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H. R. 1348

To amend title 18, United States Code, relating to war crimes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 1997

Mr. JONES 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 “Expanded War Crimes
5 Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF WAR CRIMES.**

7 Section 2441 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “grave breach
10 of the Geneva Conventions” and inserting “war
11 crime”;

1 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “breach” each
2 place it appears and inserting “war crime”;

3 (3) so that subsection (c) reads as follows:

4 “(c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section—

5 “(1) the term ‘war crime’ means any conduct—

6 “(A) defined as a grave breach in any of
7 the international conventions signed at Geneva
8 12 August 1949, or any protocol to such con-
9 vention to which the United States is a party;

10 “(B) prohibited by Articles 23, 25, 17, or
11 28 of the Annex to the Hague Convention IV,
12 Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on
13 Land, signed 18 October 1907;

14 “(C) which constitutes a violation of com-
15 mon Article 3 of the international conventions
16 signed at Geneva 12 August 1949, or any pro-
17 tocol to such convention to which the United
18 States is a party and which deals with non-
19 international armed conflict; or

20 “(D) of a person who, in relation to an
21 armed conflict and contrary to the provisions of
22 the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on
23 the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other De-
24 vices as amended at Geneva on 3 May 1996
25 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996), when

1 the United States is a party to such Protocol,
2 willfully kills or causes serious injury to civil-
3 ians.”.

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