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# H. R. 5237

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2010

Mr. ALTMIRE (for himself and Mr. DENT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Terrorist Expatriation  
5   Act”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. LOSS OF NATIONALITY.**

7       Section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
8   (8 U.S.C. 1481) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in each of paragraphs (1) through (6),  
3 by striking “or” at the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-  
5 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(8)(A) providing material support or resources  
8 to a foreign terrorist organization;

9 “(B) engaging in, or purposefully and materi-  
10 ally supporting, hostilities against the United States;  
11 or

12 “(C) engaging in, or purposefully and materi-  
13 ally supporting, hostilities against any country or  
14 armed force that is—

15 “(i) directly engaged along with the United  
16 States in hostilities engaged in by the United  
17 States; or

18 “(ii) providing direct operational support  
19 to the United States in hostilities engaged in by  
20 the United States.”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(c) For purposes of this section—

23 “(1) the term ‘foreign terrorist organization’  
24 means an organization so designated by the Sec-  
25 retary pursuant to section 219(a);

1           “(2) the term ‘hostilities’ means any conflict  
2           subject to the laws of war; and

3           “(3) the term ‘material support or resources’  
4           has the meaning given the term in section 2339A of  
5           title 18, United States Code.”.

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