

(Mr. NYE) for his leadership on this very important issue.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve.

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER), the chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Mr. NADLER of New York. Madam Speaker, we all hope for a peace agreement negotiated between Israel and the Palestinians. Such an agreement, providing for adequate security safeguards for Israel, would benefit the citizens of Israel and would benefit the Palestinians. It would also help stabilize the Middle East and would inure to the national security interests of the United States.

Every American administration for the last 40 years has recognized that prerequisite to the successful conclusion of any peace agreement is the maintenance of Israel's qualitative military superiority over any potential combination of state and nonstate aggressors. In recent years, unfortunately, we have permitted Israel's military superiority to lag, to begin to fall down.

I want to congratulate the administration, the Obama administration for recognizing this and, in the last year and a half, sharply stepping up U.S. military assistance and U.S. military cooperation with Israel.

Now we also face the threat from Iran and the threat of 40,000 rockets and missiles supplied by the Iranians in Lebanon in the possession of Hezbollah, which has said that it wants to kill every Jew. It would be nice if all the Jews moved to Israel so they could kill them with one swoop. And this accumulation of 40,000 rockets has been done in violation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1701, which has not been enforced. So, hence, this bill.

This bill, which comes to us from the administration, to provide 200-and-some-odd million dollars for the Iron Dome antimissile system is another step in maintaining Israel's military superiority and in protecting Israel's citizens against possibly unprovoked aggression and is an absolute prerequisite if we hope to see any peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

I, therefore, congratulate the administration on taking this step and on the steps it has made to maintain Israel's military superiority. I thank the sponsors, and I urge the passage of this bill.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the State of Israel, the nation of Israel, is not a big place. It's a little, bitty country. It's smaller than the State of New Jersey. From north to south, at the longest point, it's 200 miles. East to west, it's 75 miles. And ever since their existence, nations all around them have been wanting to destroy the nation of Israel.

Let there be no mistake about it, Madam Speaker. Israel is our ally.

Israel has the absolute right of self-defense, to protect the dignity of its country and to protect its citizens. That is the first duty of every government and of every nation. This resolution helps Israel protect itself and its citizens.

Israel has the absolute right to exist. And it should be known to the world that we will stand with Israel to make sure they have the right to exist. Israel is saying to Hezbollah and Hamas, Syria, Iran, and even North Korea, Leave us alone. That is the right that Israel has, to be left alone in that region.

This resolution also says, Madam Speaker, and reaffirms a statement made 50 years ago by President John F. Kennedy when he made the comment in his inaugural address, and I quote, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend and oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty. This we pledge and much more."

This resolution, Madam Speaker, reaffirms that commitment by President Kennedy over 50 years ago.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I shall consume.

Madam Speaker, I join in agreement with all the speakers who have spoken on this resolution, the importance of America's continuing friendship, support, and solidarity with the people of Israel.

Many speak about how this is an issue that is so important for America's national security, and that is true. I'm a New Yorker. You may have noticed that. I know with my accent I didn't have to say it. But I was also in New York on September 11, and like so many New Yorkers, we saw firsthand the threat of terrorism right at our doorstep; not just the threat, but the reality. And it's that threat and that reality that the people of Israel live with every day. They are on the front line. So, yes, it is in our national interest.

But it also speaks to the very morality and soul of our Nation that we stand by our friend, that we stand by our colleague in this world battle, and that is the nation of Israel. And so this bill is just one more step in that statement. It is important for America to do it because, if we didn't, then we would no longer be America.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, the security of our ally Israel is threatened by the proliferation of rockets its enemies possess along its borders. In both the south and the north, millions of Israelis live within range of Hamas and Hizballah rockets.

In the last decade, more than 16,000 rockets and mortars have been launched over Gaza and Lebanese borders into Israel. These attacks have targeted and killed innocent civilians.

With the backing and support of Iran and Syria, Hizballah now has an arsenal of more

than 42,000 short- and long-range rockets, which are aimed at Israel. This number of rockets is more than three times larger than what Hizballah had prior to the 2006 war with Israel. U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has warned that Hizballah's "arsenal of rockets and missiles now dwarfs the inventory of many nation-states."

The ability of Hamas and Hizballah to launch attacks on Israeli civilians is a threat to Israel's security that must be countered. To protect its people, Israel developed Iron Dome, a short-range rocket defense system that will protect civilians living near Israel's border. H.R. 5327, the United States-Israel Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act, authorizes U.S. assistance to help Israel speed up production and deployment of this rocket defense system so that more Israelis are protected from the indiscriminate attacks of its enemies.

But this legislation does more than improve Israeli security; it also enhances the security of the U.S. The missile defense technology being developed in cooperation with the U.S. will help us better defend ourselves, and may one day help protect U.S. military bases in the Middle East.

I support the legislation before us and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation that will help Israel maintain its qualitative military edge.

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, at this time I have no further requests for time, and therefore, I yield the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. McMAHON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5327, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR FOR PURPOSES OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO UNDERGROUND COAL MINING SAFETY

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-487) on the resolution (H. Res. 1363) granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into underground coal mining safety, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings

will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5099, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 403, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 1292, de novo; and

House Resolution 1364, de novo.

Remaining postponed votes will be taken later in the week.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5099, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5099.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 410, nays 1, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 280]

YEAS—410

Ackerman	Camp	Doyle
Aderholt	Campbell	Dreier
Adler (NJ)	Cao	Driehaus
Akin	Capito	Duncan
Alexander	Capps	Edwards (MD)
Altmire	Capuano	Edwards (TX)
Andrews	Cardoza	Ehlers
Arcuri	Carnahan	Ellison
Austria	Carney	Ellsworth
Baca	Carson (IN)	Emerson
Bachmann	Carter	Engel
Baird	Cassidy	Eshoo
Baldwin	Castle	Etheridge
Barrow	Castor (FL)	Fallin
Bartlett	Chaffetz	Farr
Barton (TX)	Chandler	Fattah
Bean	Childers	Filner
Becerra	Chu	Flake
Berkley	Clarke	Fleming
Berman	Clay	Forbes
Berry	Cleaver	Fortenberry
Biggert	Clyburn	Foster
Bilirakis	Coble	Fox
Bishop (GA)	Coffman (CO)	Frank (MA)
Bishop (NY)	Cohen	Franks (AZ)
Bishop (UT)	Cole	Frelinghuysen
Blackburn	Conaway	Fudge
Blumenauer	Connolly (VA)	Gallely
Blunt	Conyers	Garrett (NJ)
Boccheri	Cooper	Gerlach
Boehner	Costello	Giffords
Bonner	Courtney	Gingrey (GA)
Bono Mack	Crenshaw	Gohmert
Boren	Crowley	Gonzalez
Boswell	Cuellar	Goodlatte
Boucher	Culberson	Gordon (TN)
Boustany	Cummings	Granger
Boyd	Dahlkemper	Grayson
Brady (PA)	Davis (CA)	Green, Al
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Green, Gene
Braley (IA)	Davis (KY)	Griffith
Bright	Davis (TN)	Grijalva
Broun (GA)	DeFazio	Guthrie
Brown (SC)	DeGette	Gutierrez
Brown, Corrine	Delahunt	Hall (NY)
Brown-Waite,	DeLauro	Hall (TX)
Ginny	Dent	Halvorson
Buchanan	Deutch	Hare
Burgess	Diaz-Balart, L.	Harman
Burton (IN)	Dicks	Harper
Butterfield	Dingell	Hastings (FL)
Buyer	Doggett	Hastings (WA)
Calvert	Donnelly (IN)	Heinrich

Heller	McCotter	Rush
Hensarling	McDermott	Ryan (OH)
Herger	McGovern	Ryan (WI)
Hereth Sandlin	McHenry	Salazar
Higgins	McIntyre	Sanchez, Linda
Hill	McKeon	T.
Himes	McMahon	Sanchez, Loretta
Hinojosa	McMorris	Sarbanes
Hirono	Rodgers	Scalise
Hodes	McNerney	Schakowsky
Hoekstra	Meek (FL)	Schauer
Holt	Meeks (NY)	Schiff
Honda	Melancon	Schmidt
Hoyer	Mica	Schock
Hunter	Michaud	Schrader
Inglis	Miller (FL)	Schwartz
Inslee	Miller (MI)	Scott (GA)
Israel	Miller (NC)	Scott (VA)
Issa	Miller, Gary	Sensenbrenner
Jackson (IL)	Miller, George	Serrano
Jackson Lee	Minnick	Sessions
(TX)	Mitchell	Sestak
Jenkins	Mollohan	Shadegg
Johnson (GA)	Moore (KS)	Shea-Porter
Johnson (IL)	Moore (WI)	Sherman
Johnson, E. B.	Moran (KS)	Shimkus
Johnson, Sam	Moran (VA)	Shuler
Jones	Murphy (CT)	Shuster
Jordan (OH)	Murphy (NY)	Simpson
Kagen	Murphy, Patrick	Sires
Kanjorski	Murphy, Tim	Skelton
Kaptur	Myrick	Slaughter
Kennedy	Nadler (NY)	Smith (NE)
Kildee	Napolitano	Smith (NJ)
Kilpatrick (MI)	Neal (MA)	Smith (TX)
Kilroy	Neugebauer	Smith (WA)
Kind	Nunes	Snyder
King (IA)	Nye	Space
King (NY)	Oberstar	Speier
Kingston	Obey	Spratt
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Olson	Stark
Kissell	Olver	Stearns
Klein (FL)	Ortiz	Stupak
Kline (MN)	Owens	Sullivan
Kosmas	Pallone	Sutton
Kratovil	Pascarella	Tanner
Kucinich	Pastor (AZ)	Taylor
Lamborn	Paulsen	Teague
Lance	Payne	Terry
Langevin	Pence	Thompson (CA)
Larsen (WA)	Perlmutter	Thompson (MS)
Larson (CT)	Perriello	Thompson (PA)
Latham	Peters	Thornberry
LaTourette	Peterson	Tiahrt
Latta	Petri	Tiberi
Lee (CA)	Pingree (ME)	Tierney
Lee (NY)	Pitts	Titus
Levin	Platts	Tonko
Lewis (CA)	Poe (TX)	Towns
Lewis (GA)	Polis (CO)	Tsongas
Linder	Pomeroy	Turner
Lipinski	Posey	Upton
LoBiondo	Price (GA)	Van Hollen
Loebach	Price (NC)	Velázquez
Lofgren, Zoe	Quigley	Visclosky
Lowe	Radanovich	Walden
Lucas	Rahall	Walz
Luetkemeyer	Rangel	Wasserman
Lujan	Rehberg	Schultz
Lummis	Reichert	Waters
Lungren, Daniel	Reyes	Watson
E.	Richardson	Watt
Mack	Rodriguez	Waxman
Maffei	Roe (TN)	Weiner
Maloney	Rogers (AL)	Welch
Manzullo	Rogers (KY)	Westmoreland
Marchant	Rogers (MI)	Whitfield
Markey (CO)	Rohrabacher	Wilson (OH)
Markey (MA)	Rooney	Wilson (SC)
Marshall	Ros-Lehtinen	Wittman
Matheson	Roskam	Wolf
Matsui	Ross	Woolsey
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman (NJ)	Wu
McCaul	Roybal-Allard	Yarmuth
McClintock	Royce	Young (FL)
McCollum	Ruppersberger	

NAYS—1

Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—19

Bachus	Diaz-Balart, M.	McCarthy (CA)
Barrett (SC)	Garamendi	Paul
Bilbray	Graves	Putnam
Boozman	Hinche	Souder
Cantor	Holden	Wamp
Costa	Kirk	
Davis (AL)	Lynch	

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Mr. McHENRY changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 403, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 403, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 2, answered “present” 1, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 281]

YEAS—405

Ackerman	Cao	Duncan
Aderholt	Capito	Edwards (MD)
Adler (NJ)	Capps	Edwards (TX)
Akin	Capuano	Ehlers
Alexander	Cardoza	Ellison
Altmire	Carnahan	Ellsworth
Andrews	Carney	Emerson
Arcuri	Carson (IN)	Engel
Austria	Carter	Eshoo
Baca	Cassidy	Etheridge
Bachmann	Castle	Fallin
Baird	Castor (FL)	Farr
Baldwin	Chaffetz	Fattah
Barrow	Chandler	Filner
Bartlett	Childers	Fleming
Barton (TX)	Chu	Forbes
Bean	Clarke	Fortenberry
Becerra	Clay	Foster
Berkley	Cleaver	Fox
Berman	Clyburn	Frank (MA)
Berry	Coble	Franks (AZ)
Biggert	Coffman (CO)	Frelinghuysen
Bilirakis	Cohen	Fudge
Bishop (GA)	Cole	Gallely
Bishop (NY)	Conaway	Garrett (NJ)
Blackburn	Connolly (VA)	Gerlach
Blumenauer	Conyers	Giffords
Blunt	Cooper	Gingrey (GA)
Boccheri	Costello	Gohmert
Boehner	Courtney	Gonzalez
Bonner	Crenshaw	Goodlatte
Bono Mack	Crowley	Gordon (TN)
Boren	Cuellar	Grayson
Boswell	Culberson	Green, Al
Boucher	Cummings	Green, Gene
Boustany	Dahlkemper	Griffith
Boyd	Davis (CA)	Grijalva
Brady (PA)	Davis (IL)	Guthrie
Brady (TX)	Davis (KY)	Gutierrez
Braley (IA)	Davis (TN)	Hall (NY)
Bright	DeFazio	Hall (TX)
Broun (GA)	DeGette	Halvorson
Brown (SC)	Delahunt	Hare
Brown, Corrine	DeLauro	Harman
Brown-Waite,	Dent	Harper
Ginny	Deutch	Hastings (FL)
Buchanan	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hastings (WA)
Burgess	Dicks	Heinrich
Burton (IN)	Dingell	Heller
Butterfield	Doggett	Hensarling
Buyer	Donnelly (IN)	Herger
Calvert	Doyle	Hereth Sandlin
Camp	Dreier	Higgins
Campbell	Driehaus	Hill