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# H. R. 3216

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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 “Marque and Reprisal  
5 Act of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF MARQUE AND REPRISAL.**

7       The President of the United States is authorized and  
8 requested to commission, under officially issued letters of

1 marque and reprisal, so many of privately armed and  
2 equipped persons and entities as, in his judgment, the  
3 service may require, with suitable instructions to the lead-  
4 ers thereof, to employ all means reasonably necessary to  
5 seize outside the geographic boundaries of the United  
6 States and its territories the person and property of  
7 Osama bin Laden, of any al Qaeda co-conspirator, and  
8 of any conspirator with Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda  
9 who are responsible for the air piratical aggressions and  
10 depredations perpetrated upon the United States of Amer-  
11 ica on September 11, 2001, and for any planned future  
12 air piratical aggressions and depredations or other acts  
13 of war upon the United States of America and her people.

14 **SEC. 3. SECURITY BOND REQUIRED.**

15       No letter of marque and reprisal shall be issued by  
16 the President under this Act without requiring the posting  
17 of a security bond in such amount as the President shall  
18 determine is sufficient to ensure that the letter be exe-  
19 cuted according to the terms and conditions thereof.

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