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76 SENATORS INTRODUCE RESOLUTION URGING PHANTOM JETS FOR ISRAEL

More than three-quarters of the Senate membership today cosponsored a resolution calling for resumption of deliveries of F-4 aircraft to Israel in order to maintain the arms and power balance in the Middle East.

Citing the Soviet build-up in Egypt and Arab resistance to direct peace negotiations, the resolution calls on the U.S. Government "without further delay" to act affirmatively on Israel's pending request for Phantom jets and to provide supporting equipment and assistance.

The resolution introduced by Senator Scott also called for U.S. opposition to any attempts to change the meaning and effect of the UN Security Council's resolution of November, 1967, on a peace settlement in the Middle East. In addition, the resolution calls for negotiations between Israel and the Arab states and for secure and defensible borders as a vital element in a peace settlement.

The bipartisan group of Senators who circulated the resolution for cosponsorship were Republicans Scott, Javits, Brooke, Percy, Dole and Gurney; and Democrats Symington, Ribicoff, Jackson, Talmadge, McGee and Kennedy.

The text of the Resolution and a list of Senate sponsors follows:

S. Res.

Calling for the shipment of Phantom F-4 aircraft to Israel in order to maintain the arms balance in the Middle East

Whereas, the Soviet Union is continuing to supply additional sophisticated weapons including advanced jet aircraft, and has deployed combat pilots, and other military personnel in Egypt, and other Arab states;

Whereas, these actions have seriously affected the military balance in the Middle East and increase the danger of war; and

Whereas, the aforementioned developments have encouraged certain Arab states to resist peace negotiations and to threaten the resumption of war;

Whereas, this constitutes a grave threat to peace in the Middle East, prejudicial to the vital interests of the United States;

Whereas, the policy of the United States as expressed by the President and the Congress of the U.S. is to maintain the arms balance in this region;

Resolved by the Senate, that

(1) The United States without further delay should take affirmative action on Israel's pending request for F-4 Phantom aircraft, and provide such supporting equipment and assistance as are essential to maintain Israel's deterrent capability;

(2) The United States Government should oppose any attempts at the United Nations to alter the meaning and effect of Security Council Resolution 242 of November 22, 1967, and should reaffirm the importance of secure and defensible borders as a vital element in a peace settlement to be negotiated by the parties themselves.

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