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To recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign 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 “Jerusalem Embassy
5 and Recognition Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM AS THE CAPITAL OF**
2 **ISRAEL AND RELOCATION OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM.**

4 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
5 United States to recognize Jerusalem as the undivided
6 capital of the State of Israel, both de jure and de facto.

7 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
8 gress that—

9 (1) Jerusalem must remain an undivided city in
10 which the rights of every ethnic and religious group
11 are protected as they have been by Israel since
12 1967;

13 (2) every citizen of Israel should have the right
14 to reside anywhere in the undivided city of Jeru-
15 salem;

16 (3) the President and the Secretary of State
17 should publicly affirm as a matter of United States
18 policy that Jerusalem must remain the undivided
19 capital of the State of Israel;

20 (4) the President should immediately implement
21 the provisions of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of
22 1995 (Public Law 104–45) and begin the process of
23 relocating the United States Embassy in Israel to
24 Jerusalem; and

1 (5) United States officials should refrain from
2 any actions that contradict United States law on
3 this subject.

4 (c) AMENDMENT OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Je-
5 rusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–45) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking section 7; and

8 (2) by redesignating section 8 as section 7.

9 (d) IDENTIFICATION OF JERUSALEM ON GOVERN-
10 MENT DOCUMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
11 sion of law, any official document of the United States
12 Government which lists countries and their capital cities
13 shall identify Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

14 (e) RESTRICTION ON FUNDING SUBJECT TO OPEN-
15 ING DETERMINATION.—Not more than 50 percent of the
16 funds appropriated to the Department of State for fiscal
17 year 2015 for “Acquisition and Maintenance of Buildings
18 Abroad” may be obligated until the Secretary of State de-
19 termines and reports to Congress that the United States
20 Embassy in Jerusalem has officially opened.

21 (f) FISCAL YEARS 2016 AND 2017 FUNDING.—

22 (1) FISCAL YEAR 2016.—Of the funds author-
23 ized to be appropriated for “Acquisition and Mainte-
24 nance of Buildings Abroad” for the Department of
25 State for fiscal year 2016, such sums as may be nec-

1 essary should be made available until expended only
2 for construction and other costs associated with the
3 establishment of the United States Embassy in
4 Israel in the capital of Jerusalem.

5 (2) FISCAL YEAR 2017.—Of the funds author-
6 ized to be appropriated for “Acquisition and Mainte-
7 nance of Buildings Abroad” for the Department of
8 State for fiscal year 2017, such sums as may be nec-
9 essary should be made available until expended only
10 for construction and other costs associated with the
11 establishment of the United States Embassy in
12 Israel in the capital of Jerusalem.

13 (g) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “United
14 States Embassy” means the offices of the United States
15 diplomatic mission and the residence of the United States
16 chief of mission.

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