

.....
(Original Signature of Member)

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R.

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

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 “Special Envoy to Mon-
5 itor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 Congress finds that since the Global Anti-Semitism
8 Review Act of 2004 was enacted, in many foreign coun-

1 tries acts of anti-Semitism have been frequent and wide
2 in scope, the perpetrators and variety of threats to Jewish
3 communities and their institutions have proliferated, and
4 in some countries anti-Semitic attacks have increased in
5 frequency, scope, violence, and deadliness.

6 **SEC. 3. MONITORING AND COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 59 of the
8 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
9 U.S.C. 2731) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

12 (i) by inserting before the period at
13 the end the following: “, who shall be ap-
14 pointed by the President, by and with the
15 advice and consent of the Senate”; and

16 (ii) by adding at the end the following
17 new sentence: “The Special Envoy shall re-
18 port directly to the Secretary.”; and

19 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (i) in the heading, by striking “AP-
21 POINTMENT” and inserting “NOMINA-
22 TION”;

23 (ii) by striking the first sentence;

24 (iii) in the second sentence, by strik-
25 ing “If the Secretary determines that such

1 is appropriate, the Secretary may appoint”
2 and inserting “If the President determines
3 that such is appropriate, the President
4 may nominate”; and

5 (iv) in the third sentence, by striking
6 “The Secretary may allow such officer or
7 employee to retain the position (and the
8 responsibilities associated with such posi-
9 tion) held by such officer or employee prior
10 to the appointment” and inserting “Such
11 officer or employee may not retain the po-
12 sition (or the responsibilities associated
13 with such position) held by such officer or
14 employee prior to the nomination”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraphs:

17 “(3) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall serve
18 as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts
19 across, the United States Government relating to
20 monitoring and combating anti-Semitism and anti-
21 Semitic incitement that occur in foreign countries.

22 “(4) RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.—
23 The Special Envoy shall have the rank of ambas-
24 sador.

1 “(5) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Special Envoy
2 should be a person of recognized distinction in the
3 field of—

4 “(A) combating anti-Semitism;

5 “(B) religious freedom; or

6 “(C) law enforcement.”.

7 (b) NOMINATION.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than 120
9 after any such position becomes vacant, the President
10 shall nominate the Special Envoy for Monitoring and
11 Combating anti-Semitism under section 59 of the State
12 Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as amended
13 by subsection (a) of this section.