

The notion that because there is money for Israel in the appropriation you have to vote for it or you will hurt the cause of Israel is simply flatly historically nonsensical because the money for Israel will be there. That is an example. Bringing that resolution up unamended, trying to use Israel as kind of a cat's paw to get an appropriations bill through, those are wrong.

I want to support Israel as I have all my life. I want to continue to see Israel get the kind of support it deserves from America. Part of that support is in honest assessment. And that honest assessment says Israel has a right to self-defense. It has a right to say no deal for a second state unless we have a reliable partner who means it, unless we will get secure boundaries, unless we will get other things we need. But to not let Israel understand that the policy recently adopted by Likud will in the long term cause them, maybe not in such a long term, the same kind of problems they encountered under Prime Minister Shamir and President Bush, I think that is doing them a disservice.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. ISSA. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I think that tonight two friends of Israel, two people who in fact do support and will continue to support all the legitimate needs of Israel coming to the floor, and I know the gentleman does not come to the floor very often. This is a very unusual appearance. I think what the gentleman is doing is he is sending the message that has to be sent, not just to the men and women of Israel who may hear or read about this, but also to the American Jewish community who does not always understand that it is not Israel right or wrong. It is Israel's survival protected, while at the same time our money has to have some suggestions to it.

Mr. FRANK. Let me say as a member myself of the American Jewish community, I understand there are people who may think that I am Jewish. I represent a significant number of Jewish people. I believe that people in the American Jewish community do understand that.

Yes, those of us who are Jewish are emotionally attached to Israel. I was 5 years old when World War II ended, so I was not conscious myself of the Holocaust as it was happening; but obviously I was raised by parents who lived through it and uncles and aunts and others. And the horror of the Holocaust and then the shock of living through this and knowing what was happening to people just because they shared that with you, that is deeply searing. So we have this emotional commitment.

Over and above that, I believe that the American Jewish community is proud of Israel, proud of its democracy, proud of its economic achievement. We are proud of the Israel that is, not of the Israel that becomes the tool of other people's domestic politics.

So I really believe in speaking out this way I am speaking a position that I think is largely supported by Israel's truest defenders, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

We are for an Israel that represents the best in the Jewish traditions as we see it. We support Israel as Americans which carries out those values that America expresses support for in the world and that has been cooperative. I come here tonight very much because I am afraid that maybe from some good motives, maybe from some partisan motives, some people are giving Israel bad advice. And the worst thing you can do is sit by quietly and let a good friend get bad advice.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. ISSA. Once again, I want to thank the gentleman for giving that good advice.

The gentleman and I often vote differently, but we discuss that there are at least two ways to look at every single bill that comes to the floor. And I think that this is a good example that rather than the way we did it with the vote from Israel where it came to the floor as though there was only one opinion, the gentleman has said let us look at some additional ideas.

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for making that point. Obviously, we all cannot take an hour. But it seems clear how much better it would have been for the United States, for Israel, for the cause of an ultimate peace in the Middle East if the discussion that we are having now could have been had a couple weeks ago.

I would plead with the leadership of the House do not put us again in the position where we have this inadequate up or down vote on these complicated subjects. We are not all that busy. This is our main job. We could have taken a few more hours. I think if we had the kind of discussion on the floor of the House that we are able to have today, there would be a better understanding everywhere of what America's position is.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. DEUTSCH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. KANJORSKI (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. MASCARA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and May 21 on account of personal reasons.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of official business.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mrs. EMERSON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. FLAKE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GUTKNECHT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes, May 21.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, May 21.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COLLINS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FRANK. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6901. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Revision to Container and Pack Requirements [Docket No. FV02-925-2 IFR] received April 29, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.