

(The Netherlands) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATES GENERAL

2001-2002

28 437 Interpellation regarding the US American Service Members'
Protection Act (ASPA)

No. 1 MOTION of Member of Parliament Karimi et al. Proposed on 13
June 2002

The House,

having heard the deliberations,

noting that the International Criminal Court will start its activities in The Hague on 1
July 2002;

noting that this is a milestone in the development of international law;

noting that the American Senate, by passing the American Service Members'
Protection Act, is actively endeavouring to thwart the International Criminal Court
(ICC);

noting that the Netherlands, as the host country of the ICC, is directly affected since
the Bill provides that all necessary means may be used to free any American
prisoners from detention;

knowing that the Bill is not primarily directed against the Netherlands;

expresses its concern about the consequences of the passing of this Bill, which harms
transatlantic relations;

requests the Government to use all diplomatic means at both bilateral and
international level (EU, NATO and the parties to the ICC) to communicate the
concern of the House of Representatives to the United States Government, the Senate
and the Congress;

also requests the Government to employ the same means in relation to the relevant
institutions in order to endeavour to prevent ratification of the Act;

and proceeds to the order of the day.

Proposed by the following Members of Parliament: Karimi
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