



H.RES. 1069 – Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1069 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Joseph Crowley (D-NY) on April 1, 2008. The resolution was reported, as amended, from the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on July 16, 2008.

H.Res. 1069 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 9, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1069 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Condemns Hamas for using a children's television program to incite hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel; and
- Demands that—
 - Hamas immediately suspend all television programming that incites hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel; and
 - Hamas recognize the State of Israel's right to exist, renounce the use of violence and terrorism as political goals, and accept all past peace agreements with the State of Israel.

BACKGROUND

Al Aqsa TV, a Hamas-run television station, was launched in January 2006 and is operated by Hamas. According to the U.S. Department of State, Hamas, also known as the Islamic Resistance Movement, engages in political and violent acts, including terrorism, "with the goal of establishing an Islamic Palestinian state in place of Israel."

The station's programming includes children's shows, which at times have strong themes of violence toward Israel and the United States. The most controversial children's show on the channel is "Tomorrow's Pioneers," which aired episodes with a Mickey Mouse look-a-like character named "Farfur" that promoted terrorist doctrines to children during 2007. In 2008, Hamas used a Bugs Bunny look-a-like character to deliver Anti-Semitic teachings on the show, and one episode included a segment with a puppet show that depicted the murder of the President of the United States.

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