

37. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
MCKEON OF CALIFORNIA, OR  
HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

~~AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1950, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. MCKEON OF CALIFORNIA~~

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At the end of title VII of the bill, add the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 SEC. \_\_\_\_ SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE EXTRA-  
2 DITION OF VIOLENT CRIMINALS FROM MEX-  
3 ICO TO THE UNITED STATES.

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) The Mexican Supreme Court ruled in Octo-  
6 ber 2001 that Mexico will not extradite criminals  
7 who face life sentences in the United States.

8 (2) Due to this ruling, the United States has  
9 been unable to prosecute numerous suspects wanted  
10 for violent crimes that they committed in the United  
11 States if there is a possibility that these criminals  
12 will face life imprisonment.

13 (3) The person or persons responsible for the  
14 April 29, 2002, murder of Los Angeles County Sher-  
15 iff Deputy David March is believed to have fled to  
16 Mexico to avoid prosecution for a possible life im-  
17 prisonment.

18 (4) The attorneys general from all 50 States  
19 have asked United States Attorney General John



1 Ashcroft and Secretary of State Colin Powell to con-  
2 tinue to address this extradition issue with their  
3 counterparts in Mexico.

4 (5) The Governments of the United States and  
5 Mexico have experienced positive cooperation on nu-  
6 merous matters relevant to their bilateral relation-  
7 ship.

8 (6) The Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs  
9 has been demonstrating to the Mexican Supreme  
10 Court the international ramifications of the Court's  
11 October 2001 ruling.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
13 gress that the United States Government should encour-  
14 age the Mexican Government to work closely with the  
15 Mexican Supreme Court to persuade the Court to recon-  
16 sider its October 2001 ruling so that the possibility of life  
17 imprisonment will not have an effect on the timely extra-  
18 dition of criminal suspects from Mexico to the United  
19 States.

