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## H. R. 3405

To promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 1999

Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. GEJDENSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Equality for Israel at
- 5 the United Nations Act of 2000".
- 6 SEC. 2. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FULL EQUALITY AT THE
- 7 UNITED NATIONS FOR ISRAEL.
- 8 (a) Congressional Statement.—It is the sense of
- 9 the Congress that—
- 10 (1) the United States must help promote an
- end to the persistent inequity experienced by Israel

- in the United Nations whereby Israel is the only
- 2 longstanding member of the organization to be de-
- 3 nied acceptance into any of the United Nations re-
- 4 gional blocs, which serve as the basis for participa-
- 5 tion in important activities of the United Nations,
- 6 including rotating membership on the United Na-
- 7 tions Security Council; and
- 8 (2) the United States Ambassador to the
- 9 United Nations should take all steps necessary to
- ensure Israel's acceptance in the Western Europe
- and Others Group (WEOG) regional bloc, whose
- membership includes the non-European countries of
- 13 Canada, Australia, and the United States.
- 14 (b) Reports to Congress.—Not later than 60 days
- 15 after the date of the enactment of this Act and on a quar-
- 16 terly basis thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit
- 17 to the appropriate congressional committees a report
- 18 which includes the following information (in classified or
- 19 unclassified form as appropriate):
- 20 (1) Actions taken by representatives of the
- United States, including the United States Ambas-
- sador to the United Nations, to encourage the na-
- tions of the Western Europe and Others Group
- (WEOG) to accept Israel into their regional bloc.

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- (2) Efforts undertaken by the Secretary General of the United Nations to secure Israel's full and equal participation in that body.
  - (3) Specific responses solicited and received by the Secretary of State from each of the nations of Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) on their position concerning Israel's acceptance into their organization.
  - (4) Other measures being undertaken, and which will be undertaken, to ensure and promote Israel's full and equal participation in the United Nations.

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