

SENATE No. 575

[Senate, No. 575. — Offered by Senators Furbush and Rudsten.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO GRANT CERTAIN AID TO ISRAEL AND TO IMPLEMENT THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE GUARANTEEING THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL.

Whereas, The governments of the United States, Great Britain and France by a tri-partite declaration have guaranteed the territorial integrity of the State of Israel; and

Whereas, Certain Arabian countries by the acceptance of arms from communist countries have provided the Soviet Union with the opportunities to advance communist influence in the Middle East; and

Whereas, The influx of arms into Arabian countries disturbs the military balance of power in the Middle East, and thereby threatens the peace of the world; and

Whereas, The United States has recently shipped tanks to Saudi Arabia in direct violation of the declared United States policy of discouraging an arms race in the Middle East; and

Whereas, The State of Israel has requested from the State Department of the United States permission to purchase certain arms and supplies in order to meet the threat of certain Arabic counties, which request has not been acted upon, after a period of four months from the time of such request; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts senate respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to take immediate action to insure the discouragement of a potential arms race in the Middle East; that the United States authorize the sale of arms and supplies to Israel in order to provide for the security of Israel and to establish a balance of military power between Israel and the Arab nations; that further shipment of arms to Arab nations be prohibited; and that steps be taken to enforce the provisions of the tri-partite declaration of the United States, Great Britain and France, thereby insuring the territorial integrity of the State of Israel, and that such action be taken as may best promote peace between Israel and the Arab countries and throughout the Middle East; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the secretary of the commonwealth to the President of the United States, to the United States Secretary of State, to the presiding officer of each branch of the Congress of the United States, and to each member thereof from this commonwealth.

SENATE, March 26, 1956.

Adopted.

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Clerk.