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# H. R. 4096

To ensure that certain unresolved commercial disputes between American firms and Saudi Arabia are resolved satisfactorily.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 1994

Mr. HILLIARD 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. STEPS TO RESOLVE COMMERCIAL DISPUTES**  
4                               **WITH SAUDI ARABIA.**

5       The President is encouraged to take, within 60 days  
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, all necessary and  
7 appropriate steps to ensure that the unresolved American  
8 commercial claims against Saudi Arabia are resolved satis-  
9 factorily. Such steps should include the issuance of a dip-  
10 lomatic demarche to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia re-

1 requesting that American firms be quickly and justly com-  
2 pensated for damage resulting from their contract dis-  
3 putes with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

5 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment  
6 of this Act, the President shall report to the appropriate  
7 committees of the Congress on the specific steps that the  
8 United States Government has taken, in accordance with  
9 this Act and section 9140(b) of the Department of De-  
10 fense Appropriations Act, 1993 (Public Law 102–396), to  
11 ensure that the unresolved American commercial claims  
12 against Saudi Arabia are resolved satisfactorily.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 For purposes of this Act—

15 (1) the term “resolved satisfactorily” means the  
16 settlement of an unresolved American commercial  
17 claim against Saudi Arabia—

18 (A) that results in the signing by the  
19 American firm of a legally executable release;  
20 and

21 (B) that is consistent with the commitment  
22 of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to resolve such  
23 claims on a “mutually fair basis”, such commit-  
24 ment having been communicated to the Con-  
25 gress in the report of the Secretary of Defense

1           dated March 6, 1993 that was submitted pursu-  
2           ant to section 9140(c) of the Department of  
3           Defense Appropriations Act, 1993 (Public Law  
4           102–396); and

5           (2) the term “unresolved American commercial  
6           claims against Saudi Arabia” means those claims of  
7           American firms against the Kingdom of Saudi Ara-  
8           bia—

9                   (A) that were identified by the Department  
10                  of Commerce in a letter dated May 27, 1992,  
11                  to the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle  
12                  East of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
13                  the United States House of Representatives;

14                  (B) that were referred to in section 9140  
15                  of the Department of Defense Appropriations  
16                  Act, 1993 (Public Law 102–396); and

17                  (C) that have not been resolved satisfac-  
18                  torily.

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