

hope we can find areas where we can work together to help improve the quality of life for people all around the world. This bill is not going to do that.

I think we can do so much better here. This is not about whether you support Israel or not. This is a whole different discussion that we are having here today. This is about whether you want to delegitimize the International Criminal Court, a court, by the way, which many Republicans supported when it went after al-Bashir in Darfur and Putin for kidnapping children.

Again, we are entering a very dangerous time when we are bringing legislation to the floor to demagogue issues rather than to be constructive. We have to take a deep breath around here because some of the stuff that has come to this floor is really beneath this institution.

Again, I regret that we are doing this here today. I urge everybody, and I hope some of my Republican colleagues will join with us, to oppose this legislation. We can do better. We need to do better.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill sends an incredibly important message across the globe when we make this law: Do not get in the way of America or our allies trying to bring our people home. Do not get in our way. You will be given no quarter. Again, you will certainly not be welcomed to American soil.

This bill is even more urgent today than when it was first passed back in June of last year. In June, the ICC's prosecutor had only just requested warrants. The warrants had not yet been issued or approved. There was still time for the ICC to abandon this shameful effort. Instead, the ICC's attempt to obstruct Israel's right to defend itself has only prolonged the war and prevented the release of American hostages by boosting the morale of Hamas. If you are boosting the morale of Hamas, you are on the other team.

In November, the ICC's Pre-Trial Chamber approved the arrest warrants. We have to pass this bill today to prevent this travesty from moving any further and to deter any more illegitimate actions by this kangaroo court to halt or stall the military success of our allies trying to bring hostages home, American, Israeli, and others.

Mr. Speaker, for that reason, I call on every single one of my colleagues to put America first by voting for this legislation today, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. I rise today as a proud American and a staunch believer in the noble ideals this country was founded upon. This country, which was built on the idea of equality and justice, today is a leader on the world stage that can boast of its commitment and success in spreading these values. We have established a world order based on the rule of law, a commitment to advancing human rights, and deference to international institutions.

Yet, flagrantly contravening all of these principles, the House of Representatives has before it a bill that would punish the International Criminal Court (ICC) as it seeks justice for the Palestinian people. This legislation explicitly imposes sanctions on the ICC for "any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies".

I love my country, and I truly believe that at our core, Americans do want global peace. For this reason, I staunchly oppose these efforts to undermine the international order merely because the agents of that order are taking legal action against one of our allies. Many of our closest allies are intimately involved with the funding and proceedings of the ICC, meaning they would be exposed to the sanctions created by this bill. This includes many of the United States' closest allies, such as Germany, France, Japan, and the United Kingdom, where the current Chief Prosecutor of the ICC is from.

This partisan bill is evidently not concerned about protecting all American allies, who would face severe sanctions should this legislation pass into law, but rather one American ally in particular. While Palestinians in Gaza continue to endure the most dire of circumstances and as their death toll for children only continues to tick upward, this Congress is instead intent on protecting Israeli politicians from scrutiny at the expense of maintaining the international order at large that we helped establish. I continue to ask for mercy for the Palestinian people and hope that all people of the region, both Israeli and Palestinian, receive the justice that they deserve.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I wish to underscore my strong support of H.R. 23, the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act, and highlight the immediate need to sanction the International Criminal Court (ICC) for its dangerous abuse of power and for the United States to repudiate these actions.

The ICC's outrageous issuance of arrest warrants for Prime Minister Netanyahu and Minister Gallant is a grotesquely bad decision by a court that is corrupted by blatant antisemitism.

Israel's right to defend itself from this brutal invasion is absolute. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said in the past that he would never allow a second holocaust—nor should we.

Antisemitism is at the root of Hamas violence against Israel and every Jewish man, woman, and child, and is explicitly expressed in Hamas' 1988 Charter which demands the absolute destruction of the state of Israel and proclaims: "Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it."

In its 2017 charter, Hamas reiterates its goal of wiping Israel off the face of the earth: "There is no alternative to a fully sovereign Palestinian State on the entire national Palestinian soil, with Jerusalem as its capital."

Mr. Speaker, the ICC's actions support Hamas' explicitly antisemitic and genocidal campaign of terror against Israel, and Congress must respond in the most forceful way possible.

The ICC is a rogue actor on the world stage, and the United States must have a more effective long-term approach for how to respond to it.

Their latest action is a further manifestation of the same antisemitism that is rampant at

the United Nations and related international organizations. Last Congress alone, I chaired four congressional hearings on how they are absolutely infiltrated by antisemitic personnel who on a daily basis go after Israel with such cruelty.

Israel needs the ability to defend itself—and they need friends and partners who will stand beside them.

It is long-past time the United States held international organizations accountable for their antisemitism and their corruption. Furthermore, it is incumbent upon the United States to use its full voice to support Israel and ensure international organizations and venues are not used to promote antisemitism and the persecution of the Jewish people, and encourage our allies to do the same.

I thank Congressman ROY for introducing this legislation, underscoring this House's resolve to stand by an ally.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 23.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 5, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 42 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at 11 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 22

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Hoyer, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Clyburn, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Ms. McCollum, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Mr. Cuellar, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Quigley, Ms. Meng, Mr. Pocan, Mr. Aguilar, Ms. Lois Frankel of Florida, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Mrs. Torres of California, Mr. Case, Mr. Espallat, Mr. Harder of California, Ms. Underwood, Ms. Lee of Nevada, Mr. Morelle, Mr. Levin, Ms. Dean of Pennsylvania, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Mrvan, Ms. Perez, Mr. Ivey.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Ms. DeGette, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Matsui, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Tonko, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Dingell, Mr. Veasey, Ms. Kelly of Illinois, Ms. Barragán, Mr. Soto, Ms. Schrier, Mrs. Trahan, Mrs. Fletcher, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, Mr. Auchincloss, Mr. Carter of Louisiana, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Landsman, Ms. McClellan.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Meeks, Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Green of Texas, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Himes, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Beatty, Mr. Vargas, Mr. Gottheimer, Mr. Vicente Gonzalez of Texas, Mr. Casten, Ms. Pressley, Ms. Tlaib, Mr. Torres of New York, Ms. Garcia of Texas, Ms. Williams of Georgia, Ms. Pettersen, Mr. Fields, Ms. Bynum, Mr. Liccardo.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Mr. Doggett, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Ms. Sánchez, Ms. Sewell, Ms. DelBene, Ms. Chu, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Mr. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Evans of Pennsylvania, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Horsford, Ms. Plaskett, Mr. Suozzi.

Mr. NEGUSE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ILLEGITIMATE COURT COUNTERACTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 23) to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 243, nays 140, answered “present” 1, not voting 50, as follows:

[Roll No. 7]

YEAS—243

Aderholt	Barr	Biggs (SC)
Alford	Barrett	Bilirakis
Allen	Baumgartner	Boebert
Amodei (NV)	Bean (FL)	Bost
Ansari	Begich	Bresnahan
Arrington	Bell	Burchett
Babin	Bentz	Burlison
Bacon	Bergman	Calvert
Baird	Bice	Cammack
Balderson	Biggs (AZ)	Carey

Carter (GA)	Horsford	Onder	Lee (PA)	Neal	Simon
Carter (TX)	Houchin	Owens	Leger Fernandez	Neguse	Sorensen
Cerfilus-	Hudson	Pallone	Liccardo	Ocasio-Cortez	Stansbury
McCormick	Huizenga	Palmer	Lynch	Olsewski	Strickland
Ciscomani	Hunt	Panetta	Magaziner	Omar	Takano
Cisneros	Hurd (CO)	Pappas	Mannion	Pelosi	Thompson (CA)
Cline	Issa	Perez	Matsui	Pettersen	Thompson (MS)
Clyde	Jack	Perry	McBride	Pocan	Titus
Cole	Jackson (TX)	Peters	McClellan	Pou	Tlaib
Collins	James	Pfluger	McCollum	Pressley	Tokuda
Comer	Johnson (LA)	Reschenthaler	McDonald Rivet	Quigley	Tonko
Craig	Johnson (SD)	Riley (NY)	McGarvey	Ramirez	Trahan
Crane	Jordan	Rogers (AL)	McGovern	Randall	Tran
Crank	Joyce (OH)	Rogers (KY)	McIver	Raskin	Turner (TX)
Crawford	Joyce (PA)	Rose	Meeks	Ross	Underwood
Crenshaw	Kean	Rouzer	Mfume	Salinas	Vasquez
Cuellar	Kelly (MS)	Roy	Min	Sánchez	Velázquez
Davidson	Kelly (PA)	Rulli	Moore (WI)	Scanlon	Vindman
Davis (NC)	Kennedy (UT)	Rutherford	Morelle	Schakowsky	Waters
Diaz-Balart	Kiggans (VA)	Ryan	Morrison	Scholten	Watson Coleman
Donalds	Kiley (CA)	Salazar	Mrvan	Scott (VA)	Williams (GA)
Downing	Kim	Scalise	Mullin	Sewell	
Dunn (FL)	Knott	Schmidt			
Edwards	LaHood	Schneider			
Ellzey	LaLota	Schrier			
Emmer	LaMalfa	Schweikert			
Estes	Landsman	Scott, Austin			
Evans (CO)	Langworthy	Self			
Ezell	Latimer	Sessions			
Fallon	Latta	Shreve			
Fedorchak	Lawler	Simpson			
Feenstra	Lee (FL)	Smith (MO)			
Figures	Lee (NV)	Smith (NE)			
Finstad	Levin	Smith (NJ)			
Fischbach	Loudermilk	Smucker			
Fitzgerald	Lucas	Soto			
Fitzpatrick	Luna	Spartz			
Fleischmann	Luttrell	Staubert			
Flood	Mace	Stefanik			
Fong	Mackenzie	Steil			
Fox	Malliotakis	Stevens			
Frankel, Lois	Maloy	Strong			
Franklin, Scott	Mann	Stutzman			
Fry	Mast	Subramanyam			
Fulcher	McBath	Suozzi			
Garbarino	McCaul	Sykes			
Gill (TX)	McClain	Taylor			
Gillen	McClain Delaney	Tenney			
Gimenez	McClintock	Thanedar			
Golden (ME)	McCormick	Thompson (PA)			
Goldman (NY)	McDowell	Timmons			
Goldman (TX)	McGuire	Torres (NY)			
Gonzales, Tony	Menendez	Turner (OH)			
Gonzalez, V.	Meng	Valadao			
Gooden	Messmer	Van Dwyne			
Gottheimer	Meuser	Van Orden			
Graves	Miller (OH)	Vargas			
Gray	Miller (WV)	Veasey			
Green (TN)	Miller-Meeks	Walberg			
Griffith	Mills	Wasserman			
Grothman	Moolenaar	Schultz			
Guest	Moore (AL)	Weber (TX)			
Guthrie	Moore (NC)	Webster (FL)			
Hageman	Moore (UT)	Westerman			
Hamadeh (AZ)	Moore (WV)	Wied			
Haridopolos	Moran	Williams (TX)			
Harrigan	Moskowitz	Wilson (SC)			
Harris (NC)	Nehls	Wittman			
Harshbarger	Newhouse	Womack			
Higgins (LA)	Norcross	Yakym			
Hill (AR)	Nunn (IA)	Zinke			
Hinson	Ogles				

NAYS—140

Adams	Correa	Gomez
Amo	Courtney	Goodlander
Auchincloss	Crockett	Green, Al (TX)
Balint	Crow	Harder (CA)
Barragán	Davids (KS)	Hayes
Beatty	Davis (IL)	Himes
Bera	Dean (PA)	Houlihan
Beyer	DeGette	Hoyer
Bonamici	DeLauro	Hoyle (OR)
Brown	DelBene	Huffman
Budzinski	Deluzio	Ivey
Bynum	DeSaunier	Jackson (IL)
Carbajal	Dexter	Jacobs
Carson	Doggett	Jayapal
Carter (LA)	Elfreth	Jeffries
Casar	Escobar	Johnson (GA)
Casten	Espallat	Johnson (TX)
Castor (FL)	Fields	Kaptur
Castro (TX)	Fletcher	Keating
Clark (MA)	Foster	Kelly (IL)
Clarke (NY)	Foushee	Kennedy (NY)
Cleaver	Frost	Khanna
Cohen	Garamendi	Krishnamoorthi
Conaway	Garcia (CA)	Larsen (WA)
Connolly	Garcia (IL)	Larson (CT)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—50

Aguilar	Gosar	Rivas
Bishop	Greene (GA)	Ruiz
Boyle (PA)	Grijalva	Scott, David
Brecheen	Harris (MD)	Sherman
Brownley	Hern (OK)	Sherrill
Buchanan	Kamlager-Dove	Smith (WA)
Case	Kustoff	Stanton
Chu	Letlow	Steube
Cloud	Lieu	Swalwell
Clyburn	Lofgren	Tiffany
Costa	Miller (IL)	Torres (CA)
De La Cruz	Moulton	Van Drew
DesJarlais	Murphy	Wagner
Dingell	Nadler	Waltz
Evans (PA)	Norman	Whitesides
Friedman	Obornolte	Wilson (FL)
Garcia (TX)	Pingree	

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Mr. PALLONE changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. LETLOW. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent today during the roll call vote on H.R. 23 — Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 7.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, due to the devastating wildfire affecting my district and Southern California, I missed the vote on final passage for the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act, H.R. 23. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 7.

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent today and missed one vote on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted the below, consistent with my YEA vote in the 118th Congress on June 4, 2024: YEA on Roll Call No. 7, Passage of H.R. 23 — Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not present for roll call votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 7.

Stated against:

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, due to the Eaton Fire in my district, I was unable to cast my vote today on H.R. 23—Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 7.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to vote during the vote series today. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 7, H.R. 23—Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I was absent today during rollcall No. 7 due to the