

Majority of the US Senate Votes Yes to Keep US Embassy in Jerusalem Indefinitely

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Jerusalem is considered an important religious city for Muslims, Christians and Jews, however, Washington recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The controversial move of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by the Trump administration was confirmed by the majority of the senate late Thursday night.

Both Democrats and Republicans <u>voted yes</u> to keep the US Embassy to Israel in Jerusalem with 97 senators voting in favor, while only 3 senators including Democrats Tom Carper of Delaware, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Bernie Sanders who is an Independent from Vermont voted against the amendment. Republican senators Jim Inhofe from Oklahoma and Bill Haggerty from Tennessee submitted the amendment within the \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 budget resolution. Inhofe had previously tweeted that the US Embassy will remain permanently in Jerusalem with this vote. Inhofe tweeted "It's an important message that we acknowledge Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

It should not be a surprise knowing that the majority of Democrats and Republicans always vote in favor of Israel. The American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) is the most powerful lobby in Washington D.C. has most of the US politicians in their pockets. It also should be of no surprise that the Biden administration is full of Zionists who support Israel including his Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken who was asked by a pro-Israel senator Ted Cruz during a Senate confirmation hearing "Do you agree that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and do you commit that the United States will keep our embassy in Jerusalem?" Blinken replied with "Yes and Yes."

Where does the Biden administration stand concerning Israel's security? Well, let's look at Biden's choice for the US envoy to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield who should be concerning for the entire Middle East. At a Senate confirmation hearing in late January, Thomas-Greenfield said that

"If I am confirmed as the US ambassador to the United Nations, I look forward to standing with Israel – standing against the unfair targeting of Israel, the relentless resolutions that are proposed against Israel unfairly"

"[and that] I hope to work closely and look forward in fact to working closely with the Israeli embassy, with the Israeli ambassador to work to bolster Israel's security, and to expand economic opportunities for Israelis and Americans alike, and widen the circle of

peace" she also said that "I think it goes without saying that Israel has no closer friend than the United States, and I will reflect that in my actions at the United Nations."

Notice that Thomas-Greenfield did not mention the Palestinians when she said that she wants "to expand economic opportunities for Israelis and Americans alike" is an affirmation of what is to come in the months and years ahead concerning Israel and its Arab neighbors. The Biden administration is basically continuing what all previous US administrations have done in the past, support Israel on every level, no matter what the Arab world says.

Here is the list of both Democrat and Republican Senators who voted in favor for the US Embassy to remain in Jerusalem:

- Baldwin (D-WI), Yea
- Barrasso (R-WY), Yea
- Bennet (D-CO), Yea
- Blackburn (R-TN), Yea
- Blumenthal (D-CT), Yea
- Blunt (R-MO), Yea
- Booker (D-NJ), Yea
- Boozman (R-AR), Yea
- Braun (R-IN), Yea
- Brown (D-OH), Yea
- Burr (R-NC), Yea
- Cantwell (D-WA), Yea
- Capito (R-WV), Yea
- Cardin (D-MD), Yea
- Carper (D-DE), Nay
- Casey (D-PA), Yea
- Cassidy (R-LA), Yea
- Collins (R-ME), Yea
- Coons (D-DE), Yea
- Cornyn (R-TX), Yea
- Cortez Masto (D-NV), Yea
- Cotton (R-AR), Yea
- Cramer (R-ND), Yea
- Crapo (R-ID), Yea
- Cruz (R-TX), Yea
- Daines (R-MT), Yea
- Duckworth (D-IL), Yea
- Durbin (D-IL), Yea
- Ernst (R-IA), Yea
- Feinstein (D-CA), Yea
- Fischer (R-NE), Yea
- Gillibrand (D-NY), Yea
- Graham (R-SC), Yea
- Grassley (R-IA), Yea
- Hagerty (R-TN), Yea
- Hassan (D-NH), Yea
- Hawley (R-MO), Yea
- Heinrich (D-NM), Yea

- Hickenlooper (D-CO), Yea
- Hirono (D-HI), Yea
- Hoeven (R-ND), Yea
- Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Yea
- Inhofe (R-OK), Yea
- Johnson (R-WI), Yea
- Kaine (D-VA), Yea
- Kelly (D-AZ), Yea
- Kennedy (R-LA), Yea
- King (I-ME), Yea
- Klobuchar (D-MN), Yea
- Lankford (R-OK), Yea
- Leahy (D-VT), Yea
- Lee (R-UT), Yea
- Lujan (D-NM), Yea
- Lummis (R-WY), Yea
- Manchin (D-WV), Yea
- Markey (D-MA), Yea
- Marshall (R-KS), Yea
- McConnell (R-KY), Yea
- Menendez (D-NJ), Yea
- Merkley (D-OR), Yea
- Moran (R-KS), Yea
- Murkowski (R-AK), Yea
- Murphy (D-CT), Yea
- Murray (D-WA), Yea
- Ossoff (D-GA), Yea
- Padilla (D-CA), Yea
- Paul (R-KY), Yea
- Peters (D-MI), Yea
- Portman (R-OH), Yea
- Reed (D-RI), Yea
- Risch (R-ID), Yea
- Romney (R-UT), Yea
- Rosen (D-NV), Yea
- Rounds (R-SD), Yea
- Rubio (R-FL), Yea
- Sanders (I-VT), Nay
- Sasse (R-NE), Yea
- Schatz (D-HI), Yea
- Schumer (D-NY), Yea
- Scott (R-FL), Yea
- Scott (R-SC), Yea
- Shaheen (D-NH), Yea
- Shelby (R-AL), Yea
- Sinema (D-AZ), Yea
- Smith (D-MN), Yea
- Stabenow (D-MI), Yea
- Sullivan (R-AK), Yea
- Tester (D-MT), Yea

- Thune (R-SD), Yea
- Tillis (R-NC), Yea
- Toomey (R-PA), Yea
- Tuberville (R-AL), Yea
- Van Hollen (D-MD), Yea
- Warner (D-VA), Yea
- Warnock (D-GA), Yea
- Warren (D-MA), Nay
- Whitehouse (D-RI), Yea
- Wicker (R-MS), Yea
- Wyden (D-OR), Yea
- Young (R-IN), Yea

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