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Senate Passes Resolution Supporting Israel

The Senate passed a resolution Tuesday that states the Senate's support of Israel's right to defend itself from Hamas rocket attacks and condemns a "bias" United Nation's report. S.Res. 526 was passed through a unanimous consent agreement. The resolution also condemns a United Nation's Human Right Council report that stated Israel had committed human rights violations against the Palestinian people. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said of the report, "I've always been a supporter of the U.N. but what I saw last week disgusted me, it was so one-sided." Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) was a cosponsor of the resolution. "Republicans are united in our support of Israel's defense, and this morning my colleagues will explain our opposition to any effort to force a ceasefire on Israel that does not further its security objectives," McConnell said. "Israel's right to defend itself should be affirmed." "I condemn Hamas terrorism," Reid said. "We stand with Israel and its right to defend itself."