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H. R. 5666

To strengthen United States-Israel science and technology cooperation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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. UNITED STATES-ISRAELI COOPERATION.**

4 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 917(a) of the Energy
5 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
6 17337(a)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
8 (6);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
10 graph (7) and inserting “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(8) the National Science Foundation of the
3 United States should collaborate with the Israel
4 Science Foundation.”.

5 (b) U.S.-ISRAEL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOUN-
6 DATION.—The U.S.-Israel Science and Technology Foun-
7 dation, created pursuant to the 1994 Memorandum of Un-
8 derstanding between the United States Department of
9 Commerce and the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade
10 (now the Ministry of Economy) is authorized to facilitate
11 research and development and technology partnerships
12 among United States and Israeli researchers, and business
13 and industrial entities for purposes of advancing tech-
14 nologies, leading to commercialization and domestic manu-
15 facturing, and creating benefits for both nations. The De-
16 partment of Commerce, through the Deputy Secretary’s
17 office and in conjunction with Israel’s Ministry of Econo-
18 my’s Chief Scientist, shall ensure that the U.S.-Israel
19 Science and Technology Foundation maintains its role as
20 facilitator of the reauthorized 1994 Memorandum of Un-
21 derstanding to create and execute joint research and devel-
22 opment agreements between Israel and United States enti-
23 ties, including United States Federal agencies, States, cit-

1 ies, businesses, academic institutions, and scientific foun-
2 dations.

