

104TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3545

For the relief of the survivors of the late Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and the survivors of each Federal employee killed in the plane crash with him.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 1996

Mr. FORBES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

For the relief of the survivors of the late Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and the survivors of each Federal employee killed in the plane crash with him.

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. PAYMENT TO SURVIVORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
5 shall, in accordance with this Act, make a payment to the  
6 survivor or survivors of the late Secretary of Commerce  
7 Ronald H. Brown and to the survivor or survivors of each  
8 Federal employee killed in the plane crash with him, in  
9 the following order of precedence:

1 First, to the widow or widower of the decedent.

2 Second, if there is no widow or widower, to the  
3 child or children of the decedent and descendants of  
4 deceased children by representation.

5 Third, if none of the above, to the parents of  
6 the decedent or the survivor of them.

7 Fourth, if none of the above, to such other next  
8 of kin of the decedent as the Secretary of the Treas-  
9 ury shall determine under the laws of the domicile  
10 of the decedent at the date of death.

11 (b) PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE MAKING OF PAY-  
12 MENTS.—Any payment under this Act with respect to a  
13 decedent—

14 (1) shall be equal to (or, if applicable, shall in  
15 total be equal to) twice the final annual basic pay  
16 of the decedent;

17 (2) shall be payable to the survivor (or, if appli-  
18 cable, to each survivor) in a lump sum;

19 (3) shall be payable out of amounts in the  
20 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-  
21 priated;

22 (4) shall not be payable except upon appro-  
23 priate written application submitted to the Secretary  
24 of the Treasury;

25 (5) shall bar recovery by any other person; and

1           (6) shall not, with respect to any individual  
2           identified under subsection (a), be subject to income  
3           taxes.

4           (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
5           shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to  
6           carry out this Act, including provisions specifying the  
7           time, form, and manner in which any application under  
8           this Act may be submitted. In no event, however, shall  
9           the deadline for the submission of an application under  
10          this Act be fixed any earlier than 12 months after the date  
11          of the enactment of this Act.

12          (d) LIMITATION ON AGENTS AND ATTORNEYS  
13          FEES.—It shall be unlawful for any amount in excess of  
14          10 percent of any lump-sum payment under this Act to  
15          be paid to or received by any agent or attorney for any  
16          services rendered in connection with such payment. Any  
17          person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of an  
18          infraction and shall be subject to a fine in the amount  
19          provided in title 18 of the United States Code.

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