



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

July 25, 2006

**H.R. 5535  
Prevention of Civil RICO Abuse Act of 2006**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 19, 2006*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5535 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. H.R. 5535 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Enacting H.R. 5535 would prevent any foreign governmental entity from seeking reparations under the civil remedies provision outlined in the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act except for cases involving assistance to terrorist organizations. As a result, cases currently filed by such entities would no longer be adjudicated by the U.S. Courts. Based on information from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, H.R. 5535 would likely have little impact on overall caseload. Therefore, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

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