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HCR 6 – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION *6*

A RESOLUTION urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.

SPONSORS: Rep. Poulin, Coos 3

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This resolution urges the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three

A RESOLUTION urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.

Whereas, the unsettled situation in the land where the Prince of Peace was born has been the cause of extreme expense and trouble for the United States and the world; and

Whereas, there can be no lasting peace or justice until the harsh occupation by Israel ends and the Palestinians have a free and independent state; and

Whereas, this conflict has the potential of igniting World War III; and

Whereas, Jerusalem is sacred to the 3 major monotheistic religions and history has demonstrated that if it is under the control of one religion, the others have not had free access to the place of peace; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the Palestinians should have a free and independent state; and

That Jerusalem should be placed under international control; and

That copies of this resolution, signed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house, be forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the United States and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Speakers

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Bill # HCR6 Date 3/4/03

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Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HCR 6

BILL TITLE: urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.

DATE: January 28, 2003

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:15am

Time Adjourned: 11:16am

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Committee Members: Reps. Coughlin, Guay, D. Fields, Priestley, Albert, Balcom, Lessard, Marple, Easson, Hawkins, Headd, Kenney, Kerns, McCann, McElroy, McDonough-Wallace, Heon, Batchelder, Shaw, P. Sullivan and Sweeney.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Poulin

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

The hearing was opened by Chairman Pamela D. Coughlin. She announced that the sponsor was unable to appear and requested a recess. Hearing recessed until Marh 04, 2003 at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela D. Coughlin

Pamela D. Coughlin, Chairman

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HCR6

BILL TITLE: **urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.**

DATE: 1-28-03

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:15

Time Adjourned: 11:16

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Opened at 11:15 am

Chairman announced that the sponsor unable to appear and requested a recess.

Recessed to 3/4/03 at 11:30 am.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HCR 6

BILL TITLE: urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.

DATE: March 04, 2003

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:35am

Time Adjourned: 11:37am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Coughlin, Guay, D. Fields, Priestley, Albert, Balcom, Lessard, Marple, Fasson, Hawkins, Headd, Kenney, Kerns, McCann, McElroy, McDonough-Wallace, Heon, Batchelder, Shaw, P. Sullivan and Sweeney

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Poulin

TESTIMONY

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* Rep. Poulin, prime sponsor, submitted letter to the committee to withdraw the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Fields, Clerk

Testimony

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March 2, 2003

State- Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs
Legislative Office Building, Room 306
Concord, NH 03301

Subject: HCR 6

Dear Chairwoman Coughlin,

In an earlier conversation, I remarked that there are days you wake up, look in the mirror and the mirror says " What were you thinking ?".

That day came. Therefore, I am withdrawing HCR 6.

I had introduced the Resolution for a friend , a constituent. The wording was his in entirety. Due to lack of balance , I couldn't support it as is, but believed the hearing process would lead to a useful revised version.

It's now very clear that this resolution will generate, the clichéd, more heat than light.

Perhaps, the future holds a resolution crafted by all the interests. The constituent in question is agreeable to that, and ,in fact, understood and accepted the withdrawal graciously. Additionally, I received many communications ,as I'm sure you did. My Rolodex runneth over.

I, now, have many contacts to work with.

Dick Poulin

Rep. Richard Poulin, Coos 03

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March 4

10:30 AM

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State/Federal Relations Committee
306 LOB [redacted]

Re: HCR 6

Sponsor shows a bias,against recognizing that the United State (s),has been the prime sponsor,of the reasons why the "conflicts" in the Mid-east,with special attention to Israel,show a need for this resolution. Long ago,Thomas Jefferson,enunciated a premise,for a peaceful world,as: " Free trade and friendly relations with all nations,entangling alliances with None."
Since the United State(s) started violating that premise,the number of "conflicts" wherein the United State(s),has had to interfere,has multiplied (like rabbits),due solely to its intial interference,in the first place.

The call for a Palestinian State,is part and parcel of this interference,by the United State(s). A Palestinian State,may defuse part of the need for enhanced conflict,but will do nothing for the terrorist impulse,to destroy lives and property,in some nebulous agenda for a narrow-minded,secular or religious STATE.

I will fully approve of the resolution,given the caveats above.

For Liberty,

Howard L. Wilson

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Ira L. Korinow, *Rabbi*
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Joan F. Nagler, *Executive Director*
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A TRADITIONALLY ORIENTED REFORM CONGREGATION

February 24, 2003

Representative Richard L. Poulin
95 Main Street
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Dear Representative Poulin,

Although I live just over the border in Massachusetts, many members of my congregation live in New Hampshire and they have brought to my attention House Concurrent Resolution 6, a resolution urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state. While I and many Jewish American leaders support the establishment of a Palestinian state, the resolution which you are sponsoring contains many mistruths about the situation in Israel today and, in fact, is quite offensive to many in the Jewish community and to all who are concerned about the survival and well-being of the State of Israel.

While calling the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip "harsh" may be contentious and debatable, the fact is that the current occupation of the territories by Israel was precipitated by the violence and murders caused by suicide bombers against innocent men, women and children in the streets, markets and cafés of Israel itself. All democratically elected governments of Israel over the past decade, indeed over the past fifty five years, have demonstrated Israel's readiness to make peace with neighbors who are willing to do away with violence and who recognize Israel's right to exist within safe and secure borders to be determined somewhere along the lines of the 1949 armistice, now known as the "Green Line." Your resolution makes no reference to Israel's signing a peace treaty with two former enemies, Egypt and Jordan, nor does the resolution recognize the willingness of Israel to turn control of the disputed territories over to the Palestinians as they did during the various phases of the Oslo Accords signed by the late Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin of Israel and Chairman Arafat of the Palestinians in 1993. Furthermore, House Concurrent Resolution 6 does not even recognize the need to condemn the continued violence perpetrated by terrorist groups which threaten not only the lives of Israelis on a daily basis but which also threaten Americans and American interests around the world.

House Concurrent Resolution 6 states that history has demonstrated that if Jerusalem is under the control of one religion, the other religions have not had free access to their holy places. Nothing could be further from the truth! Between 1948 and 1967, while Jerusalem was divided between Jordan and Israel, the Jewish people were denied access to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. Since the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 when the city came under Israeli control, all people have had access to all of the religious sites of the three western religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. I have taken many groups to Israel and have seen Christians praying in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, visiting the Garden of Gethsemane and walking "the way of the cross" along the Via Dolorosa. I have seen and heard Moslems gathering for daily prayer on the Temple Mount, a site which is holy to both Jews and Moslems but which Israel has given authority for the Moslem clerics to control. In fact, the only people who do not have full access to their religious holy sites are Jews who currently are forbidden to visit the Temple Mount because of the political unrest! The holy sites of Jerusalem have never been more accessible

than they have been during the last thirty five years under Israeli rule. Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are unable to enter Jerusalem not because of any religious bigotry as your resolution implies, but because of the violence that continues to exist. When the violence against Israeli citizens cease, those Palestinians who live in the territories will once again gain entry into Jerusalem as they had during the years prior to the current unrest. The State of Israel has consistently made all holy sites accessible to everyone.

Finally, the words by which House Concurrent Resolution 6 begins, "in the Year of Our Lord...," are exclusive in that there are many non-Christians living in New Hampshire. These words may in fact violate the Establishment Clause of the First Ammendment to the U.S. Constitution. This exclusion is reinforced when Israel is described as "the land where the Prince of Peace was born." When reading a resolution which is blatantly one-sided and anti-Israel, please understand that one senses an underlying sentiment of anti-Semitism in these words, even if it was not your intention to convey such repugnance.

House Concurrent Resolution 6 is an assault on two values which help make America the great country that it is: democracy and truth. The resolution is filled with lies apparently put forth by a constituency favoring historical revisionism. It does not recognize the terrorism faced by Israel, a thriving democracy, in a hostile environment. It does not recognize Israel's right to protect the security of its citizens. In short, House Concurrent Resolution 6 is an insult to the values of our great country.

Sincerely,

Ira L. Korinow
Rabbi

cc: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee

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JOSEPH FARAH
BETWEEN THE LINES



An unconventional Arab viewpoint

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Editor's note: The following column is adapted from remarks made by Joseph Farah at a Christian Coalition symposium on Islam Feb. 15 in Washington, D.C., and subsequently broadcast twice on C-SPAN. Hundreds of C-SPAN viewers have written requesting transcripts of the speech. This is an abbreviated version of the talk.

By Joseph Farah

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I've been really bugged, especially since Sept. 11, 2001, by all the self-proclaimed Arab-American and Muslim-American spokesmen I see on the talking-head shows.

What bugs me is the way they show no appreciation for just how tolerant and open-minded and non-judgmental the American people really are toward them and the Arab and Muslim world. Americans are so good, so fair and so understanding. They are anything but quick to generalize and stereotype ? even when doing so would clearly be in their best interest.

Over a two-day period this week, I had to take nine different airline flights and go through nine different airport security checkpoints.

Not once during that two-day period did I ever get a second glance from any security person. Not once was I subject to any extra checks.

Now, I am an Arab-American. I have an Arab face and an Arab name. But I didn't get a second look. Meanwhile, I saw young mothers with little babies struggling to make it through extra security. I saw little old grandmothers facing the indignities of extra checks.

And all the while, the Muslim-American lobbies and the Arab-American anti-discrimination groups are denouncing this country for being racist and for profiling.

It's just not true.

Worse yet, there is every common-sense reason for it to be so.

The threat of terrorism in the United States does come largely, if not exclusively, from Arabs and from Muslims. We ignore that fact at our own peril.

When I fly to the Middle East, I often fly El Al. In fact, it is my preferred carrier. Why? Because it has great security. I know, because of my name and my Arabic ancestry, I'm going to have my bags searched more scrupulously than the average American.

Do I mind?

Absolutely not. In fact, I am grateful. Because I know these security people are not only protecting the other passengers, they are protecting me.

It only makes sense to do this kind of profiling ? especially when we are in a war where our very way of life is at stake.

For those of you who have not read my writings on the Middle East and the Islamic-West conflicts, I don't think these battles are over misunderstandings.

I don't believe they are the result of a failure to communicate.

I don't believe they are caused by an inability to compromise.

I believe they are caused by evil people doing evil things, pure and simple.

I come at this issue of the Middle East a little bit differently than just about anyone else. I'm an Arab-American Christian journalist. I've arrived at my conclusions largely through first-hand experience covering the Mideast on the ground.

Throughout my 25-year career as a daily newspaperman, I've had two principal beats ? Hollywood and the Middle East. You might wonder what these two beats have in common.

The common denominator is that they both deal in the realm of unreality. They both rely on myths. In fact, the imagination of the Arabs in crafting fables, reinventing history and fictionalizing facts would make Oliver Stone blush. And it is those myths of the Middle East that I want to address today in the short time we have.

What is this debate all about? What are the real roots of this conflict?

If you believe what you read in most news sources, Palestinians want a homeland and Muslims want control over sites they consider holy. Simple, right?

Wrong. In fact, these two demands are nothing more than strategic deceptions ? propaganda ploys. They are nothing more than phony excuses and rationalizations for the terrorism and the murdering of Jews. The real goal of those making these demands is the destruction of the state of Israel.

The proof of the pudding is that prior to the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, there was no serious movement for a Palestinian homeland. Why?

In 1967, during the Six-Day War, the Israelis captured Judea, Samaria and East Jerusalem. But they didn't capture these territories from Yasser Arafat. They captured them from Jordan's King Hussein. Why did the so-called Palestinians suddenly discover their national identity after Israel won the war. Why wasn't there a demand for a Palestinian homeland before?

The truth is that Palestine is no more real than Never-Never Land. The first time the name was used was after 70 A.D. when the Romans committed genocide against the Jews, smashed the Temple and declared the land of Israel would be no more. From then on, the Romans promised, it would be known as Palestine. The name was derived, we think, from the Philistines, a people conquered by the Jews centuries earlier.

Contrary to what Yasser Arafat will tell you, the Philistines were extinct by that time. Arafat likes to pretend his people are the descendants of the Philistines. Actually, the name was simply a way for the Romans to add insult to injury to the Jews ? not only were they annihilated, but their land was renamed after people they had conquered.

Palestine has never existed ? before or since ? as a nation state. It was ruled alternately by Rome, by Islamic and Christian crusaders, by the Ottoman Empire and, briefly, by the British after World War I. The British agreed to restore at least part of the land to the Jewish people as their homeland. Who rejected that idea? The Arabs. The Jews could have no place in the Mideast. None. Zero. Zip. Nada.

Now, at least to Western audiences, Arafat and some other so-called "moderate" Arab leaders will tell you that it's OK for the Jews to have their homeland, too ? side-by-side with the Arabs. Why wasn't it OK in 1948?

There is no language known as Palestinian. There is no distinct Palestinian culture. There has never been a land known as Palestine governed by Palestinians. Palestinians are Arabs, indistinguishable from Jordanians, Syrians, Lebanese, Iraqis, etc. Keep in mind that the Arabs control 99.9 percent of the Middle East lands. Israel represents one-tenth of 1 percent of the landmass.

But that's too much for the Arabs. They want it all. And that is ultimately what the fighting in Israel is about today. No matter how many land concessions the Israelis make, it will never be enough.

Arafat himself explained the ploy of negotiations with Israel in a 1994 speech in South Africa ? in English. He's explained it in Arabic dozens of times.

First we create our own state, then we use that state to liberate all of Palestine. That's the goal. It's always been the goal.

Arafat and his supporters will tell you the reason a Palestinian Arab state is needed is because Arabs were forcibly removed from their property in the 1948 war. But listen to what the Arabs were saying about the refugee issue after that war.

- "The fact that there are these refugees is the direct consequence of the act of the Arab states in opposing partition and the Jewish state. The Arab states agree upon this policy unanimously and they must share in the solution of the problem."
  ? Emile Ghoury, secretary of the Palestinian Arab Higher Committee, in an interview with the Beirut Telegraph Sept. 6, 1948.
- "The Arab state which had encouraged the Palestine Arabs to leave their homes temporarily in order to be out of the way of the Arab invasion armies, have failed to keep their promise to help these refugees."
  ? The Jordanian daily newspaper Falastin, Feb. 19, 1949.
- "Who brought the Palestinians to Lebanon as refugees, suffering now from the malign attitude of newspapers and communal leaders, who have neither honor nor conscience? Who brought them over in dire straits and penniless, after they lost their honor? The Arab states, and Lebanon amongst them, did it."
  ? The Beirut Muslim weekly Kul-Shay, Aug. 19, 1951.
- "The 15th May, 1948, arrived ... On that day the mufti of Jerusalem appealed to the Arabs of

Palestine to leave the country, because the Arab armies were about to enter and fight in their stead."
? The Cairo daily Akhbar el Yom, Oct. 12, 1963.

- "For the flight and fall of the other villages it is our leaders who are responsible because of their dissemination of rumors exaggerating Jewish crimes and describing them as atrocities in order to inflame the Arabs ... By spreading rumors of Jewish atrocities, killings of women and children etc., they instilled fear and terror in the hearts of the Arabs in Palestine, until they fled leaving their homes and properties to the enemy."
? The Jordanian daily newspaper Al Urdun, April 9, 1953.

I could go on and on with this forgotten ? or deliberately obscured ? history. But you get the point. There was no Jewish conspiracy to chase Arabs out of their homes in 1948. It never happened. There are, instead, plenty of historical records showing the Jews pleading with their Arab neighbors to stay and live in peace and harmony. Yet, despite the clear, unambiguous words of the Arab observers at the time, history has been successfully rewritten to turn the Jews into the bad guys.

The Arab states that initiated the hostilities have never accepted responsibility ? despite their enormous wealth and their ability to assimilate tens of millions of refugees in their largely under-populated nations. And other states have failed to hold them accountable.

Today, of course, this cruel charade continues. The suffering of millions of Arabs is perpetuated only for political purposes by the Arab states. They are merely pawns in the war to destroy Israel.

There were some 100 million refugees around the world following World War II. The Palestinian Arab group is the only one in the world not absorbed or integrated into their own people's lands. Since then, millions of Jewish refugees from around the world have been absorbed in the tiny nation of Israel.

It makes no sense to expect that same tiny Jewish state to solve a refugee crisis it did not create.

Do you think the Arabs really care about the plight of their refugees? I would submit to you that Israel, of all the Middle East states, has treated the Arab refugees with more fairness and more compassion.

Let me give you an example of what I'm talking about:

The Jordan Times reports that "Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, who have long been denied many civil rights including the right to work, now face a new obstacle in their precarious lives."

Under a bill introduced by parliament last year, Palestinian Arabs will be deprived of their right to own property. Those who already own property will not be able to pass it on to their children.

Now just imagine if Israel passed such a law? Can you imagine the international outcry? What would the United Nations have to say about this? How would the media establishment in the West view such a draconian ploy?

Yet, this is happening in an Arab country virtually without comment ? except here.

And take a look at the transparent rationale for this action in Lebanon, as described in the Jordan Times: "The Lebanese parliament passed the law on the grounds that it wants to protect the right of the Palestinian refugees to return eventually to their homes which they fled after the creation of the state of Israel on Palestinian lands in 1948."

Don't you love that? "We are protecting your rights by denying your rights."

While Israel has bent over backwards to accommodate the Palestinian Arabs ? especially those victimized by the 1948 war ? the Arab nations have only sought to exploit their misery. That exploitation continues today. It is overt. It is a matter of law. Yet the world sees it not.

Ever since I wrote a column in October 2000 called "Myths of the Middle East," readers from around the world have asked me what is meant by the term "Palestinian."

The simple answer is that it means whatever Yasser Arafat wants it to mean.

Arafat himself was born in Egypt. He later moved to Jerusalem. Indeed, most of the Arabs living within the borders of Israel today have come from some other Arab country at some time in their life.

Arabs continue to flock into Israel today. They continue to move into the Palestinian Authority. They immigrated there even before it left Israeli control.

The Arabs have built 261 settlements in the West Bank since 1967. We don't hear much about those settlements. We hear instead about the number of Jewish settlements that have been created. We hear how destabilizing they are ? how provocative they are. Yet, by comparison, only 144 Jewish settlements have been built since 1967 ? including those surrounding Jerusalem, in the West Bank and in Gaza.

Is this a new phenomenon? Absolutely not. This has always been the case. Arabs have been flocking to Israel and its environs ever since it was created and even before, coinciding with the wave of Jewish immigration into Palestine prior to 1948.

Winston Churchill said in 1939: "So far from being persecuted, the Arabs have crowded into the country and multiplied till their population has increased more than even all world Jewry could lift up the Jewish population."

And that raises a question I never hear anyone ask: If Israel's policies make life so intolerable for Arabs, why do they continue to flock to the Jewish state?

This is an important question as we see the Palestinian debate now shift to the issue of "the right of return."

According to the most liberal claims by Arab sources, some 600,000 to 700,000 Arabs left Israel in and around 1948 when the Jewish state was created. Most were not forced out by Jews, but rather left at the urging of Arab leaders who had declared war on Israel.

Yet, there are far more Arabs living in these territories now than ever before. And many of those who left in 1948 and thereafter actually had roots in other Arab nations.

This is why it is so difficult to define the term "Palestinian." It always has been. What does it mean? Who is a "Palestinian"? Is it someone who came to work in Palestine because of a bustling economy and job opportunities? Is it someone who lived in the region for two years? Five years? Ten years? Is it someone who once visited the area? Is it any Arab who wants to live in the area?

Though Arabs outnumber Jews in the Middle East by a factor of about 100 to one, the Arab population of Palestine was historically extremely low ? prior to the Jews' renewed interest in the area beginning in the early 1900s.

For instance, a travel guide to Palestine and Syria, published in 1906 by Karl Baedeker, illustrates the fact that, even when the Islamic Ottoman Empire ruled the region, the Muslim population in Jerusalem was minimal.

The book estimates the total population of the city at 60,000, of whom 7,000 were Muslims, 13,000 were Christians and 40,000 were Jews.

"The number of Jews has greatly risen in the last few decades, in spite of the fact that they are forbidden to immigrate or to possess landed property," the book states.

Even though the Jews were persecuted, still they came to Jerusalem and represented the overwhelming majority of the population as early as 1906.

Why was the Muslim population so low? After all, we're told that Jerusalem is the third holiest city in Islam. Surely, if this were a widely held belief in 1906, more of the devout would have settled there.

The truth is that the Jewish presence in Jerusalem and throughout the Holy Land persisted throughout its bloody history, as is documented in Joan Peters' milestone history on the origins of the Arab-Jewish conflict in the region, "From Time Immemorial."

It is also true that the Arab population increased following Jewish immigration into the region. The Arabs came because of economic activity. And, believe it or not, they came because there was more freedom and more opportunity in Israel than in their own homelands.

It's time to inject the component of freedom into the discussion. In recent years Freedom House, the human-rights organization that monitors the way the nations of the world treat their own citizens, has found a there's a big trend worldwide away from totalitarianism and authoritarianism and toward freedom ? except in the Arab world.

There are 22 Arab states ? all varying degrees of police states. If the U.S. continues pushing for a Palestinian state under the leadership of Yasser Arafat, there will be 23.

Let's hope and pray that this administration is beginning to get it. There are some strong indications that is the case. The impending Iraq campaign could represent a watershed event in the history of the Middle East.

Imagine a free Iraq.

Imagine a free Afghanistan.

Imagine a free Iran.

Imagine a free Lebanon.

It could happen. If we set out goals high and we act responsibly and we are courageous and steadfast in waging this war on terrorism ? this war we did not start ? it could happen.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Representative Pamela Coughlin, Chairman**
State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

FROM: **Ann FitzGerald**
Committee Researcher

DATE: **March 3, 2003**

SUBJ: **HCR 6, Urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state**

You requested a legislative history of similar legislation pertaining to **HCR 6. Urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.**

The State-Federal Relations committee heard HCR 4, Relative to a free and independent Palestinian state in 1989. The bill was voted ITL by the committee 17-0. The bill text and docket are attached and the committee report is listed below.

The State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs committee held a public hearing on *HCR 23, Urging Congress to provide relief for the Palestinian Christians by direct aid or by negotiation with the government of Israel.* in 1998. The bill was voted ITL by a 12-0 vote. Both the bill text and docket are attached. The committee report is listed below.

House Journal, March 7, 1989

HCR 4, Relative to a free and independent Palestinian state.
Inexpedient to Legislate.

The Committee, after hearing considerable testimony from both sides of this issue, feels that the New Hampshire Legislature is not the appropriate forum in which to discuss issues of national foreign policy; such discussions are more appropriate to the national and international forums where, in fact, they are already taking place. Vote 16-0.
Rep. John H. Meserve for State-Federal Relations.

House Journal March 5, 1998

HCR 23, Urging Congress to provide relief for the Palestinian Christians by direct aid or by negotiation with the government of Israel.
Inexpedient to Legislate

While well intentioned, this resolution posed serious difficulties to the committee, particularly in asking that the Congress usurp the role of the executive branch and enter into direct negotiation with a sovereign government. The committee offered to work with the sponsor to correct the language of the resolution but that offer was not accepted. The committee, consequently, votes unanimously ITL. Vote 12-0
Rep. Leighton C. Pratt for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

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3/7/1989	H	ITL REPORT ADOPTED VV; HJ39, P940

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relative to a free and independent Palestinian state.

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Committee	Date	Time	Place	Maj Rpt.	Min Rpt

Sponsors:

(P) Otto H. Oleson (d)

1989 SESSION 1189B

89-1167

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO._____

INTRODUCED BY: Rep. Oleson of Coos Dist. 7

REFERRED TO: State-Federal Relations

A RESOLUTION relative to a free and independent Palestinian state.

ANALYSIS

This house concurrent resolution urges support for a free and independent Palestinian state. The resolution also recognizes that Jerusalem should be internationally controlled to assure full access by the 3 major monotheistic religions.

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relative to a free and independent Palestinian state.

Whereas, the unsettled situation in the land where the Prince of Peace was born has been the cause of extreme expense and trouble for the United States and the world; and

Whereas, there can be no lasting peace or justice until the harsh occupation of Israel ends and the Palestinians have a free and independent state; and

Whereas, this conflict has the potential of igniting World War III; and

Whereas, Jerusalem is sacred to the 3 major monotheistic religions and history has demonstrated that if it is under the control of one religion, the others have not had free access to the place of peace; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the Palestinians should have a free and independent state; and

That Jerusalem should be placed under international control; and

That copies of this resolution, signed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house, be forwarded by them to the President of the

United States, and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

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Bill Title: urging Congress to provide relief for the Palestinian Christians by direct aid or by negotiation with the government of Israel.

Date	Body	Description
1/7/1998	H	INTRODUCED AND REF TO ST-FED REL & VETS; HJ3,P116
1/7/1998	H	COPY TO CHAIRMAN ON 12/16/97 DUE ON 02/20/98
1/7/1998	H	HEARING JAN14 10:30 RM301,LOB FOR: ST-FED
2/12/1998	H	MAJ REPORT ITL FOR MAR05 (VOTE 12-0;CC)
3/5/1998	H	ITL REPORT ADOPTED; HJ21,P1121

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Docket Abbreviations

HCR23

LSR #: 2666 Body: H Local Gov: N Chapter #: Gen Stat: HOUSE

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Status:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE	
Status Date:	Thursday, March 05, 1998	
Current Comm:	STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS	
Comm of Referral:	STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS	
Date Intro:	Wednesday, January 07, 1998	
Due Out of Comm:	Friday, February 20, 1998	
Floor Date:	Thursday, March 05, 1998	
Amended:		

Title:

urging Congress to provide relief for the Palestinian Christians by direct aid or by negotiation with the government of Israel.

Next/Last Hearing Date:

Committee	Date	Time	Place	Maj Rpt.	Min Rpt

Sponsors:

(P) Bernard J. Luebkert (r)

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1998 SESSION

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION *23*

A RESOLUTION urging Congress to provide relief for the Palestinian Christians by direct aid or by negotiation with the government of Israel.

SPONSORS: Rep. Luebkert, Hills 42

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill urges Congress to provide relief for the Palestinian Christians by direct aid or by negotiation with the government of Israel to obtain a means of financial support for the Christian people living and working in the Palestinian region in order to allow those people to remain in their homeland.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight

A RESOLUTION urging Congress to provide relief for the Palestinian Christians by direct aid or by negotiation with the government of Israel.

Whereas, it is the policy of the United States government to foster peace and coexistence among the peoples of the Middle East; and

Whereas, United States policy supports the existence and prosperity of the people of Israel, whether Palestinian or Jewish; and

Whereas, the United States backs up this support with aid to the Israeli government; and

Whereas, the United States backs up this support for the rights of Palestinian peoples with financial aid to help them live in peace among the Jewish people; and

Whereas, the Palestinian population in the holy land of Israel consists of Moslems and a small minority of Christians; and

Whereas, the ability of Palestinian Christians to work in their jobs is lost whenever the Israeli government restricts travel of all Palestinians in response to anti-Semitic attacks by Moslem Palestinians; and

Whereas, the government of Israel has recently banned non-Jews from working as tour guides, formerly a major industry of Christian people in the holy land; and

Whereas, the financial aid which the United States sends to Israel and to Palestinians does not reach the Christian Palestinians because of their minority status among Palestinians; and

Whereas, Christian people of the holy land are being forced to emigrate in large numbers in order to survive, although the Christian peoples and their ancestors have lived in the region peacefully and have lived there as long as any other people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the United States House of Representatives and Senate is urged to provide relief for the Palestinian Christians by direct aid or by negotiation with the government of Israel to obtain a means of financial support for the Christian people living and working in the Palestinian region in order to allow those people to remain in their homeland; and

That copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the senate president, be forwarded by the house clerk to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the New Hampshire Congressional delegation.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HCR 6

BILL TITLE: **urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.**

DATE: March 05, 2003

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Guay

Seconded by Rep. Sullivan

Vote: 11-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 11-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dennis H. Fields, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on ACR6

BILL TITLE: ~~HCR 6~~

DATE: 8/15/03

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. _____ OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

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Sponsor: Rep. _____ OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, (ITL), Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. ~~Sullivan~~ Guay

Seconded by Rep. Sullivan

Vote: 11-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. _____

Seconded by Rep. _____

Vote: _____ (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 11-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dawn M. Hill, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2003 SESSION

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: HCR 6 Title: _____

PH Date: 2/28/2003 Exec Session Date: 3/05/2003

Motion: ITL Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Coughlin, Pamela D, Chairman		
Guay, Lawrence J. V Chairman	/	
Fields, Dennis H	/	
Priestley, Anne K	ABSENT	
Albert, Russell A	/	
Balcom, John L	ABSENT	
Lessard, Rudy	ABSENT	
Marple, Richard	/	
Easson, Timothy E	/	
Hawkins, Ken	/	
Headd, James F	/	
Kenney, Bettie D	/	
Kerns, J Edward		
McCann, Richard A	/	
McElroy, Henry W	/	
Heon, Richard F		
McDonough-Wallace, Alice T		
Shaw, Barbara E		
Sweeney, Cynthia P		
Sullivan, Peter M	/	
Batchelder, Robert C		
	11 YEAS	0 NAYS

TOTAL VOTE:
Printed: 1/6/2003

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs**

BILL NUMBER: **HCR 6**

TITLE: urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.

DATE: March 05, 2003 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

The sponsor of HCR 6 wishes to withdraw the resolution. Accordingly, the committee recommends that the resolution be reported as Inexpedient to Legislate.

Vote 11-0.

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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CONSENT CALENDAR

State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs

HCR 6, urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan for State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs: The sponsor of HCR 6 wishes to withdraw the resolution. Accordingly, the committee recommends that the resolution be reported as Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 11-0.**

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations & Veteran's Affairs

BILL NUMBER: HCR=6

TITLE: Relative a free and independent Palestinian state.

DATE: 2/05/2003 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES ☑ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☐ INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

~~The sponsor of this resolution has requested that the bill be reported as Inexpedient to Legislate. In addition, members of the Committee received extensive correspondence from New Hampshire residents who expressed concerns about potentially divisive language in the resolution.~~

The sponsor of HCR6 wishes to withdraw the resolution. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the resolution be reported as Inexpedient to Legislate.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 11-0

- **Copy to Committee Bill File**
- **Use Another Report for Minority Report**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan
For the Committee

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