
PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 5931) TO
PROVIDE FOR THE PROHIBITION ON CASH PAYMENTS TO
THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,
AND WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE
XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES

September 21, 2016.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be
printed.

MR. BYRNE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. __]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House
Resolution ____, by a record vote of 8 to 3, report the same to the House with
the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 5931, the
Prohibiting Future Ransom Payments to Iran Act, under a structured rule.
The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and
controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on
Foreign Affairs. The resolution waives all points of order against
consideration of the bill. The resolution makes in order as original text for
purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute
consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114-64 and provides that it
shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against
that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The resolution makes in
order only those further amendments printed in this report. Each such
amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be
offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as
read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided
and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to
amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question

in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of September 27, 2016, relating to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

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Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 214

Motion by Ms. Foxx to report the rule. Adopted: 8-3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx.....	Yea	Ms. Slaughter.....	Nay
Mr. Cole.....	Yea	Mr. McGovern.....	Nay
Mr. Woodall.....	Yea	Mr. Hastings of Florida.....	Nay
Mr. Burgess.....	Yea	Mr. Polis.....	
Mr. Stivers.....	Yea		
Mr. Collins.....	Yea		
Mr. Byrne.....	Yea		
Mr. Newhouse.....			
Mr. Sessions, Chairman.....	Yea		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. Royce (CA): Clarifies prohibited forms of payment to Iran, to include monetary instruments and precious metals. (10 minutes)
2. Pompeo (KS): Prohibits the U.S. government from making ransom payments. (10 minutes)
3. Pompeo (KS): Imposes sanctions on Iranians involved in kidnapping or unjustly detaining US citizens. (10 minutes)
4. Duffy (WI): Prohibits cash and precious metal payments to designated state sponsors of terrorism and North Korea in addition to Iran. (10 minutes)
5. Engel (NY): SUBSTITUTE Requires the President to notify Congress of a payment made to any State Sponsor of Terrorism or North Korea pursuant to a settlement or judgment against the United States. The amendment requires the President to report on pending claims before the Iran-US Claims Tribunal. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROYCE OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-64

OFFERED BY MR. ROYCE OF CALIFORNIA

Page 5, strike line 11 and all that follows through line 17 and insert the following:

1 (a) PROHIBITION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
3 provision of law, beginning on the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the United States Government
5 may not provide, directly or indirectly, to the Gov-
6 ernment of Iran—

7 (A) monetary instruments; or

8 (B) precious metals.

9 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

10 (A) the term “monetary instruments” has
11 the meaning given the term in paragraph (dd)
12 of section 1010.100 of title 31, Code of Federal
13 Regulations; and

14 (B) the term “precious metal” has the
15 meaning given the term in section 1027.100(d)
16 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations.

Page 6, after line 11, insert the following:

1 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The term “agreement
2 to settle a claim or claims brought before the Iran-United
3 States Claims Tribunal”, as used in subsection (b), shall
4 not be construed to mean a “promissory note”, as used
5 in the definition of “monetary instrument” for purposes
6 of subsection (a).

Page 6, line 12, strike “(c)” and insert “(d)”.

Page 7, line 6, strike “(d)” and insert “(e)”.



2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE POMPEO OF KANSAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-64

OFFERED BY MR. POMPEO OF KANSAS

Page 11, after line 21, add the following:

1 SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
2 PAYMENT OF RANSOM.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection
4 (b), the President and all officers of the United States
5 Government shall not make a payment to a government
6 or person for the purpose of securing the release of un-
7 justly detained individuals who are nationals of the United
8 States or aliens who are lawfully admitted for permanent
9 residence in the United States.

10 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection
11 (a) does not prohibit the United States Government from
12 providing assistance to individuals who are nationals of
13 the United States or aliens who are lawfully admitted for
14 permanent residence in the United States that have been
15 arrested.

16 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury,
17 in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attor-
18 ney General, may take such actions, including the promul-
19 gation of such rules and regulations, as may be necessary
20 to carry out the purposes of this section.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means a cor-
3 poration, business association, partnership, trust, so-
4 ciety, or any other entity.

5 (2) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-
6 dividual or entity.



3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE POMPEO OF KANSAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-64

OFFERED BY MR. POMPEO OF KANSAS

Page 11, after line 21, add the following:

1 SEC. 10. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRANIAN PERSONS

2 THAT HOLD OR DETAIN UNITED STATES NA-

3 TIONALS OR ALIENS LAWFULLY ADMITTED

4 FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.

5 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—Not later than 60
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-
7 dent shall impose the sanctions described in subsection (b)
8 with respect to—

9 (1) any Iranian person involved in the kidnap-
10 ping or unjust detention on or after March 9, 2007,
11 of any individual who is a national of the United
12 States or an alien who is lawfully admitted for per-
13 manent residence in the United States;

14 (2) any Iranian person that engages, or at-
15 tempts to engage, in an activity or transaction that
16 materially contributes to, or poses a risk of materi-
17 ally contributing to, kidnapping or unjust detention
18 described in paragraph (1); and

19 (3) any Iranian person that—

1 (A) is owned or controlled by a person de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1) or (2);

3 (B) is acting for or on behalf of such a
4 person; or

5 (C) provides, or attempts to provide—

6 (i) financial, material, technological,
7 or other support to a person described in
8 paragraph (1) or (2); or

9 (ii) goods or services in support of an
10 activity or transaction described in para-
11 graph (1) or (2).

12 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The President shall
13 block, in accordance with the International Emergency
14 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), all trans-
15 actions in all property and interests in property of any
16 person subject to subsection (a) if such property and inter-
17 ests in property are in the United States, come within the
18 United States, or are or come within the possession or
19 control of a United States person.

20 (c) EXCEPTION; PENALTIES.—

21 (1) INAPPLICABILITY OF NATIONAL EMER-
22 GENCY REQUIREMENT.—The requirements of section
23 202 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-
24 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply for pur-
25 poses of subsection (b).

1 (2) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
2 GOODS.—The requirement to block and prohibit all
3 transactions in all property and interests in property
4 under subsection (b) shall not include the authority
5 to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

6 (3) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
7 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
8 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
9 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that violates,
10 attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
11 violation of regulations prescribed under subsection
12 (b) to the same extent that such penalties apply to
13 a person that commits an unlawful act described in
14 subsection (a) of such section 206.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means a cor-
17 poration, business association, partnership, trust, so-
18 ciety, or any other entity.

19 (2) IRANIAN PERSON.—The term “Iranian per-
20 son” means—

21 (A) an individual who is a citizen or na-
22 tional of the Islamic Republic of Iran; or

23 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
24 the Islamic Republic of Iran or otherwise sub-

1 ject to the jurisdiction of the Government of the
2 Islamic Republic of Iran.

3 (3) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-
4 dividual or entity.

5 (4) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
6 “United States person” means—

7 (A) an individual who is a national of the
8 United States or an alien who is lawfully admit-
9 ted for permanent residence in the United
10 States; or

11 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
12 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
13 the United States, including a foreign branch of
14 such an entity.



4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DUFFY OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-64

OFFERED BY MR. DUFFY OF WISCONSIN

Page 11, after line 21, add the following:

1 **SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON CASH PAYMENTS TO STATE**

2 **SPONSORS OF TERRORISM.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
5 provision of law, beginning on the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, the United States Government
7 may not provide, directly or indirectly, to a govern-
8 ment of a state sponsor of terrorism, or an agent
9 acting on behalf of such a government—

10 (A) monetary instruments; or

11 (B) precious metals.

12 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

13 (A) the term “monetary instruments” has
14 the meaning given the term in paragraph (dd)
15 of section 1010.100 of title 31, Code of Federal
16 Regulations; and

17 (B) the term “precious metal” has the
18 meaning given the term in section 1027.100(d)
19 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations.

20 (b) APPLICATION TO NORTH KOREA.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) shall apply
2 with respect to a payment, or an agreement to make
3 a payment, to an agency or instrumentality of the
4 Government of the Democratic Peoples’ Republic of
5 Korea, or an agent acting on behalf of such Govern-
6 ment, in the same manner and to the same extent
7 as such subsection applies with respect to a pay-
8 ment, or an agreement to make a payment, to an
9 agency or instrumentality of a state sponsor of ter-
10 rorism, subject to the termination provisions de-
11 scribed in paragraph (2).

12 (2) TERMINATION.—Subsection (a) shall cease
13 to apply with respect to a payment, or an agreement
14 to make a payment, to an agency or instrumentality
15 of the Government of the Democratic Peoples’ Re-
16 public of Korea, or an agent acting on behalf of such
17 Government, beginning on the date on which the
18 President makes the certification to Congress under
19 section 402 of the North Korea Sanctions and Policy
20 Enhancement Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–122; 22
21 U.S.C. 92512).

22 (c) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM DEFINED.—In
23 this section, the term “state sponsor of terrorism” means
24 a country the government of which the Secretary of State
25 has determined, for purposes of section 6(j)(1)(A) of the

1 Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App.
2 2405(j)(1)(A)) (as continued in effect pursuant to the
3 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
4 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)), section 620A(a) of the Foreign As-
5 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371(a)), section 40(d)
6 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)), or
7 any other provision of law, to be a government that has
8 repeatedly provided support for acts of international ter-
9 rorism.



5. AN AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ENGEL OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-64
OFFERED BY MR. ENGEL OF NEW YORK**

Strike the text of the committee print and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Restrictions on Pay-
3 ments to State Sponsors of Terrorism Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON PAYMENTS TO STATE SPONSORS
5 OF TERRORISM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—No agency or instrumentality of
7 the United States Government may make a payment, or
8 enter into an agreement to make a payment, to an agency
9 or instrumentality of a government of a state sponsor of
10 terrorism, or an agent acting on behalf of such a govern-
11 ment, in settlement of a claim or judgment against the
12 United States, unless, not less than 5 days prior to mak-
13 ing such payment or entering into such agreement, the
14 President submits to the appropriate committees of Con-
15 gress in writing—

16 (1) a notification of the proposed payment or
17 agreement; and

1 (2) the text of the claim or judgment with re-
2 spect to which such payment or agreement relates.

3 (b) APPLICATION TO NORTH KOREA.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (a) and (c) shall
5 apply with respect to a payment, or an agreement to
6 make a payment, to an agency or instrumentality of
7 the Government of the Democratic Peoples' Republic
8 of Korea, or an agent acting on behalf of such Gov-
9 ernment, in the same manner and to the same ex-
10 tent as such subsections apply with respect to a pay-
11 ment, or an agreement to make a payment, to an
12 agency or instrumentality of a state sponsor of ter-
13 rorism, subject to the termination provisions de-
14 scribed in paragraph (2).

15 (2) TERMINATION.—Subsections (a) and (c)
16 shall cease to apply with respect to a payment, or
17 an agreement to make a payment, to an agency or
18 instrumentality of the Government of the Demo-
19 cratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, or an agent acting
20 on behalf of such Government, beginning on the date
21 on which the President makes the certification to
22 Congress under section 402 of the North Korea
23 Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016
24 (Public Law 114–122; 22 U.S.C. 92512).

25 (c) PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
3 every 180 days thereafter, the President shall pub-
4 lish in the Federal Register a list of payments, and
5 agreements to make payments, to agencies and in-
6 strumentalities of governments of a state sponsors of
7 terrorism as described in subsection (a) that were
8 made or entered into during the prior 180-day pe-
9 riod.

10 (2) CONTENTS.—The list of payments, and
11 agreements to make payments, required to be pub-
12 lished in the Federal Register under paragraph (1)
13 shall, with respect to each such payment or agree-
14 ment, include the following:

15 (A) The amount of the payment or agree-
16 ment.

17 (B) The agency or instrumentality of the
18 United States Government that made the pay-
19 ment or entered into the agreement.

20 (C) The reason or reasons for the payment
21 or agreement.

22 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON OUTSTANDING CLAIMS BEFORE THE**
23 **IRAN-UNITED STATES CLAIMS TRIBUNAL.**

24 (a) REPORT.—The President shall submit to the ap-
25 propriate committees of Congress a report that describes

1 each claim pending before the Iran-United States Claims
2 Tribunal as of the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
4 quired under subsection (a) shall include the amount (if
5 an amount is specified) and the status before the Iran-
6 United States Claims Tribunal of each claim described in
7 subsection (a).

8 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
9 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain
10 a classified annex if necessary.

11 (d) DEADLINE.—The report required under sub-
12 section (a) shall be submitted to the appropriate commit-
13 tees of Congress not later than 90 days after the date of
14 the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter until
15 the disposition of all claims pending before the Iran-
16 United States Claims Tribunal.

17 **SEC. 4. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.**

18 Nothing in this Act shall apply to any activities sub-
19 ject to the reporting requirements of title V of the Na-
20 tional Security Act of 1947.

21 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

22 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize
23 any payment by the Government of the United States to
24 a state sponsor of terrorism or North Korea.

1 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
4 TEES.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
5 gress” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
7 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
8 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
9 Representatives; and

10 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
11 the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
12 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
13 of the Senate.

14 (2) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—The term
15 “state sponsor of terrorism” means a country the
16 government of which the Secretary of State has de-
17 termined, for purposes of section 6(j)(1)(A) of the
18 Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App.
19 2405(j)(1)(A)) (as continued in effect pursuant to
20 the International Emergency Economic Powers Act
21 (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)), section 620A(a) of the
22 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
23 2371(a)), section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control
24 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)), or any other provision of

- 1 law, to be a government that has repeatedly provided
- 2 support for acts of international terrorism.

