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House of Representatives Overwhelmingly Passes Iran Sanctions Extension Act

On Nov. 15, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Iran Sanctions Extension Act with a 419-1 vote. Authored by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) and Ranking Member Eliot Engel (D-NY), the bill would reauthorize the Iran Sanctions Act (ISA) and maintain the United States' current sanctions architecture on Iran. Initially passed in 1996, ISA targets investments in Iran's energy sector, the leading segment of the Iranian economy. The legislation is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2016, and must be renewed by Congress to remain in effect. In the upcoming weeks, the Senate is expected to take up this legislation. Members of Congress from both parties praised the passage of the Iran Sanctions Extension Act in the House. "Today's bipartisan vote will help maintain our ability to immediately reinstate sanctions against Iran over the next decade," said Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI). "This legislation will ensure that President Obama and his successor will have the full force of sanctions available should Iran violate the nuclear agreement in any way. It's critical that our approach to Iran remain bipartisan," echoed House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD).

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