J. B. Crowe, Jr., from Beaumont.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation, along with Congressmen HOFFMAN, ADAMS, and others, for the admission of the State of Israel into the United Nations. This legislation, "Commending the member states of the United Nations Western European and Others Group for addressing over four decades of injustice and extending temporary membership to the State of Israel," also mentions the new hurdles that must be overcome to finally gain Israel status as a full member of the United Nations. It urges the WEOG member countries to admit Israel as a permanent member, without conditions, until last week, one thought to be impossible by some. But, with Congressional support, dedicated individuals in the Clinton Administration, such as Vice President GORE, along with Ambassador HOLBROOKE, for working so hard and admitting Israel as a temporary and must be reevaluated in four years.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate, for we have achieved something truly notable. However, the struggle for Israeli acceptance continues.

Israel's membership in WEOG is only temporary and must be reevaluated in four years. Additionally, Israel cannot participate as a WEOG member in meetings in Geneva, or on the Human Rights Committee at the United Nations. Although I have a great deal of respect for the human rights programs of the U.N., they have been particularly unkind to Israel and it is a bitter pill to swallow to have them excluded from this committee.

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