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H. R. 3500

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide increased penalties for certain major frauds against the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 1987

Mr. HUGHES (for himself, Mr. McCOLLUM, Mr. HERTEL, Mr. MAZZOLI, Mr. FEIGHAN, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. STAGGERS, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CROCKETT, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Major Fraud Act of
5 1987".

6 **SEC. 2. CHAPTER 47 AMENDMENT.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 47 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 1031. Major fraud against the United States**

2 “(a) Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any
3 scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or prop-
4 erty by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representa-
5 tions, or promises, defrauds or attempts to defraud the United
6 States in any procurement of property or services for the
7 Government, if the consideration for such property or serv-
8 ices is \$1,000,000 or more shall be fined under this title or
9 imprisoned not more than 7 years, or both. The fine imposed
10 for an offense under this section may exceed the maximum
11 otherwise provided by law if such fine does not exceed twice
12 the amount which is the object of the fraud. A prosecution of
13 an offense under this section may be commenced any time
14 not later than 7 years after the offense is committed.

15 “(b) Upon application by the Attorney General, the
16 court may order a payment from a criminal fine under this
17 section to an individual who furnished information leading to
18 the conviction under this section. The amount of such pay-
19 ment shall not exceed \$250,000. An officer or employee of a
20 government who furnishes information or renders service in
21 the performance of official duties is not eligible for a payment
22 under this subsection.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at
2 the beginning of chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code,
3 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:
“1031. Major fraud against the United States.”.

