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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 Representatives 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 1987".

6 SEC. 2. CHAPTER 47 AMENDMENT.

7 (a) In General.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:
§ 1031. Major fraud against the United States

(a) Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, defrauds or attempts to defraud the United States in any procurement of property or services for the Government, if the consideration for such property or services is $1,000,000 or more shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 7 years, or both. The fine imposed for an offense under this section may exceed the maximum otherwise provided by law if such fine does not exceed twice the amount which is the object of the fraud. A prosecution of an offense under this section may be commenced any time not later than 7 years after the offense is committed.

(b) Upon application by the Attorney General, the court may order a payment from a criminal fine under this section to an individual who furnished information leading to the conviction under this section. The amount of such payment shall not exceed $250,000. An officer or employee of a government who furnishes information or renders service in the performance of official duties is not eligible for a payment under this subsection."
(b) **Clerical Amendment.**—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"1031. Major fraud against the United States.".