TWA Flight 847 en route
7 from Athens to Rome.

1 (2) During the 17-day hijacking, one of the ter-
2 rorists, Mohammed Ali Hammadi, brutally tortured
3 and killed United States Navy diver Robert Dean
4 Stethem aboard the United States jetliner.

5 (3) In 1987, Mohammed Ali Hammadi was ar-
6 rested in Frankfurt, Germany. He was tried and
7 convicted of the murder of United States Navy diver
8 Robert Dean Stethem and sentenced to life impris-
9 onment.

10 (4) On December 20, 2005, the Government of
11 Germany released Mohammed Ali Hammadi and al-
12 lowed him to return to his native Lebanon.

13 (5) On December 21, 2005, officials at the
14 United States Departments of Justice and State in-
15 dicated that they would seek the extradition of Mo-
16 hammed Ali Hammadi to the United States so he
17 could be tried for his role in the hijacking of TWA
18 Flight 847, including the murder of United States
19 Navy diver Robert Dean Stethem.

20 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON.**

21 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
22 sion of law, assistance may not be provided to Lebanon
23 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act unless
24 the President certifies to Congress that the Government

1 of Lebanon has extradited Mohammed Ali Hammadi to
2 the United States.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “assist-
4 ance”—

5 (1) means assistance in the form of a grant,
6 concessional sale, guaranty, insurance, or by any
7 other means on terms more favorable than is gen-
8 erally available in the applicable market, whether in
9 the form of a loan, lease, credit, debt relief, or other-
10 wise, including subsidies for exports to Lebanon and
11 favorable tariff treatment of articles that are the
12 growth, product, or manufacture of Lebanon; and

13 (2) does not include—

14 (A) assistance of the type authorized under
15 chapter 9 of part I of the Foreign Assistance
16 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2292 et seq.; relating
17 to international disaster assistance); and

18 (B) assistance that involves the provision
19 of food (including monetization of food) or med-
20 icine.

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