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H. RES. 259

Calling for robust inspections in Iran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARKEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Calling for robust inspections in Iran.

Whereas the spread of nuclear weapons threatens world peace and stability;

Whereas the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was written to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and has been signed by 188 countries around the globe;

Whereas the International Atomic Energy Agency was created to perform inspections and detect nuclear weapons programs and has 135 member states;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran possesses an estimated 10 percent of the world's reserves of oil and an estimated 20 percent of the world's reserves of natural gas, yet, with assistance from the Russian Federation, is con-

structing nuclear power plants, ostensibly to generate electricity;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran is digging uranium mines and constructing uranium processing plants and spent fuel reprocessing plants, which, when combined with nuclear power plants, will allow the control of the entire nuclear fuel cycle, ultimately leading to the accumulation of both highly-enriched uranium and nuclear-weapons grade plutonium;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran was among the first countries to sign the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on July 1, 1968, ratified the treaty on February 2, 1970, and is thus constrained by international law from developing nuclear weapons;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran joined the International Atomic Energy Agency in 1958 and, through its safeguards agreement with that Agency, is required to allow inspections of all declared and suspected nuclear and nuclear-related facilities;

Whereas the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran has publicly acknowledged his nation's pursuit of all of the necessary nuclear components for the construction of a nuclear bomb;

Whereas in 1997 the International Atomic Energy Agency concluded an Additional Protocol that requires member states to submit an expanded declaration that includes the identification of all buildings at any nuclear-related facility, regardless of purpose, and grants inspectors greatly expanded access rights, including access to nuclear-related locations at which nuclear materials are not necessarily present and the ability to perform large- and

small-scale environmental surveys to determine compliance;

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran remains the only state party to the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards that has neither signed nor ratified the Additional Protocol and has rejected calls for enhanced International Atomic Energy Agency inspections to ensure only civilian use for nuclear energy in that country; and

Whereas the International Atomic Energy Agency has demonstrated the ability to locate and secure illicit nuclear weapons programs when given both the ability and the mandate to do so, but lacks the mandate to search for a nuclear weapons program in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its deep concern that the Islamic
3 Republic of Iran may be attempting to acquire a nu-
4 clear weapons capability, in violation of the Treaty
5 on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and
6 that country's International Atomic Energy Agency
7 Safeguards Agreement;

8 (2) calls on the President of the United States,
9 the United Nations Security Council, and other
10 countries to urge the Islamic Republic of Iran to ac-
11 cept an additional, safeguard-strengthening agree-
12 ment that gives the International Atomic Energy
13 Agency far greater access in the Islamic Republic of
14 Iran to assure against the presence of undeclared fa-

1 cilities or the diversion of materials or technologies
2 from safeguarded facilities; and

3 (3) calls on the Islamic Republic of Iran to
4 demonstrate its commitment to the Treaty on the
5 Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to peace
6 and stability in the Middle East by accepting such
7 an agreement.

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