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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 11, 1994

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. PRISONER OF WAR STATUS FOR MEMBERS OF**
4 **THE ARMED FORCES WHO WERE HOSTAGES**
5 **DURING THE IRAN EMBASSY CRISIS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any individual who, while a mem-
7 ber of the Armed Forces serving on active duty, was held

1 in a captive status as a result of the seizure of the United
2 States Embassy in Tehran on November 4, 1979, shall
3 be treated for all purposes as having been in a prisoner
4 of war status during the period of that captivity and shall
5 (notwithstanding any other requirement in law or regula-
6 tion) be eligible for all rights and benefits (including the
7 Prisoner of War Medal) applicable to persons who were
8 held as prisoners of war.

9 (b) COORDINATION OF BENEFITS.—An individual
10 covered by subsection (a) who is eligible for any benefit
11 under a law providing benefits for persons held in captive
12 status is not eligible for the same or a substantially iden-
13 tical benefit by reason of having been (in accordance with
14 subsection (a)) in a prisoner of war status during the same
15 period of captivity.

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