

112TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1771

For the relief of Patricia Donahue, individually and in her capacity as administratrix of the estate of Michael J. Donahue; Michael T. Donahue; Shawn Donahue; and Thomas Donahue.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

For the relief of Patricia Donahue, individually and in her capacity as administratrix of the estate of Michael J. Donahue; Michael T. Donahue; Shawn Donahue; and Thomas Donahue.

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. COMPENSATION OF THE DONAHUE FAMILY.**

4 (a) PAYMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall  
5 pay, out of funds not otherwise appropriated, the amount  
6 of \$6,335,100.00, the judgment entered by the United  
7 States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on  
8 May 6, 2009, plus interest as provided by section 1304

1 of title 31, United States Code, to compensate Patricia  
2 Donahue, individually and in her capacity as administra-  
3 trix of the estate of Michael J. Donahue, Michael T.  
4 Donahue, Shawn Donahue, and Thomas Donahue (the  
5 “Donahues”), for costs related to and damages arising  
6 from the murder of Michael J. Donahue in Massachusetts  
7 in May 1982 as described in Docket No. 01–10433–RCL,  
8 filed in the United States District Court for the District  
9 of Massachusetts, and Docket Nos. 09–1950 and 10–1766  
10 filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the First  
11 Circuit.

12 (b) **SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.**—The payment under  
13 subsection (a) shall be in full satisfaction of all claims of  
14 the Donahues against the United States in connection  
15 with the matter described in such subsection.

16 (c) **NO INFERENCE OF LIABILITY.**—Nothing in this  
17 Act shall be construed as an inference of liability on the  
18 part of the United States.

19 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON ATTORNEYS’ AND AGENTS’ FEES.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—It shall be unlawful for an amount  
21 exceeding 25 percent of the amount paid pursuant to sec-  
22 tion 1 to be paid to, or received by, any agent or attorney  
23 for any service rendered in connection with the payment  
24 under this Act, as set forth in the section 2678 of title  
25 28, United States Code.

1           (b) ENFORCEMENT.—Any person who violates sub-  
2 section (a) shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be  
3 fined under title 18, United States Code.

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