

## HR 3375

Embassy Employee Compensation Act

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Current Status:** Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held. (Jul 11, 2002)

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Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Nov 29, 2001
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Dec 19, 2001
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Dec 19, 2001
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Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Dec 19, 2001
Rep. Meek, Carrie P. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Dec 19, 2001
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Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2002
Rep. Morella, Constance A. [R-MD-8]	R · MD		Feb 27, 2002
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2002

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonior, David E. [D-MI-10]	D · MI		Mar 5, 2002
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Mar 20, 2002
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Mar 20, 2002
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Apr 18, 2002

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 15, 2002
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jul 11, 2002

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Summary** (as of May 20, 2002)

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Embassy Employee Compensation Act - Directs the Attorney General, through the Special Master appointed under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, to administer compensation to American victims of the August 7, 1998, bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 5) Requires claimants to provide information to the Special Master concerning the physical harm suffered and any possible economic and noneconomic losses incurred from the bombings, as well as the "collateral sources" of compensation received or entitled to be received, defined as life insurance, pension funds, death benefit programs and payments by Federal, State, or local governments. Sets a two-year limit on filing claims, beginning after the promulgation of regulations to implement the Act.

Directs the Special Master to determine whether a claimant is eligible for compensation and, if so, the amount to be disbursed based on harm suffered, facts of the claim, and individual circumstances of the claimant.

Prohibits the Special Master from considering negligence or any other theory of liability with regard to claimants. Requires completion of the review and determination of a claim within 120 days after it is filed. Makes the Special Master's decision on a claim final and not subject to judicial review.

Specifies that punitive damages may not be awarded. Requires that any award be reduced by collateral source compensation a claimant has received or is entitled to receive.

Makes eligible to receive compensation any U.S. citizens who suffered physical harm from the bombing of the United States embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, or from the bombing of the embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Permits personal representatives of U.S. citizens killed by either bombing to receive compensation on behalf of the deceased.

Limits claims to one per individual. Provides that upon filing a claim, an individual waives the right to seek damages in civil suits in Federal or State courts, except for pursuing collateral source compensation.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Special Master to authorize payments to eligible claimants not later than 20 days after the date on which the determination of the amount has been made.

Declares that this Act constitutes budget authority in advance of appropriations Acts and represents the obligation of the Federal Government to provide for the payment of compensation under the Act.

Authorizes the Attorney General to accept contributions from individuals, business concerns, and other entities to carry out the Act, and directs the Attorney General to use donated funds before appropriated funds.

(Sec. 8) Declares that the United States has the right of subrogation with respect to any claim paid from U.S. funds under the Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 11, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held.
- **May 22, 2002:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 21, 2002:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 21, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2680-2685)
- **May 21, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3375.
- **May 21, 2002:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 21, 2002:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2746-2747)
- **May 21, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 18 (Roll no. 176).(text: CR H2680-2681)
- **May 21, 2002:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 391 - 18 (Roll no. 176). (text: CR H2680-2681)
- **May 21, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 20, 2002:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 107-477.
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- **May 20, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 287.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 15, 2002:** Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims Discharged.
- **Jan 14, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims.
- **Nov 29, 2001:** Introduced in House
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