

Legislative Accomplishments: Iran

- On the Defense Authorization bill, HR 1585, Congressman DeFazio offered an amendment to "add language to clarify that no previous authorization constitutes an authorization to use force against Iran; and make certain that no funds would be used to take military action against Iran in the absence of specific congressional authority or a direct attack." The vote was 136 - 288. 2/3rds of the Members (66%) voted against this amendment including 100 Democrats. Every member from Florida (Democrat and Republican) voted against this amendment.

- Cosponsored
the Iran
Counter-Proliferation Act, H.R. 1400

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The bill would express the sense of Congress that the U.S. should use diplomatic and economic means to resolve the Iranian nuclear problem. It would prohibit the importation of specific goods including Iranian rugs and food items and prohibits the issuance of trade licenses for the exportation of goods to Iran. It would also require the President to report to appropriate committees every 6 months on the progress of his multilateral sanctions.

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RC# 895; passed House 9/25/2007; 397 - 16

- Cosponsored
H.R. 1357 to direct the President to publish in the Federal Register a list of all U.S. and foreign entities that have invested more than \$20 million in Iran's energy sector (including an itemization of individual investments of such entities) between August 5, 1996, and the date of such publication.

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Once the list is compiled, the bill would require that all investors and fund managers are notified that they have investments with entities which are heavily invested in Iran and prohibits any future investments with entities included on the list until the President certifies that Iran has ceased support for international terrorism as well as their nuclear program.

- Cosponsored
the Iran
Sanctions Enhancement Act, H.R. 2880

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This bill would direct the President to impose sanctions if a person has knowingly made an investment of \$20 million or more (or any combination of investments of at least \$5 million which in the aggregate equals or exceeds \$20 million in any 12-month period) that directly and significantly contributed to Iran's ability to develop its petroleum resources; or has provided Iran with refined petroleum resources.