MEJA CLARIFICATION ACT

SPONSOR: Representative David E. Price D-NC

DATE-INTRO: May 19, 2004

LAST-ACTION-DATE: May 19, 2004

STATUS:

Introduced in the House, 05/19/04

TOTAL-COSPONSORS: 22 Cosponsors: 21 Democrats / 1 Republicans

SYNOPSIS: A bill to extend the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act (MEJA) to provide for the arrest and commitment of contractor personnel who commit Federal offenses or war crimes while supporting the mission of the Department of Defense overseas

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Committee Referrals:
05/19/2004 House Committee on Armed Services

05/19/2004 House Committee on the Judiciary

Legislative Chronology:
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MEJA Clarification Act - Amends the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 2000 (MEJA) to require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that persons covered by the MEJA are arrested and delivered to proper authorities for prosecution if there is probable cause to believe that they have engaged in conduct that violates the MEJA while outside the United States.

Expands the jurisdiction of the MEJA to cover the civilian employees, contractors, and employees of contractors of any Federal agency or provisional authority, and their dependents, to the extent that the employment relates to the mission of the Department of Defense overseas or to operations within territory that the United States occupies solely or jointly.

Clarifies that the MEJA covers offenses that would constitute war crimes.

Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees within 90 days of enactment of this Act containing regulations implementing the MEJA.

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