

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1860

To clarify prohibitions on funding for any United Nations entity that admits Palestine as a member state.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 14, 2011

Mr. COATS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The decision by the membership of the
6 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
7 Organization (UNESCO) to admit the Palestinian
8 Authority as a full member state of the organization
9 is counterproductive, harms efforts to reach a nego-

1 tiated, lasting, and just peace in the Middle East,
2 and is contrary to United States interests.

3 (2) The Palestinian Authority may use this vote
4 as a precedent to pursue membership in other
5 United Nations affiliated organizations, contrary to
6 the best interests of those organizations and the Pal-
7 estinians themselves.

8 (3) Palestinian statehood can emerge only from
9 negotiations with Israel, not from actions by third
10 parties, including the United Nations and its affili-
11 ated organizations.

12 (4) Existing United States law prohibits appro-
13 priation of funds for the United Nations or any spe-
14 cialized agency affiliated with the United Nations
15 that grant full membership as a state to any organi-
16 zation or group that does not have the internation-
17 ally recognized attributes of statehood.

18 (5) The President does not have the discretion
19 to identify alternative methods of providing funds to
20 any United Nations agency that admits Palestine as
21 a member state.

22 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

23 It is the sense of Congress that any effort by the
24 President to provide funds to any United Nations agency
25 that admits Palestine as a member state would be a viola-

1 tion of section 410 of the Foreign Relations Authorization
2 Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103–236;
3 108 Stat. 454; 22 U.S.C. 287e note) or section 414 of
4 the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years
5 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101–246; 104 Stat. 70; 22
6 U.S.C. 287e note).

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