

**Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 3099, With Amendments**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2023

Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. TORRES of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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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 for the  
5 Abraham Accords Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that the policy of the United States,  
3 as enacted in section 104 of the Israel Relations Normal-  
4 ization Act of 2022 (division Z of Public Law 117–103),  
5 with respect to the Abraham Accords remains unchanged.

6 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.**

7 Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act  
8 of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding  
9 at the end the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 64. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.**

11 “(a) SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM AC-  
12 CORDS.—There is established within the Department of  
13 State a Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords (in this  
14 section referred to as the ‘Special Envoy’), who shall serve  
15 as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts across,  
16 the United States Government relating to expanding and  
17 strengthening the Abraham Accords. The Special Envoy  
18 shall report directly to the Secretary of State and shall  
19 hold the office at the pleasure of the President.

20 “(b) NOMINATION.—Pursuant to subsection (j)(1) of  
21 section 1, the Special Envoy shall be appointed by the  
22 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-  
23 ate, and may be appointed from among the officers and  
24 employees of the Department except that such officer or  
25 employee may not retain the position (or the responsibil-  
26 ities associated with the position) held by such officer or

1 employee prior to such appointment simultaneously with  
2 the position or responsibilities of the Special Envoy.

3 “(c) RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.—The Spe-  
4 cial Envoy shall have the rank and status of ambassador.

5 “(d) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall be respon-  
6 sible for—

7 “(1) encouraging countries without diplomatic  
8 relations with Israel to establish formal diplomatic,  
9 economic, security, and people-to-people ties;

10 “(2) seeking to expand and strengthen existing  
11 relationships between Israel and Muslim-majority  
12 countries, including those outside the geographic  
13 scope of the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau of the De-  
14 partment of State, to ensure that all parties reap  
15 tangible security and economic benefits for their citi-  
16 zens;

17 “(3) building on existing efforts, including the  
18 Negev Forum, to help foster enhanced cooperation  
19 between Israel and Muslim-majority countries on  
20 shared priorities including as relates to trade, agri-  
21 culture, and water security;

22 “(4) providing diplomatic support for Israel’s  
23 integration into cooperative efforts related to re-  
24 gional security; and

1           “(5) coordinating lines of effort across the  
2 United States Government, including the regional  
3 and functional bureaus within the Department of  
4 State, and conducting appropriate diplomatic en-  
5 gagement with foreign governments, nongovern-  
6 mental organizations, and other stakeholders deter-  
7 mined appropriate by the Special Envoy in order to  
8 expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords.

9           “(e) REPORT.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
11 the date of the confirmation of the first Special  
12 Envoy appointed pursuant to this section, and annu-  
13 ally thereafter, the Special Envoy shall submit to the  
14 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on  
15 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and  
16 the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Com-  
17 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate a report de-  
18 scribing all United States efforts to expand the  
19 Abraham Accords, including specific diplomatic en-  
20 gagements and status of efforts with respect to spe-  
21 cific countries.

22           “(2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required  
23 by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified  
24 form but may contain a separate, classified annex.”.