

(C) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, an eligible participant or beneficiary is a participant or beneficiary who—

(I) as of the date of the enactment of this Act, is in pay status under a covered plan or is eligible for future payments under such plan;

(II) has received or will receive applicable payments in connection with such plan (within the meaning of clause (ii)) that does not exceed the full vested plan benefits of such participant or beneficiary; and

(III) is not covered by the 1999 agreements between General Motors and various unions providing a top-up benefit to certain hourly employees who were transferred from the General Motors Hourly-Rate Employees Pension Plan to the Delphi Hourly-Rate Employees Pension Plan.

(ii) APPLICABLE PAYMENTS.—For purposes of this paragraph, applicable payments to a participant or beneficiary in connection with a plan consist of the following:

(I) Payments under the plan equal to the normal benefit guarantee of the participant or beneficiary.

(II) Payments to the participant or beneficiary made pursuant to section 4022(c) or otherwise received from the corporation in connection with the termination of the plan.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

(A) FULL VESTED PLAN BENEFIT.—The term “full vested plan benefit” means the amount of monthly benefits that would be guaranteed under section 4022 of ERISA as of the date of plan termination with respect to an eligible participant or beneficiary if such section were applied without regard to the phase-in limit in subsection (b)(1) of such Act and the maximum guaranteed benefit limitation in subsection (b)(3) of such Act (including the accrued-at-normal limitation).

(B) NORMAL BENEFIT GUARANTEE.—The term “normal benefit guarantee” means the amount of monthly benefits guaranteed under such section with respect to an eligible participant or beneficiary without regard to this Act.

(4) COVERED PLANS.—The covered plans specified in this paragraph are the following:

(A) The Delphi Hourly-Rate Employees Pension Plan.

(B) The Delphi Retirement Program for Salaried Employees.

(C) The PHI Non-Bargaining Retirement Plan.

(D) The ASEC Manufacturing Retirement Program.

(E) The PHI Bargaining Retirement Plan.

(F) The Delphi Mechatronic Systems Retirement Program.

(5) TREATMENT OF PBGC DETERMINATIONS.—Any determination made by the corporation under this section concerning a recalculation of benefits or lump-sum payment of past-due benefits shall be subject to administrative review by the corporation. Any new determination made by the corporation under this section shall be governed by the same administrative review process as any other benefit determination by the corporation.

(b) TRUST FUND FOR PAYMENT OF INCREASED BENEFITS.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the “Delphi Full Vested Plan Benefit Trust Fund” (hereafter in this subsection referred to as the “Fund”), consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated or credited to the Fund as provided in this section.

(2) FUNDING.—There is appropriated from the general fund such amounts as are nec-

essary for the costs of the payment of the portion of monthly benefits guaranteed to a participant or beneficiary pursuant to subsection (a) and for necessary administrative and operating expenses of the corporation relating to such payment. The Fund shall be credited with amounts from time to time as the Secretary of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Director of the corporation, determines appropriate, from the general fund of the Treasury.

(3) EXPENDITURES FROM FUND.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available for the payment of the portion of monthly benefits guaranteed to a participant or beneficiary pursuant to subsection (a) and for necessary administrative and operating expenses of the corporation relating to such payment.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor, may issue such regulations as necessary to carry out this section.

(d) TAX TREATMENT OF LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless the taxpayer elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may provide) to have this paragraph not apply with respect to any lump-sum payment under subsection (a)(2)(B), the amount of such payment shall be included in the taxpayer's gross income ratably over the 3-taxable-year period beginning with the taxable year in which such payment is received.

(2) SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO DEATH.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the taxpayer dies before the end of the 3-taxable-year period described in paragraph (1), any amount to which paragraph (1) applies which has not been included in gross income for a taxable year ending before the taxable year in which such death occurs shall be included in gross income for such taxable year.

(B) SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—If—

(i) a taxpayer with respect to whom paragraph (1) applies dies,

(ii) such taxpayer is an eligible participant,

(iii) the surviving spouse of such eligible participant is entitled to a survivor benefit from the corporation with respect to such eligible participant, and

(iv) such surviving spouse elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may provide) the application of this subparagraph,

paragraph (A) shall not apply and any amount which would have (but for such taxpayer's death) been included in the gross income of such taxpayer under paragraph (1) for any taxable year beginning after the date of such death shall be included in the gross income of such surviving spouse for the taxable year of such surviving spouse ending with or within such taxable year of the taxpayer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Avery M. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

#### ANTI-BDS LABELING ACT

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1455, I call up the bill (H.R. 5179) to require the maintenance of the country of origin markings for imported goods produced in the West Bank or Gaza, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1455, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 5179

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the “Anti-BDS Labeling Act”.*

#### SEC. 2. CONTINUATION IN EFFECT OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN MARKING POLICY FOR IMPORTED GOODS PRODUCED IN THE WEST BANK OR GAZA.

*The policy of the Government of the United States with respect to country of origin marking of imported goods produced in the West Bank or Gaza, notice of which was published by U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the Federal Register on December 23, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 83984), shall remain in effect until repealed by an Act of Congress.*

#### SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO RESCIND OR CHANGE THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN MARKING POLICY FOR IMPORTED GOODS PRODUCED IN THE WEST BANK OR GAZA.

*Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of State or U.S. Customs and Border Protection on or after the date of the enactment of this Act may be obligated or expended to prepare or promulgate any policy; guidance; regulation; notice; or Executive order or to otherwise implement, administer, or enforce any policy that rescinds or changes the policy of the Government of the United States with respect to country of origin marking of imported goods produced in the West Bank or Gaza, notice of which was published by U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the Federal Register on December 23, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 83984).*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in

which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Anti-BDS Labeling Act introduced by my good friend and Committee on Ways and Means colleague, Ms. TENNEY.

For years, far-left progressives have targeted Israel through the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. In fact, many of the recent campus protests that we saw that came in the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks on Israel shut down elite universities to try to force university endowments to divest from Israel. For these protesters, no step is too far to achieve their goals. The incidents of harassment, bullying, and intimidation of Jewish students are at this point too numerous to count.

The Ways and Means Committee will not stop holding these elite universities accountable until every Jewish student feels safe on campus.

This small, loud minority does not speak for the vast majority of Americans. Let me be clear: America stands with Israel.

Under President Trump, the alliance between the United States and Israel was stronger than ever before. He moved the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. He brokered the Abraham Accords, sending a message to Iran that Israel does not stand alone. He canceled President Obama's disastrous Iran nuclear deal. The list goes on and on. One of the items on that list of accomplishments was a move to counter the same BDS movement fueling the chaos on college campuses.

In 2020, the Trump administration's Customs and Border Protection clarified the labeling of items imported from Israel. Items coming from regions of the West Bank under Israeli authority must be labeled as coming from Israel, just as labels on items coming from Hamas-controlled Gaza or areas of the West Bank outside of Israeli control must reflect its origin as coming from one of those two areas.

This bill before us codifies this Trump rule into law and bans the use of any Federal dollars to reverse or alter it. American families should have this information in order to buy products that support Israel's economy, particularly in a time of war.

Conversely, people should know if an item comes from a region controlled by terrorists that kidnapped and killed their fellow Americans. Public reports earlier this year indicated that the Biden-Harris administration considered reversing this policy.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, Democrats are putting the demands of radical progressives ahead of our best ally and our

largest trading partner in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Democratic colleagues to vote "yes" on this legislation and join us in empowering Americans looking to show their support for Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose H.R. 5179, the so-called Anti-BDS Labeling Act.

Let me start with an observation. Since October 7, President Biden, the United States Congress, and the United States people have overwhelmingly stood in support of Israel as they fight an existential war on multiple fronts. President Biden has stood with Israel longer than any U.S. President in a time of war throughout Israel's 76-year history.

Let me also be clear that the BDS movement is inherently anti-Semitic. It is a harmful, discriminatory effort aimed at delegitimizing Israel, the democratic Jewish State of Israel, and undermining Israel's right to exist as a Jewish and democratic state.

I will agree with my colleague Chairman SMITH, when he says there is no place for harassment or intimidation of Jewish students or, for that matter, any students on campus for what they believe in.

The protesters are loud. They scream. They yell. They have yelled outside my house in the middle of the night. Being loud does not make them right. It just means they are loud.

So while this body here, Republicans and Democrats, stands united in opposing BDS, today's debate is much less about genuine support of Israel and much more about political posture.

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I have consistently opposed BDS and worked to ensure U.S. policy does not endorse discriminatory aims. However, H.R. 5179 is a symbolic gesture with no real path forward in the Senate.

It does little to combat the global BDS effort and distracts from the meaningful action required to strengthen our partnership with Israel and promote a peaceful future for the region and all the people in the region.

This issue isn't just about geopolitics or trade. It is about consumer transparency. Americans want to know under what conditions their products are made.

Whether it is Israeli law in a settlement, Palestinian Authority control, or formerly Hamas-controlled Gaza, consumers deserve to understand the governance and standards behind the products they buy.

The lack of clarity of the current framework does not meet their demand for nuanced information about environment, labor, human rights, or the quality of inspections of their purchases on products from anywhere around the world including within Israel.

H.R. 5179 fails to address these concerns. It is a short-term political move that ignores the complexity of the region and the demand for thoughtful policies.

This bill won't help consumers make informed decisions, nor will it move the needle on the broader challenges facing Israel. More broadly, it doesn't help dismantle Hamas or rescue the hostages and restore a political horizon for a two-state solution.

While I share the goal with my colleagues of countering BDS, H.R. 5179 does not achieve that. It is about showmanship, not about substance. We need real bipartisan solutions that reflect the region's complexities and offer the transparency consumers demand.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" and focus on actions that will make a real difference.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY).

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 5179, the Anti-BDS Labeling Act.

The Anti-BDS Labeling Act would codify the Trump administration's 2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection rule titled: "Country of Origin Marking of Products from the West Bank and Gaza."

In 1997, the Palestinian Authority requested that the U.S. require all goods made in Judea and Samaria, and Gaza to be labeled as "Made in West Bank/Gaza." This not only recognized Judea and Samaria, and Gaza as one territorial unit, which is inaccurate, but also failed to recognize that areas of Judea and Samaria are governed by Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The Trump administration's rule required goods made in Area C of Judea and Samaria, which is fully controlled by Israel under the Oslo Accords, to be labeled as "Made in Israel." Under this rule, goods made in Palestinian Authority-controlled Areas A and B of Judea and Samaria to be labeled as "Made in West Bank." This rule appropriately recognizes the different governing authorities of various areas of Judea and Samaria, as well as ensuring that Gaza and Judea and Samaria are recognized as two different political areas.

The Anti-BDS Labeling Act would codify the Trump-era rule and prohibit Federal funds to be used by the White House or executive branch to alter the rule that is already in place.

For years, the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement has sought to cripple the Israeli economy and impoverish individuals living in Israeli-controlled areas of Judea and Samaria, and Israel at large.

The BDS movement has long targeted goods made in Israeli-controlled areas of Judea and Samaria, sometimes referred to by anti-Israel advocates as the "occupied West Bank." I would like to remind individuals who use this ridiculous term that the Oslo Accords, as

signed by Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat, divided Judea and Samaria into three areas, with Israel administering security control over 82 percent of Judea and Samaria, and civil control of 60 percent of Judea and Samaria.

This bill ensures that there is no distinction in labeling between goods made in Israel and Israeli-controlled areas of Judea and Samaria. During this difficult time, Congress must stand with Israel and support our greatest ally in the region, the lone beacon of freedom and democracy.

I am grateful to Chairman SMITH and all my Ways and Means Republican colleagues who are supporting this critical legislation, especially when it passed through the House Ways and Means Committee. We must stand with our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, and demand accuracy in the labeling of goods imported to the United States, as required by law.

This legislation sends a very clear signal that we will not tolerate arbitrary differentiations in the labeling of goods from different parts of Israel. Whether a good is made in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Efrat, the Golan Heights, or Gush Etzion, it should be labeled as "Made in Israel."

This is not about political posturing as the ranking member in opposition says. This is about making sure that American citizens know that when they are purchasing a product in Israeli-controlled Judea and Samaria that they are purchasing a product that is made in Israel. There is nothing discriminatory about that. It is about preventing the erasing of the existence of Israel in this region of Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all my colleagues to support this legislation. It is not political posturing. It is something to protect Israeli products, Israeli individuals who are producing these products and also to protect American citizens who would be purchasing this product and who get to make a decision about what they would choose to buy, whether it was made in Israel or not. They make that choice. That is something that all Americans are entitled to under this labeling act.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) who is a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, this bill wrongfully seeks to codify Trump's one-state solution.

Strangely, Benjamin Netanyahu and Hamas completely agree on one subject, they want from the river to the sea. The only question is: Who gets to control and subjugates the other one?

I believe that subjugation is not security. Rather, it is a time bomb that is just getting ready to explode causing more grief and misery to all, as we are seeing now with the repeated rocket firing into Israel, the ongoing destruction of Gaza, and the escalating settler violence in the West Bank.

I strongly believe in Israel as a democratic Jewish state. The Hamas attackers were not martyrs, they were murderers and rapists. They can never be a partner for peace, but neither can Netanyahu's cohorts, Ben-Gvir and Smotrich. They cannot be partners for peace. They have refused to be partners for peace, nor do they prioritize the release of the hostages. They continue to endanger Israeli security.

Smotrich, a self-described Fascist, wrongly insists that a hostage deal would be surrender. He is responsible for the largest seizure of land in the West Bank since the 1993 Oslo Accords. His myopic vision for Israel is to annex everything and create a greater Israel that incorporates all the so-called Palestinians.

In a June speech, he said: "[We] created a separate civilian system" . . . "It will be easier to swallow in the international and legal context."

Ben-Gvir told Israeli settlers: "We are behind you. Run for the hilltops, settle them."

He promotes an exclusive Israeli control of the land from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. The same message that those people protesting Israel are advocating, he is also advocating. He has distributed thousands of assault weapons to Israeli settlements to drive Palestinians from the West Bank.

When dozens of armed Israeli settlers stormed one West Bank village, firing bullets and setting homes on fire, they said that they were "Ben-Gvir's gang here to kill the Arabs."

Smotrich and Ben-Gvir should be sanctioned for their incitement of violence. It has led to 1,000 incidents of settlers driving over 1,300 Palestinians from their homes since October 7, with 600 Palestinians killed.

Unfortunately, at the same time that Gaza is being rendered uninhabitable, Netanyahu's refusal to stop settler violence in the West Bank and the expansion of these West Bank settlements are all designed to prevent a Palestinian state from ever coming into being in a viable way.

Like this very bill, their goal is to block creation of any Palestinian state and to refer to it as Judea and Samaria, rather than many of us, who consider ourselves to be strongly for Israel, calling it the occupied territories because it has been occupied since the 1967 war.

The only hope for lasting peace and security is for a Jewish state and a Palestinian state to be side by side and find security guarantees for each. That will be a long, difficult, and challenging process. We have been unable to accomplish it for decades, but it is the only process that we can undertake that will truly lead to the survival and the viability of Israel, so it is not a matter of a temporary peace and another threat to innocent people on either side of the line.

Efforts to conflate the occupied territories with Israel defeat any real hope

of a lasting solution. We should reject the approach that Trump, Ben-Gvir, Smotrich, Netanyahu, and Hamas all share, of a river to the sea, a one-state approach, because that is only a recipe for an endless war and untold suffering.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEUBE).

Mr. STEUBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Ms. TENNEY's Anti-BDS Labeling Act. The United States is Israel's single largest trade partner. This bill would codify a Trump administration notice that required products made in certain areas of Judea and Samaria be labeled as originating from Israel.

In April, I led a letter to the Biden-Harris administration slamming them for considering reversing the labeling policy. It is common sense for goods produced in certain areas of Judea and Samaria, also known as the West Bank, to be labeled as made in Israel because Israel exercises relevant authorities in these areas. President Trump was absolutely right to issue the product of Israel policy because Israel is exactly where these products originated.

Current law already requires accurate labeling. This should not be a bill that we need to pass. This should be settled law, but the Biden-Harris administration refuses to accept reality so they can, once again, pander to certain radical terrorist sympathizers in their political base.

If the Biden-Harris administration goes through with reversing trade policy decision, it will legitimize anti-Semitic efforts to weaken and isolate our closest ally in the Middle East.

In a time of global uncertainty, the last thing we should be doing is abandoning our strongest ally in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful that the House of Representatives is taking up this important bill, and I urge all my colleagues to vote for this important piece of legislation.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB).

Ms. TLAIB. Anti-Arab, anti-Muslim, and anti-Palestinian hate was in full display at the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing yesterday, a hearing that was intended, Mr. Speaker, to highlight the deadly hatred that killed a 6-year-old boy, Wadea. He was stabbed 26 times in Chicago. That is what our Senators used that moment for, to promote the very hate that is against many of our communities.

Not to be outdone, my House colleagues are now pushing through legislation right here to spread anti-Arab, anti-Muslim, and anti-Palestinian rhetoric. So I am not surprised to see this bill.

What does this bill do?

It seeks to erase Palestine from products produced by Palestinians on Palestinian farms. It requires products from large portions of Palestine, including on illegal settlements defined

under international law in the West Bank to be labeled, “Made in Israel.”

So let’s be clear. A vote for this bill would further support the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians. A “yes” vote for this bill is erasing the existence of Palestinians.

That is right, Mr. Speaker. Palestinians also have a right to exist.

The provisions of this bill, Mr. Speaker, have hateful and discriminatory implications. We must stand against it and vote “no.”

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN).

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, before I begin debate, I want to remind everybody who is watching in America that Hamas is still holding Americans hostage, and just recently they executed an American.

We still want to urge this administration to do all they can to bring home not only Americans but release all of the hostages.

Mr. Speaker, anti-Semitism has no place in America. Disturbingly radical activists and members of the anti-Semitic BDS movement continue to wage economic warfare against the Jewish state.

In a world where anti-Semitism and acts of violence against the Jewish people are more and more commonplace, we need to reassure our close ally that the United States will not delegitimize her authority nor punish her economy, rather, we must send a clear message that the United States stands with Israel.

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We stand with Israel today. We will stand with Israel tomorrow. We will stand with Israel always.

That is why I am proud to support Congresswoman CLAUDIA TENNEY and Chairman JASON SMITH’s bill prohibiting the Biden-Harris administration from assisting the anti-Semitic BDS movement in their efforts to target specific goods made in portions of the West Bank controlled entirely by Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in denouncing the anti-Semitic BDS movement and standing with Israel by voting in favor of H.R. 5179, the Anti-BDS Labeling Act.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER), the ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, this partisan bill does nothing to combat the BDS movement. Rather, it seeks to codify the policy of labeling products that come from West Bank settlements as made in Israel.

In truth, such action is a backhanded attempt to illuminate a congressional green light for Israeli annexation of area C of the West Bank. Let’s be clear. This measure is aimed at undermining American support for a two-state solu-

tion and, therefore, the Biden-Harris administration’s critical and delicate efforts at diplomacy in the region.

Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong Zionist and a deeply committed Jew, I take Israel’s safety and security incredibly seriously, so seriously that I believe that Israel should not be used as a partisan football to advance an electoral agenda.

Bringing this legislation to the floor is a Republican politically motivated misadventure to force Democrats to oppose a bill with “anti-BDS” in the title weeks before an election.

Republicans are seeking to use the United States’ House of Representatives to strengthen the foreign policy legacy of a desperate former President Trump in the lead-up to November.

Mr. Speaker, we should not stand for it. I am sick and tired of the Republicans’ blatantly bad-faith maneuvers to further politicize Israel, especially as we approach the 1-year anniversary of the horrific attack of October 7, the deadliest day in Jewish history since the Holocaust.

We deserve better, Mr. Speaker. The American people deserve better. The Israeli and Palestinian people deserve better.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues not to take the bait and to oppose this bill.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, first off, this bill was marked up in committee back in April, so it wasn’t like it was done yesterday, and we have been bringing this forward.

Also, Mr. Speaker, it is extremely important to note that what this bill does is it codifies current rules that were put into place by the Trump administration, but the Biden administration has rescinded almost everything of Trump’s except for tariffs and this policy.

They have not rescinded it. If Democrats thought it was bad, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would have rescinded it. I would hope the President’s own party would support it, but we will see today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. In closing, I urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, the old saying is, “knowledge is power.” By codifying the Trump-era rule that currently labels items coming from Israel as originating in Israel, this body can empower individual Americans to buy products supporting our ally.

I thank Representatives CLAUDIA TENNEY and GREG STEUBE, both of whom have been leaders on this issue, for sounding the alarm about the at-

tempt by the Biden-Harris administration to weaken Israel.

Congress should not even have to debate this topic, but the Customs and Border Protection rule in question provides no special treatment to Israel, but it does extend fair treatment to their exports. After more than 3 years in office, the Biden-Harris administration has not changed this policy.

Unfortunately, reports earlier this year indicated that the Biden-Harris administration was preparing to overturn this policy. Such a change could still happen at any time unless Congress acts.

This proposed reversal would hurt both American consumers and our ally. Israel’s economy is slowing from the strain of a war it didn’t start. The last thing Israel needs as it fights to end this war are trade barriers that make it harder to choose Israeli products.

The loss of revenue from American businesses and consumers would only magnify the harm done to Israel by this war. More importantly, this proposed reversal of sound policy seems to be driven more by political pandering than a consideration for Israel’s ability to defend and provide for itself while under attack.

House Republicans have made our commitment to supporting our friend and ally crystal clear. We have not left Israel wondering and worrying whether Republicans will support them.

This bill is a clear opportunity to stand with Israel and empower American families, and I hope that the minority will join us in sending a clear message that Congress and America will support our ally.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to vote “yes” on the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ELLZEY). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1455, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT TERRORISM—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-168)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message