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Memo: House Joint Resolution 80 Related Bill: Senate Joint Resolution 28

- **Title:** Limiting the issuance of a letter of offer with respect to a certain proposed sale of defense articles and defense services to the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- **Sponsor:** Representative James McGovern [MA-3] on 10-6-11
- **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs as of 10-6-11
- Using evidence provided by organizations such as the Department of State, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and other human rights institutions, the resolution lists the human rights violations of the Kingdom of Bahrain that offer strong reasoning for why a proposed \$53 million arms sale should be limited.
 - These violations are discussed in depth within UMAA's BICI report memo.
- Military allies of the United States, including the United Kingdom, France, Spain, and Belgium, have suspended or limited licenses and arms sales to Bahrain since February 2011.
- Defense materials produced by the United States, such as tear gas canisters, were proven to be used violently by Bahraini forces against peaceful protesters.
- The resolution limits the arms sale until the Secretary of State certifies to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House that:
 - The Government of Bahrain investigates its human rights violations, prosecutes perpetrators of abuses, ceases acts of torture, releases detained individuals who were peacefully protesting, protects and rebuilds destroyed places of worship, lifts discriminatory restrictions on government employment, reinstates wrongfully dismissed public employees, and begins meaningful dialogue with the opposition that has been disenfranchised.
- Cosponsors (20), by date:
 - Rep Conyers, John, Jr. [MI-14] - 10/12/2011
 - Rep Woolsey, Lynn C. [CA-6] - 10/24/2011
 - Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-9] - 10/24/2011
 - Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15] - 10/24/2011
 - Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] - 10/25/2011
 - Rep Stark, Fortney Pete [CA-13] - 10/25/2011
 - Rep Payne, Donald M. [NJ-10] - 11/3/2011
 - Rep Holt, Rush D. [NJ-12] - 11/3/2011
 - Rep Ellison, Keith [MN-5] - 11/4/2011
 - Rep McDermott, Jim [WA-7] - 11/4/2011
 - Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] - 11/15/2011
 - Rep Farr, Sam [CA-17] - 11/15/2011
 - Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8] - 11/16/2011
 - Rep Maloney, Carolyn B. [NY-14] - 11/18/2011
 - Rep Schakowsky, Janice D. [IL-9] - 12/7/2011
 - Rep Olver, John W. [MA-1] - 12/16/2011
 - Rep Hirono, Mazie K. [HI-2] - 12/23/2011
 - Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8] - 12/23/2011
 - Rep Murphy, Christopher S. [CT-5] - 12/23/2011
 - Rep Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [IL-2] - 1/10/2012