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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. BRIDENSTINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To authorize expedited consideration of sanctions in the event that the Government of Iran commits acts of terror or uses ballistic missile technology in violation of international law.

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 “Zero Tolerance for  
5 Terror Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY AND SENSE OF CONGRESS**  
2 **WITH RESPECT TO IRANIAN ENTITIES AND**  
3 **INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN BALLISTIC MIS-**  
4 **SILE PROLIFERATION OR TERRORISM.**

5 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy  
6 of the United States, in interpreting the Joint Comprehen-  
7 sive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and any other related agree-  
8 ment, that—

9 (1) any action by the Government of Iran to  
10 treat the legitimate imposition of sanctions by the  
11 United States or its international partners based on  
12 support for terrorism, abuses of human rights, or  
13 Iran’s ballistic missile activities as grounds to cease  
14 performing on its commitments under the JCPOA in  
15 whole or in part would not be valid and would be in-  
16 consistent with the terms of the JCPOA; and

17 (2) nothing in the JCPOA limits or curtails the  
18 ability of Congress to pass additional sanctions legis-  
19 lation to address Iranian terrorism activities, human  
20 rights violations, and ballistic missile activities.

21 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
22 gress that—

23 (1) the Department of the Treasury’s Office of  
24 Foreign Assets Control should be fully funded to en-  
25 sure strict enforcement of sanctions against Iranian  
26 actors in the areas of ballistic missile proliferation

1 and terrorism, and to ensure effective re-imposition  
2 of sanctions in the event of violation or breach by  
3 Iran of the JCPOA; and

4 (2) Iran should continue to be prohibited from  
5 undertaking any activity related to ballistic missiles  
6 capable of delivering nuclear weapons, including  
7 launches using ballistic missile technology, and  
8 United Nations member states should take all nec-  
9 essary measures to prevent the transfer of tech-  
10 nology or technical assistance to Iran related to such  
11 activities.

12 **SEC. 3. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF NEW TERRORISM**  
13 **AND MISSILE-RELATED SANCTIONS AGAINST**  
14 **IRAN.**

15 (a) DETERMINATION.—If the President determines  
16 that a person or entity—

17 (1) commits an act of international terrorism,  
18 at the direction of an official of the Government of  
19 Iran, that threatens the security of nationals of the  
20 United States or the national security, foreign pol-  
21 icy, or economy of the United States,

22 (2) knowingly assists in, sponsors, or provides  
23 financial, material, or technological support for, or  
24 financial or other services to or in support of—

25 (A) an act described in paragraph (1),

1           (B) a foreign terrorist organization that  
2           receives financial support from the Government  
3           of Iran, or

4           (3) commits an act in violation of United Na-  
5           tions Security Council Resolution 1929 before Imple-  
6           mentation Day, or an act in violation of United Na-  
7           tions Security Council Resolution 2231 after Imple-  
8           mentation Day, to undertake any activity related to  
9           ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weap-  
10          ons, including launches using such ballistic missile  
11          technology,

12 the President shall immediately notify Congress.

13          (b) QUALIFYING LEGISLATION DEFINED.—For pur-  
14 poses of this section, the term “qualifying legislation”  
15 means only a bill of either House of Congress that author-  
16 izes or requires the President to impose sanctions on a  
17 person or entity with respect to which the President noti-  
18 fies Congress of a determination under subsection (a).

19          (c) INTRODUCTION.—During the 60-calendar day pe-  
20 riod after the President notifies Congress of a determina-  
21 tion under subsection (a), qualifying legislation may be in-  
22 troduced—

23           (1) in the House of Representatives, by the Ma-  
24           jority Leader or the Minority Leader; and

1           (2) in the Senate, by the Majority Leader (or  
2           the Majority leader's designee) or the Minority  
3           Leader (or the Minority Leader's designee).

4           (d) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-  
5 REPRESENTATIVES.—

6           (1) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If a com-  
7           mittee of the House to which qualifying legislation  
8           has been referred has not reported such qualifying  
9           legislation within 10 legislative days after the date  
10          of referral, that committee shall be discharged from  
11          further consideration thereof.

12          (2) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—Begin-  
13          ning on the third legislative day after each com-  
14          mittee to which qualifying legislation has been re-  
15          ferred reports it to the House or has been dis-  
16          charged from further consideration thereof, it shall  
17          be in order to move to proceed to consider the quali-  
18          fying legislation in the House. All points of order  
19          against the motion are waived. Such a motion shall  
20          not be in order after the House has disposed of a  
21          motion to proceed on the qualifying legislation with  
22          regard to the same agreement. The previous ques-  
23          tion shall be considered as ordered on the motion to  
24          its adoption without intervening motion. The motion  
25          shall not be debatable. A motion to reconsider the

1 vote by which the motion is disposed of shall not be  
2 in order.

3 (3) CONSIDERATION.—The qualifying legisla-  
4 tion shall be considered as read. All points of order  
5 against the qualifying legislation and against its con-  
6 sideration are waived. The previous question shall be  
7 considered as ordered on the qualifying legislation to  
8 final passage without intervening motion except two  
9 hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the  
10 sponsor of the qualifying legislation (or a designee)  
11 and an opponent. A motion to reconsider the vote on  
12 passage of the qualifying legislation shall not be in  
13 order.

14 (e) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

15 (1) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—Qualifying legisla-  
16 tion introduced in the Senate shall be referred to the  
17 Committee on Foreign Relations.

18 (2) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the Com-  
19 mittee on Foreign Relations has not reported such  
20 qualifying legislation within 10 session days after  
21 the date of referral of such legislation, that com-  
22 mittee shall be discharged from further consider-  
23 ation of such legislation and the qualifying legisla-  
24 tion shall be placed on the appropriate calendar.

1           (3) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—Not-  
2           withstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of  
3           the Senate, it is in order at any time after the com-  
4           mittee authorized to consider qualifying legislation  
5           reports it to the Senate or has been discharged from  
6           its consideration (even though a previous motion to  
7           the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to  
8           proceed to the consideration of qualifying legislation,  
9           and all points of order against qualifying legislation  
10          (and against consideration of the qualifying legisla-  
11          tion) are waived. The motion to proceed is not de-  
12          batable and shall be subject to a 60-vote affirmative  
13          threshold for adoption. The motion is not subject to  
14          a motion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the  
15          vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed  
16          to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to  
17          the consideration of the qualifying legislation is  
18          agreed to, the qualifying legislation shall remain the  
19          unfinished business until disposed of.

20          (4) DEBATE.—Debate on qualifying legislation,  
21          and on all debatable motions and appeals in connec-  
22          tion therewith, shall be limited to not more than 10  
23          hours, which shall be divided equally between the  
24          Majority and Minority Leaders or their designees. A  
25          motion to further limit debate is in order and not

1       debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to post-  
2       pone, or a motion to proceed to the consideration of  
3       other business, or a motion to recommit the quali-  
4       fying legislation is not in order.

5           (5) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage  
6       shall occur immediately following the conclusion of  
7       the debate on the qualifying legislation and a single  
8       quorum call at the conclusion of the debate, if re-  
9       quested in accordance with the rules of the Senate.

10          (6) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—  
11       Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to  
12       the application of the rules of the Senate, as the  
13       case may be, to the procedure relating to qualifying  
14       legislation shall be decided without debate.

15          (7) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGES.—De-  
16       bate in the Senate of any veto message with respect  
17       to qualifying legislation, including all debatable mo-  
18       tions and appeals in connection with such qualifying  
19       legislation, shall be limited to 10 hours, to be equally  
20       divided between, and controlled by, the majority  
21       leader and the Minority Leader or their designees.

22          (f) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE OF  
23       REPRESENTATIVES.—

24           (1) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER  
25       HOUSE.—If, before the passage by one House of



1 qualifying legislation of that House, that House re-  
2 ceives qualifying legislation from the other House,  
3 then the following procedures shall apply:

4 (A) The qualifying legislation of the other  
5 House shall not be referred to a committee.

6 (B) With respect to qualifying legislation  
7 of the House receiving the legislation—

8 (i) the procedure in that House shall  
9 be the same as if no qualifying legislation  
10 had been received from the other House;  
11 but

12 (ii) the vote on passage shall be on  
13 the qualifying legislation of the other  
14 House.

15 (2) TREATMENT OF A BILL OF OTHER  
16 HOUSE.—If one House fails to introduce qualifying  
17 legislation under this section, the qualifying legisla-  
18 tion of the other House shall be entitled to expedited  
19 floor procedures under this section.

20 (3) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES.—  
21 If, following passage of the qualifying legislation in  
22 the Senate, the Senate then receives a companion  
23 measure from the House of Representatives, the  
24 companion measure shall not be debatable.

1           (4) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEASURES.—  
2           The provisions of this subsection shall not apply in  
3           the House of Representatives to qualifying legisla-  
4           tion which is a revenue measure.

5           (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           (1) FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—The  
7           term “foreign terrorist organization” means an or-  
8           ganization designated as a foreign terrorist organiza-  
9           tion under section 219 of the Immigration and Na-  
10          tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

11          (2) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly” has  
12          the meaning given that term in section 14 of the  
13          Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172;  
14          50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

15 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

16          In this Act:

17          (1) JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION;  
18          JCPOA.—The term “Joint Comprehensive Plan of  
19          Action” or “JCPOA” means the Joint Comprehen-  
20          sive Plan of Action signed at Vienna on July 14,  
21          2015, by Iran and by France, Germany, the Russian  
22          Federation, the People’s Republic of China, the  
23          United Kingdom, and the United States, and all im-  
24          plementing materials and agreements related to the  
25          Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

1           (2) IMPLEMENTATION DAY.—The term “Imple-  
2           mentation Day” has the meaning given that term by  
3           the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

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