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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MACK, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. PELL, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Reported by Mr. PELL, without amendment

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the Arab League boycott of Israel.

Whereas the signing on September 13, 1993, of the Declaration of Principles between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Government of Israel signals a new era of cooperation in the Middle East;

Whereas a true peace in the Middle East can only be established and remain in effect if there is economic stability and cooperation in the region;

Whereas adherence to the Arab League boycott of Israel is a source of economic instability in the Middle East;

Whereas the members of the Arab League instituted a primary boycott against Israel in 1948;

Whereas in the early 1950's the Arab states instituted a secondary and tertiary boycott against United States and other firms because of their commercial ties to Israel;

Whereas the boycott attempts to use economic blackmail to force United States firms to comply with boycott regulation;

Whereas the boycott was cited by the United States Trade Representative in the 1992 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers as an "additional legal restraint to United States trade in the region";

Whereas hundreds of United States firms have been blacklisted and barred from doing business with members of the Arab League under the secondary and tertiary boycott;

Whereas the total damage caused by the boycott is unknown because the number of United States firms that conduct business with Israel have not attempted commercial transactions with members of the Arab League due to the boycott is uncertain; and

Whereas the United States has a policy of prohibiting United States firms from providing Arab states with the requested information about compliance to boycott regulation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This resolution may be cited as the "Anti-Boycott
5 Resolution of 1993".

1 **SEC. 2. EXPRESSION OF CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS.**

2 The Congress—

3 (1) believes the continuation of the Arab
4 League boycott of Israel will be a severe impediment
5 to the economic prosperity of all participating na-
6 tions and to the establishment of a lasting peace and
7 prosperity in the Middle East;

8 (2) believes the secondary and tertiary boycott
9 cause substantial economic losses to United States
10 firms;

11 (3) welcomes the actions by those members of
12 the Arab League that have begun dismantling the
13 secondary and tertiary boycott, and urges them to
14 continue their efforts until a complete dissolution of
15 the primary, secondary, and tertiary boycott is
16 achieved;

17 (4) hopes that the indefinite postponement of
18 the October 24, 1993, meeting of the Central Boy-
19 cott Committee signals an end to the placement of
20 more United States firms on the boycott list and a
21 willingness to dismantle the boycott in its entirety;

22 (5) urges those states that have begun to or are
23 considering dismantling all forms of the boycott to
24 proceed promptly with such dismantlement;

25 (6) urges those states that are still enforcing
26 the boycott to dismantle the boycott in all its forms

1 and to issue the necessary laws, rules, and regula-
2 tions to ensure that United States firms have free
3 and open access to Arab markets regardless of their
4 business relationships with Israel;

5 (7) urges those states, in addition, to cease en-
6 forcing and requiring participation in the boycott in
7 its primary, secondary, and tertiary forms;

8 (8) urges the United States Government to con-
9 tinue to raise the boycott as an unfair trade practice
10 in every appropriate international trade forum; and

11 (9) expresses the sense of the Congress that the
12 end of the Arab League boycott of Israel is of great
13 urgency to the United States Government and will
14 continue to be a priority issue in all bilateral rela-
15 tions with participating states until its complete dis-
16 solution.