

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5873

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to remove the reimbursement requirement for evacuation as a result of war, civil unrest, or natural disaster.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2006

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENT**

4 **FOR EVACUATION AS A RESULT OF WAR,**

5 **CIVIL UNREST, OR NATURAL DISASTER.**

6 Section 4(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the State Department Basic  
7 Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671(b)(2)(A)(ii)) is  
8 amended by striking “, on a reimbursable basis to the  
9 maximum extent practicable, with such reimbursements to

1 be credited to the applicable Department of State appro-  
2 priation and to remain available until expended, except  
3 that no reimbursement under this clause shall be paid that  
4 is greater than the amount the person evacuated would  
5 have been charged for a reasonable commercial air fare  
6 immediately prior to the events giving rise to the evacu-  
7 ation”.

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