

Note: The US wants Iran to stop enriching uranium for its nuclear power needs. In exchange, the US says other countries will supply that uranium to Iran. Should Iran comply with this request, then the US and these other countries will be able to cut off the supply whenever they so wish. Thus, Iran's needs will be at the mercy of the US and other countries. This is exactly the case now with Iran's oil industry. For many years, the US has refused to supply equipment to Iran for repairs and other needs for the production of oil and refining of gasoline.

Local contact:

ACTION

Contact your elected representatives in the House and Senate and urge them to vote NO! on this resolutions.

Call (202) 224-3121 and ask the Capitol Switchboard operator to connect you to the office of your member of Congress.

Or, visit <http://www.congress.org> and enter your zip code to find out who represents you in Congress and their email address.

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CONGRESS PROMOTES WAR ON IRAN

A resolution is making its way through Congress which would require President Bush to pursue a naval blockade of Iran. A blockade would be an act of war and a war crime.



Here is the specific language under the "Resolved" section in the resolution that has many concerned:

(3) demands that the President initiate an

international effort to immediately and dramatically increase the economic, political, and diplomatic pressure on Iran to verifiably suspend its nuclear enrichment activities by, inter alia [among others things], prohibiting the export to Iran of all refined petroleum products; imposing stringent inspection requirements on all persons, vehicles, ships, planes, trains, and cargo entering or departing Iran; and prohibiting the international movement of all Iranian officials not involved in negotiating the suspension of Iran's nuclear program;



A blockade is the only conceivable way to achieve the demands of the resolution.

ISRAEL'S INFLUENCE

The bill was introduced just prior to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Annual Policy Meeting. AIPAC is making cosponsorship by other congresspersons one of their central legislative requests. AIPAC is currently circulating a letter in support of this resolution, H. Con.Res. 362, and a companion resolution in the Senate, S.Res. 580. **As of June 18, the resolution, H. Con.Res. 362 has 169 cosponsors.**

Nancy Pelosi's first act as House Speaker in 2006 was to remove a section from a bill passed by Congress which would have barred the U.S. from going to war with Iran without a congressional vote. Pelosi claimed she did so at the behest of the leadership of Israel and AIPAC.

According to the House leadership, this resolution is going to "pass like a hot knife through butter" before the end of June on what is called suspension - meaning no amendments can be introduced during the 20-minute maximum debate. It also means it is assumed the bill will pass by a 2/3 majority and is noncontroversial. If and when the bill is voted on suspension, there will be a roll call vote. AIPAC will use No votes by any congressperson against them in the November elections.

While Iran has the right to civilian nuclear power, like other countries, the *New York Times* reported Sunday on the possible

consequence if Iran refused the, so called, generous offer to comply with U.S. demands that it stop enriching uranium:



"Officials would not provide details, but analysts suggest those could include a naval embargo of the Persian Gulf or the refusal to supply Western-made technology required for Iran's oil industry, creating bottlenecks in Iran's oil production."