

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3397, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1159

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. VEASEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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## A BILL

To provide for continuing cooperation between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Israel Space Agency, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States and  
5 Israel Space Cooperation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1           (1) authorized in 1958, the National Aero-  
2           nautics and Space Administration (NASA) supports  
3           and coordinates United States Government research  
4           in aeronautics, human exploration and operations,  
5           science, and space technology;

6           (2) established in 1983, the Israel Space Agen-  
7           cy (ISA) supports the growth of Israel's space indus-  
8           try by supporting academic research, technological  
9           innovation, and educational activities;

10          (3) the mutual interest of the United States  
11          and Israel in space exploration affords both nations  
12          an opportunity to leverage their unique abilities to  
13          advance scientific discovery;

14          (4) in 1996, NASA and the ISA entered into  
15          their first agreement outlining areas of mutual co-  
16          operation, which remained in force until 2005;

17          (5) since 1996, NASA and the ISA have suc-  
18          cessfully cooperated on many space programs sup-  
19          porting the Global Positioning System and research  
20          related to the sun, earth science, and the environ-  
21          ment;

22          (6) the bond between NASA and the ISA was  
23          permanently forged on February 1, 2003, with the  
24          loss of the crew of STS-107 including Israeli Astro-  
25          naut Ilan Ramon;

1           (7) the United States-Israel Strategic Partner-  
2           ship Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–296) designated  
3           Israel as a Major Strategic Partner of the United  
4           States; and

5           (8) on October 13, 2015, the United States and  
6           Israel signed the Framework Agreement between the  
7           National Aeronautics and Space Administration of  
8           the United States of America and the Israel Space  
9           Agency for Cooperation in Aeronautics and the Ex-  
10          ploration and Use of Airspace and Outer Space for  
11          Peaceful Purposes.

12 **SEC. 3. CONTINUING COOPERATION.**

13          The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and  
14          Space Administration shall continue to work with the  
15          Israel Space Agency to identify and cooperatively pursue  
16          peaceful space exploration and science initiatives in areas  
17          of mutual interest, taking all appropriate measures to pro-  
18          tect sensitive information, intellectual property, trade se-  
19          crets, and economic interests of the United States.