

**The Honourable Joe Volpe, P.C., M.P.  
Eglinton-Lawrence  
Statement on Bill S-225,  
An Act To Amend the State Immunity Act and the Criminal Code  
(detering terrorism by providing a civil right of action against  
perpetrators and sponsors of terrorism)  
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Mr. Speaker, thanks to the efforts of the Canadian Coalition Against Terror, all parties in this House are ready to support legislation to permit attacking the financial resources of terrorist movements.

Bill S-225 would allow civil suits against states or groups sponsoring terrorist acts that result in the murder of Canadians abroad.

Whether the Air India bombing, the Twin Tower attacks, or the massacre at the Yeshiva in Jerusalem, such criminal activity targets the innocent, the unsuspecting, and the uninvolved.

We can fight the Babbar Khalsa, Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, and Hamas by going after the financial resources of their backers.

FINTRAC last year reported 41 cases involving 1.8 Billion dollars related to terrorist activity or other security threats to Canada.

S-225 proposes a financial remedy for the families of victims. What is the Government waiting for? Bring the Bill into this House and let us get it passed.