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# H. R. 4660

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 1998

Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. HYDE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. KING, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BLUNT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE RE-**  
2 **WARDS PROGRAM.**

3 (a) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AWARD.—  
4 Section 36(c) of the State Department Basic Authorities  
5 Act (22 U.S.C. 2708(c)) is amended by striking  
6 “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$5,000,000”.

7 (b) INCREASE IN AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
8 TIONS.—Section 36(g) of the State Department Basic Au-  
9 thorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2708(g)) is amended in the first  
10 sentence by striking “\$5,000,000” and inserting  
11 “\$10,000,000”.

12 **SEC. 2. REWARDS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING INDI-**  
13 **VIDUALS SOUGHT FOR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS**  
14 **OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW RE-**  
15 **LATING TO THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.**

16 The State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956  
17 is amended by adding after section 36 the following new  
18 section:

19 **“SEC. 36A. REWARDS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING IN-**  
20 **DIVIDUALS SOUGHT FOR SERIOUS VIOLA-**  
21 **TIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN**  
22 **LAW RELATING TO THE FORMER YUGO-**  
23 **SLAVIA.**

24 “(a) AUTHORITY.—In the sole discretion of the Sec-  
25 retary of State (except as provided in subsection (b)(2))  
26 and in consultation, as appropriate, with the Attorney

1 General, the Secretary may pay a reward to any individual  
2 who furnishes information leading to—

3 “(1) the arrest or conviction in any country, or

4 “(2) the transfer to, or conviction by, the Inter-  
5 national Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugo-  
6 slavia,

7 of any individual who is the subject of an indictment con-  
8 firmed by a judge of such tribunal for serious violations  
9 of international humanitarian law as defined under the  
10 statute of such tribunal.

11 “(b) PROCEDURES.—

12 “(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the offering, ad-  
13 ministration, and payment of rewards under this  
14 section, including procedures for—

15 “(A) identifying individuals, organizations,  
16 and offenses with respect to which rewards will  
17 be offered;

18 “(B) the publication of rewards;

19 “(C) the offering of joint rewards with for-  
20 eign governments;

21 “(D) the receipt and analysis of data; and

22 “(E) the payment and approval of pay-  
23 ment,

1 shall be governed by procedures developed by  
2 the Secretary of State, in consultation with the  
3 Attorney General.

4 “(2) Before making a reward under this section  
5 in a matter over which there is Federal criminal ju-  
6 risdiction, the Secretary of State shall obtain the  
7 concurrence of the Attorney General.

8 “(3) Rewards under this section shall be subject  
9 to any requirements or limitations that apply to re-  
10 wards under section 36 with respect to the ineligibil-  
11 ity of government employees for rewards, maximum  
12 reward amount, and procedures for the approval and  
13 certification of rewards for payment.

14 “(c) REFERENCE.—For the purposes of subsection  
15 (a), the statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for  
16 the Former Yugoslavia means the Annex to the Report  
17 of the Secretary General of the United Nations pursuant  
18 to paragraph 2 of Security Council Resolution 827 (1993)  
19 (S/25704).

20 “(d) DETERMINATION OF THE SECRETARY.—All de-  
21 terminations of the Secretary of State under this section  
22 shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to  
23 judicial review.

24 “(e) FUNDING.—

1           “(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to  
2           the Department of State \$1,000,000 for fiscal year  
3           1999, \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, and  
4           \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 to carry out this  
5           section.

6           “(2) Amounts appropriated under paragraph  
7           (1) shall remain available until expended.

8           “(f) PRIORITY.—In the administration and payment  
9           of rewards under the rewards program of section 36, the  
10          Secretary of State shall ensure that priority is given for  
11          payments to individuals described in section 36 and that  
12          funds paid under this section are paid only after any and  
13          all due and payable demands are met under section 36.”.

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