

## HR 336

### Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics. (Feb 12, 2019)

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Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Apr 10, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 8, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 52	Related bill	Mar 11, 2020: Committee on Foreign Relations. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-241.
116 HR 31	Related bill	Jun 3, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 107.
116 S 28	Related bill	Jan 8, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 4.

## Summary (as of Jan 8, 2019)

### Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act of 2019

This bill authorizes assistance and weapons transfers to Israel, and extends defense cooperation with Jordan. It establishes additional sanctions related to the conflict in Syria, and allows states to divest from entities boycotting Israel.

#### *Illeana Ros-Lehtinen United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2019*

The bill reauthorizes through FY2028 Foreign Military Financing to Israel. It extends loan guarantees to Israel through FY2023, and authorizes the President to transfer precision-guided munitions to the country.

The bill directs the President to report on steps taken to help Israel secure a strategic trade authorization exception.

#### *United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Extension Act*

The bill extends through 2022 arrangements that allow certain defense articles to be transferred to Jordan on an expedited basis. The bill also directs the President to submit a report to Congress assessing the costs and benefits of establishing a fund to support private investment in Jordan.

#### *Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019*

The bill directs the Department of the Treasury to determine whether the Central Bank of Syria is a primary money-laundering concern and, if so, impose special measures on transactions involving the bank. The bill also imposes sanctions on individuals providing support for the Syrian government.

#### *Combating BDS Act of 2019*

The bill allows a state or local government to adopt measures to divest its assets from entities using boycotts, divestments, or sanctions to influence Israel's policies. Such measures shall meet various requirements, including those related to written notice and comment.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Science, Space, and Technology, and Armed Services, 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.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.