

SCS SCRs 24 & 25 -- ISRAEL

SPONSOR: Coleman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Public Policy by a vote of 4 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight by a vote of to 3.

This concurrent resolution urges the U.S. Congress to offer full and unequivocal support of Israel for as long as it takes for Israel to bring justice for the unprovoked attacks on innocent civilians by Hamas. The resolution further commends Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with this state and the United States, supports Israel's right to exist, and further recognizes Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the United States and Israel have a historic relationship and that this resolution is important to counter the increase in antisemitism. Israel has a right to defend itself.

Testifying in person for the bill was Senator Eigel.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that they condemn Hamas and their attack on Israel on October 7, 2023 and that while Israel has a right to self-defense, it has exceeded this right by destroying numerous hospitals, schools, and universities in Gaza. Opponents of the resolution say that over 35,000 Gazans have been killed by Israel, with over 40% of the casualties being children and over a million Gazans are now facing the threat of starvation, while over 10,000 are missing and presumed dead. This resolution fails to address the disproportionate, inhumane, and indiscriminate nature of the Israeli attack on Gaza and the resulting Palestinian casualties. Opponents, identifying as Jewish Americans, oppose the resolution due to their disagreement with Israel's actions in Gaza. Opponents of the resolution also say that anti-Semitism is distinct from anti-Zionism.

Testifying in person against the bill was Lorelei Harvey, Mark Haim, Jeff Stack, Mid-Missouri Fellowship of Reconciliation and George Smith.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.