

# HOW OUR LOCAL CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES VOTED ON RECENT INITIATIVES RELATING TO ISRAEL

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INITIATIVE	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	Lois Capps (D)	Elton Gallegly (R)	HOUSE VOTE
	Description			
H.R.3992	"To allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E-2 nonimmigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for similar nonimmigrant status in Israel."	FAVOR	FAVOR	<i>Passed 371-0</i>
H.R.2105 - Iran, N. Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Reform and Modernization Act of 2011	"To provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran, North Korea, and Syria certain goods, services, or technology, and for other purposes."	FAVOR	CO-SPONSOR	<i>Passed 418-2</i>
H.R.1905 - Iran Threat Reduction Act of 2011	"To strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities, and for other purposes."	CO-SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR	<i>Passed 410-11</i>
Ellison-Jones Letter	Letter to President Obama articulating the potential harms of military engagement, and calling for the President to engage in robust diplomatic efforts to dissuade Iran from developing nuclear capabilities while avoiding a war.	SIGNED*	DID NOT SIGN	<i>37 signed (of 435)</i>
*Rep. Capps later released a statement to the effect that, although "military action against Iran at this stage is unwarranted... all options must remain on the table"				
Pending				STATUS
H.Con.Res.115. Introduced 3/29/12	"Recognizing the 64th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel."		CO-SPONSOR	<i>67 Co-Sponsors</i>
H.R.4229 - Iron Dome Support Act. Introduced 3/21/2012	"To authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system."			<i>60 Co-Sponsors</i>
H.R.4133 - United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012. Introduced 3/15/2012	"To express the sense of Congress regarding the United States-Israel strategic relationship, to direct the President to submit to Congress reports on United States actions to enhance this relationship and to assist in the defense of Israel and for other purposes."		CO-SPONSOR	<i>203 Co-Sponsors</i>
H.R.3131. Introduced 10/25/2011	"To direct the Secretary of State to submit a report on whether any support organization that participated in the planning or execution of the recent Gaza flotilla attempt should be designated as a foreign terrorist organization and to express gratitude to the government of Greece for preventing the Gaza flotilla from setting sail in contravention of Israel's legal blockade of Gaza."			<i>14 Co-Sponsors</i>
H.Res.270 Introduced 8/2/2011	"Reaffirms the principles articulated in H. Con. Res. 460 and S. Res. 393 concerning the security of Israel and the advancement of the goal of Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security."			<i>42 Co-Sponsors</i>
H.Res.271 Introduced 5/23/2011	"Expressing support for... Israel's right to defend Israeli sovereignty, to protect the lives and safety of the Israeli people, and to use all means necessary to confront and eliminate nuclear threats posed by the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the use of military force if no other peaceful solution can be found within reasonable time to protect against such an immediate and existential threat to... State of Israel."			<i>70 Co-Sponsors</i>
H.Con.Res.59. Introduced 8/2/2011	"Declaring that it is the policy of the United States to support and facilitate Israel in maintaining defensible borders; it is contrary to United States policy and national security to have the borders of Israel return to the armistice lines that existed on June 4, 1967."			<i>17 Co-Sponsors</i>

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<b>H.Res.314</b> Introduced 8/2/2011	"Declaring that it is the policy of the U.S. to support its ally Israel in seeking peace with its neighbors, particularly toward a two-state solution that results in a free, nonmilitarized Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace and security with the Jewish State of Israel, the home of the Jewish people."			<i>8 Co-Sponsors</i>
<b>H.R.740 - Iran Transparency and Accountability Act of 2011</b>	"To require disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Commission of certain sanctionable activities, and for other purposes."		CO-SPONSOR	<i>37 Co-Sponsors</i>
<b>H.Res.568.</b> Introduced 3/2/2012	"Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability."		CO-SPONSOR	<i>237 Co-Sponsors</i>
<b>H.R.3698</b> Introduced 1/6/2012	"To direct the Secretary of State to designate Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes."			<i>28 Co-Sponsors</i>
<b>H.R.2457 - Palestinian Accountability Act. 7/7/2011</b>	"To restrict funds for the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes." Restricts funds to the PA or UNRWA, or using the term 'Palestine' in US government documents, unless certain conditions are fulfilled.		CO-SPONSOR	<i>41 Co-Sponsors</i>
	<b>SENATE</b>	<b>Barbara Boxer (D)</b>	<b>Diane Feinstein (D)</b>	<b>SENATE VOTE</b>
<b>INITIATIVE</b>	<b>Description</b>			
<b>S.Res.185</b>	"Reaffirming the commitment of the US to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through direct negotiations, reaffirming opposition to the inclusion of Hamas in a unity government unless it is willing to accept peace with Israel and renounce violence, and declaring that Palestinian efforts to gain recognition of a state outside direct negotiations demonstrates absence of a good faith commitment to peace negotiations, and will have implications for continued US aid."	CO-SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR	<i>Passed</i>
<b>Menendez-Kirk Amendment to Defense Bill (NDAA)</b>	Requires sanctions on financial institutions that do business with the Central Bank of Iran (ICB)	CO-SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR	<i>Passed 100-0</i>
<b>Pending</b>				<b>STATUS</b>
<b>S.2165 - US-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012. 3/6/2012</b>	"A bill to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes." (Senate Correlate to HR 4133)	CO-SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR	<i>15 Co-Sponsors</i>
<b>S.1595. - Solidarity with Israel Act. 9/22/2011</b>	"To prohibit funding for the United Nations if the UN grants Palestine a change in status from a permanent observer entity before a comprehensive peace agreement has been reached with Israel."			<i>18 Co-Sponsors</i>
<b>S.Con.Res.23.</b> Introduced 6/9/2011	"Declaring that it is the policy of the United States to support and facilitate Israel in maintaining defensible borders and that it is contrary to United States policy and national security to have the borders of Israel return to the armistice lines that existed on June 4, 1967."			<i>33 Co-Sponsors</i>
<b>S.Res.380.</b> Introduced 2/6/2012	"To express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons capability."			<i>67 Co-Sponsors</i>
<b>S.1048 - Iran, N. Korea, and Syria Sanctions Consolidation Act of 2011. 10/13/2011</b>	"To expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, and for other purposes."	CO-SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR	<i>81 Co-Sponsors</i>