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H. R. 2986

To prohibit assistance to Saudi Arabia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2007

Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial 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

A BILL

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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 “Prohibit Aid to Saudi
5 Arabia Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) More than 50 percent of the funding for
9 Hammas, a Palestinian terrorist organization, comes
10 from Saudi Arabia.

1 (2) In its June 2004 report entitled “Update on
2 the Global Campaign Against Terrorist Financing”,
3 the Council on Foreign Relations reported that “We
4 find it regrettable and unacceptable that since Sep-
5 tember 11, 2001, we know of not a single Saudi
6 donor of funds to terrorist groups who has been
7 publicly punished.”.

8 (3) Abu Zubaydah, an al Qaeda operative, ad-
9 mitted to his American interrogators that al Qaeda
10 had struck a deal with the Saudi Royal Family to
11 desist from violence in exchange for Saudi financing.

12 (4) On May 29, 2004, Saudi security forces al-
13 lowed 16 kidnappers to escape at a residential com-
14 pound in Khobar, Saudi Arabia, after killing 16
15 westerners.

16 (5) Al Qaeda terrorists who kidnapped and
17 killed American contractor Paul Johnson used offi-
18 cial police uniforms and vehicles received from sym-
19 pathetic Saudi police officials.

20 (6) Saudi Arabia denied United States officials
21 access to several suspects in the custody of the Gov-
22 ernment of Saudi Arabia, including a Saudi Arabian
23 citizen in detention for months who had knowledge
24 of extensive plans to inject poison gas in the New
25 York City subway system.

1 (7) The Saudi Royal Family has provided cash
2 payments in the amount of \$5,333 to each family of
3 “martyrs” killed while trying to murder Israelis.

4 (8) Saudi Arabia is the center of Wahhabism,
5 the ultra-purist, jihadist form of Islam followed by
6 members of Al Qaeda.

7 (9) In November 2004, 26 leading Saudi
8 Wahhabi clerics publicly incited the Iraqi people to
9 fight against United States Armed Forces in Iraq.

10 (10) The Saudi Royal Family has wholly or
11 partly funded 210 Islamic Centers, 1,500 mosques,
12 202 colleges, and 2,000 schools in countries without
13 Muslim majorities.

14 (11) The United States Commission on Inter-
15 national Religious Freedom has reported that Saudi
16 Arabian Government-funded textbooks used both in
17 Saudi Arabia and also in North American Islamic
18 schools and mosques have been found to encourage
19 incitement to violence against non-Muslims.

20 (12) Khaled bin Ouda bin Mohammed al-
21 Harby, the terrorist who is linked to Osama bin
22 Laden and the terrorist attacks against the United
23 States that occurred on September 11, 2001, re-
24 turned to Saudi Arabia under an amnesty program

1 in June 2004, and remains in that country, a free
2 man.

3 (13) In March 2004, a group of Saudi reform-
4 ers calling for a constitutional monarchy were im-
5 prisoned and are still awaiting trial.

6 (14) In September 2004, the Government of
7 Saudi Arabia issued an edict banning most working
8 Saudis from questioning the policies of the Saudi
9 Arabian Government.

10 (15) The Government of Saudi Arabia has
11 sought to acquire nuclear weaponry from Pakistan.

12 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR SAUDI ARABIA.**

13 No funds appropriated or otherwise made available
14 pursuant to an Act making appropriations for foreign op-
15 erations, export financing, and related programs may be
16 obligated or expended to finance directly any assistance
17 or reparations to Saudi Arabia. For purposes of the pre-
18 ceding sentence, the prohibition on obligations or expendi-
19 tures shall include direct loans, credits, insurance, and
20 guarantees of the Export-Import Bank of the United
21 States or its agents.

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