

HR3680**Sponsor:**

Jones (R-NC)

Brief Title:

War Crimes Act of 1996.

Official Title:

A bill to amend title 18, U.S. Code, to carry out the international obligations of the United States under the Geneva Convention to provide criminal penalties for certain war crimes.

Quick Reference:

Grant United States the authority to prosecute war criminals

Introduced:

June 19, 1996

Committees:

House Judiciary Committee

Cosponsors:

18 cosponsors (Dems: 3 Reps: 15 Ind: 0)

Chambliss (R-GA)	Hunter (R-CA)	Montgomery (D-M)
Dornan, R. (R-CA)	Kolbe (R-AZ)	Ortiz (D-TX)
Everett (R-AL)	Lewis, R. (R-KY)	Solomon (R-NY)
Fowler (R-FL)	Longley (R-ME)	Stump (R-AZ)
Hoke (R-OH)	McHale (D-PA)	Torkildsen (R-M)
Hostettler (R-IN)	McHugh (R-NY)	Watts, J. (R-OK)

June 19, 1996 – Referred to Committee on the Judiciary (Congressional Record p. H6532)

June 19, 1996 – Original Cosponsor(s): 16

Everett (R-AL)	Lewis, R. (R-KY)	Solomon (R-NY)
Fowler (R-FL)	Longley (R-ME)	Stump (R-AZ)
Hoke (R-OH)	McHale (D-PA)	Torkildsen (R-MA)
Hostettler (R-IN)	McHugh (R-NY)	Watts, J. (R-OK)
Hunter (R-CA)	Montgomery (D-MS)	
Kolbe (R-AZ)	Ortiz (D-TX)	

June 20, 1996 – Cosponsor(s) added: 2

Chambliss (R-GA)	Dornan, R. (R-CA)
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June 27, 1996 – Subcommittee consideration and markup held by the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims. (Congressional Record p. D694)

June 27, 1996 – ** SUBCOMMITTEE VOTE ** HR3680. War Crimes

Act/Approval. Provide for a fine, imprisonment or death as the penalty for commission of war crimes in violation of the law of warfare signed at Geneva on August 12, 1949 by a member of the armed forces of the United States or a U.S. national. Approved for full committee consideration by voice vote June 27, 1996.

June 27, 1996 – Approved for full committee action by the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims. (Congressional Record p. D694) (1996 CQ Weekly p. 1880)

July 16, 1996 – Committee consideration and markup session held by the House Judiciary Committee. (Congressional Record p. D747)

July 16, 1996 – ** COMMITTEE VOTE ** HR3680. Geneva Convention Compliance/Vote to Report. Grant the United States the legal authority to prosecute alleged war criminals if they are found in the United States or if another country extradites them to the United States. Reported favorably to the full House 23-2: R 13-0; D 10-2, July 16, 1996.

July 16, 1996 – Ordered to be reported by the House Judiciary Committee. (Congressional Record p. D747) (1996 CQ Weekly p. 2060)

July 24, 1996 – Reported to the House by the House Committee on the Judiciary HRpt 104-698 (Congressional Record p. H8374)

July 24, 1996 – Placed on the Union Calendar by unanimous consent. (Calendar No. 367) (Congressional Record p. H8374)

July 29, 1996 – SMITH, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. (Congressional Record p. H8620-H8621)

July 29, 1996 – Measure, passed in House by voice vote, under suspension of the rules (two-thirds vote required). (see Congressional Record p.H8621) (Congressional Record p. H8620-H8621)

Aug. 2, 1996 – Considered by the Senate. (Congressional Record p. S9648-S9649)

Aug. 2, 1996 – Measure passed in Senate by unanimous consent. (see Congressional Record p.S9649) (Congressional Record p. S9648-S9649)

Aug. 2, 1996 – Measure has now been cleared for the president's signature. (Congressional Record p. S9649) (1996 CQ Weekly p. 2206)

Aug. 6, 1996 – Enrolled measure signed in the House. (Congressional Record p. H9928)

Aug. 6, 1996 – Enrolled measure signed in the Senate. (Congressional Record p. [S9735](#))

Aug. 9, 1996 – Presented to the president. (Congressional Record p. [H10019](#))

Aug. 21, 1996 – Signed by the president.

Aug. 21, 1996 – PL 104-192 110 Stat. 2104

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