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# H. R. 3022

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1997

Mr. WATT of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SETTLEMENT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR**  
2 **INJURY AND DEATH OF MEMBERS OF THE**  
3 **ARMED FORCES AND DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
4 **FENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN INCIDENTS**  
5 **IN WHICH CLAIMS ARE SETTLED ARISING**  
6 **FROM DEATH OR INJURY OF FOREIGN NA-**  
7 **TIONALS.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY TO SETTLE AND PAY CLAIMS.**—Sec-  
9 tion 2734 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
10 adding at the end the following new subsection:

11 “(i)(1) In any case in which a claim against the Unit-  
12 ed States for personal injury to, or death of, an inhabitant  
13 of a foreign country is settled and paid under subsection  
14 (a), a commission appointed under that subsection may  
15 settle and pay in a like manner a claim against the United  
16 States arising from the same incident for personal injury  
17 to, or death of, a member of the armed forces or civilian  
18 officer or employee of the Department of Defense. Any  
19 such settlement shall be in addition to any other benefit  
20 which may be paid by reason of such injury or death.”.

21 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsection (i) of section  
22 2734 of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-  
23 section (a), shall apply with respect to claims accruing on  
24 or after April 14, 1994. In the case of such a claim accru-  
25 ing before the date of the enactment of this Act, the period  
26 specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of that section

1 for the time within which a claim must be presented shall  
2 be considered to be the one-year period beginning on the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
6 Treasury shall submit to Congress a report on the pay-  
7 ment of claims authorized by subsection (i) of section  
8 2734 of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-  
9 section (a).

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