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Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 12, 2018
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 12, 2018
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 12, 2018
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 12, 2018
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 13, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 14, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 14, 2018
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Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 20, 2018
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 20, 2018
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Apr 9, 2018
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 18, 2018
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 25, 2018
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		May 7, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 7, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 8, 2018
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		May 8, 2018
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		May 8, 2018
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 8, 2018
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		May 8, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 8, 2018
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 9, 2018
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Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 10, 2018
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Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 14, 2018
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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 14, 2018
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 14, 2018
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		May 16, 2018
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 17, 2018
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 21, 2018
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Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jun 19, 2018
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Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 25, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 27, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jun 28, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 16, 2018
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 26, 2018
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 30, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 3, 2018
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 3, 2018
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 17, 2018
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 3, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5141	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
115 S 2504	Related bill	Mar 6, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
115 HR 5117	Related bill	Feb 27, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
115 HR 1159	Related bill	Dec 21, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2018)

United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2018

This bill extends security assistance to Israel. Specifically, it extends:

- foreign military financing assistance to Israel through FY2028,
- loan guarantees through FY2023, and
- authority for the war reserves stockpile through FY2023.

The President may:

- enter into a cooperative agreement with Israel for research and joint production of anti-drone defense articles;
- conduct a joint assessment with Israel regarding which precision guided munitions Israel needs in a sustained armed confrontation with Hezbollah, Hamas, or other groups; and
- transfer precision guided munitions and defense articles to such stockpile.

The bill directs the Department of Defense to provide for the rapid acquisition and deployment of precision guided munitions for U.S. counterterrorism missions or to assist an ally under missile threat from a terrorist organization or a country that supports international terrorism.

The President shall report to Congress describing the steps taken to include Israel in the list of countries eligible for the strategic trade authorization exception. Such exception allows a controlled item to be exported without a transaction-specific license.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall continue to work with the Israel Space Agency to pursue peaceful space exploration and science initiatives.

The bill also requires the periodic reports on Israel's qualitative military edge to include information about Israel's ability to defend itself from regional state and non-state actors and from drone, cyber, and asymmetric threats.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 12, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 12, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8145-8150)
- **Sep 12, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2497.
- **Sep 12, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8145-8146)
- **Sep 12, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8145-8146)
- **Sep 12, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 12, 2018:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Aug 3, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 3, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.
- **Aug 2, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 1, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5567-5572)
- **Aug 1, 2018:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 1, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text: CR S5570-5572)
- **Aug 1, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S5570-5572)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 519.
- **Jul 10, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 5, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.