

# Congress & the Middle East

For decades, the State of Israel has been able to rely on strong support and encouragement from both houses of the Congress of the United States.

From Congressional votes on key issues such as recognition of a unilaterally declared Palestinian state or military aid to Israel to letters personally submitted by congressmen to the President or other government authorities to urge continued support for Israel and fighting terrorism, Congress has consistently lent a steadfast hand to Israel - both in times of peace and at times of war.

Listed below are the major votes and letters dealing with Israel and America's interests in the Middle East, separated by congressional house.

## Senate

- [Letter - Urging Obama to Reaffirm Commitment to Israel](#) (Mar 2013)
- [Letter - Urging Obama to Maintain Pressure on Iran](#) (Dec 2012)
- [S.3264E - Iran Freedom & Non-Proliferation Act](#) (Nov 2012)
- [S. 599 - Support for Israel's Right to Self-Defense](#) (Nov 2012)
- [S.J. 41 - Regarding the Iranian Nuclear Program](#) (Sept 2012)
- [S. 2165 - US-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act](#) (June 2012)
- [S.504 - Support Moment of Silence at 2012 Olympics](#) (June 2012)
- [S. 2101 - Iran Sanctions & Accountability Act](#) (May 2012)
- [Letter - Urging Obama to be Tougher Against Syria](#) (August 2011)
- [Letter - Urging President Obama to Sanction Iran](#) (August 2011)
- [S. 185 - Opposing Unilateral Palestinian Statehood](#) (June 2011)
- [S. 138 - Calling on UN to Rescind Goldstone Report](#) (April 2011)
- [Letter - Calling U.S. to Honor Commitment to Israel](#) (April 2011)
- [Letter - Urging Obama to Press PA on Incitement](#) (March 2011)
- [Letter - Urging Obama to Press Abbas on Peace](#) (Sept 2010)
- [Letter - Affirming Israel's Right to Self-Defense](#) (June 2010)
- [Letter - Underscoring US-Israel Relationship](#) (April 2010)
- [Letter - Pressing Obama on Arab Role in Peace Process](#) (Aug 2009)
- [Letter - Peace Principles in the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#) (May 2009)
- [S. 10 - Supporting Israel in its War Against Hamas](#) (January 2009)

**House of Representatives**

- [Letter - Urging Crackdown on Iran Evasion of Sanctions](#) (Mar 2013)
- [HR. 4310 - Defense Authorization Act for 2013](#) (Jan 2013)
- [HR. 813 - Supporting Israel's Right to Self-Defense](#) (Nov 2012)
- [HR. 4133 - US-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation](#) (May 2012)
- [HR. 2105 - Iran, North Korea & Syria Nonproliferation](#) (Dec 2011)
- [Letter - Calling on Obama for Sanctions on Syria](#) (August 2011)
- [HR. 268 - Reaffirming US Commitment to Negotiations](#) (July 2011)
- [Letter - Supporting Continued Aid to Israel](#) (March 2011)
- [Letter - On Importance of Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty](#) (March 2011)
- [HR. 1765 - Opposing Unilateral Palestinian State](#) (Dec 2010)
- [Letter - Affirming Israel's Right to Self-Defense](#) (June 2010)
- [HR. 867 - Condemning Goldstone Fact-Finding Report](#) (Nov 2009)
- [Letter - Peace Principles in the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#) (May 2009)
- [HR. 34 - Supporting Israel's Right to Defense Itself](#) (Jan 2009)
- [HR. 2761 - Terrorism Risk Insurance/Revision Act](#) (Sept 2007)
- [HR. 4939 - Prohibiting Assistance to the PA](#) (June 2006)
- [Letter - Calling on UN to Fight Anti-Semitism](#) (Aug 2005)
- [HR. 1828 - Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act](#) (2003)
- [HR. 1646 - Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's Capital](#) (Sept 2002)
- [HR. 392 - Expressing Solidarity with Israel](#) (May 2002)
- [HR. 5272 - Peace Through Negotiations Act](#) (September 2000)

**Joint Resolutions**

- [Letter - Reaffirming the US-Israel Bond](#) (March 2010)
- [Letter - Urging Bush to Stick to his Peace Principles](#) (May 2003)
- [J.R. 102 - Commemorating 50th Year of Israel](#) (April 1998)
- [J.R. 36 - US Contribution to Palestine Refugees](#) (March 1949)
- [P.R. 73 - Endorsing the Balfour Declaration](#) (September 1922)

**Reference & General Information**

- [All Key Votes](#)
- [The Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Act](#)
- [Jewish Members of Congress](#)
- [U.S. Legislation Regarding Iran](#)
- [Joint Statement of the U.S.-Israeli Commission on National Security](#)