

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Freedom of Speech for Members of Knesset

While it is essential that Israel actualizes individuals' human rights, there are nevertheless limits to their freedom of speech. People cannot endanger others' lives. It is illegal to undermine people's security or threaten their existence.

As part of their profession, MKs are representatives of the larger community and their words are always considered public. They cannot directly propagate, condone, or sanction acts of violence. It is unlawful to command or lead their constituents to act brutally against other residents in physical force.

MKs in particular cannot prioritize support for terrorist organizations or foreign governments above their allegiance to Israel. After all, they are representatives in the Knesset. Of course, it is legitimate for leaders to represent the opinion of segments of their Israeli society that they stand for. MKs are allowed to express their opinions on controversial issues, as long as it fits within the guidelines outlined above. MKs are not guilty if a person perverts their statements entirely.

Any MK who violates this ordinance will be punished with a year long suspension from Knesset. However, they would be allowed to state their opinion in public just not as a representative of the Knesset.

Every Member of Knesset -- Jewish, Arab, or otherwise -- must all be held to the same standards. This means, same scrutiny, same rights for trial, and same punishment. There can be absolutely no differentiation between the various societal groups.

Freedom of Speech for Members of Knesset #2

Any remarks made by Members of Knesset may not undermine or threaten or incite others to pose a threat to Israel's security **and founding principles**. Even though it is a Member's right to represent his or her party and voice one's opinions to the Knesset body and the public, the Member **may only do so in a manner that does not challenge or negate the legitimacy, integrity and security of the State of Israel, as a Jewish state**. It is our duty as Members to uphold justice and support the independent and sovereign State of Israel. Therefore, if we permit Members to publically challenge the principles of our nation's founding, we will be inflicting harm on the State of Israel and disturbance within the Knesset. People will still have the rights to express all civil liberties that they so desire however keeping within this frame. Shall this be breached the punishment for an MK will be the direct resignation from Knesset.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Water Bill

Background:

Access to and control of fresh water is an urgent and very politically fraught issue in our region. Exacerbating the issue is the fact that we share water sources with other countries, territories and peoples. Additionally, different countries have invested differently in their water resources, so that Israel – for example – is now a regional and global leader in water management strategies. Some of our neighbors, specifically the Palestinians in the West Bank, are struggling to manage their water resources and to develop more innovative ways to do so. De-salinization and drip-irrigation are standard in Israel, but are glaringly absent from the countries and territories that surround us. There is a disagreement about how much water Israel should allot to the surrounding territories. The biggest impediment is that there is no clear information about water usage that would provide clarity on how best to improve water management and policies in our area.

Body:

We, the environmental committee, hereby propose that in the year of 2015 a census of water usage in Israel and Palestinian Territories will be made by an objective, third party. In order to solve the water issue in Israel and the Palestinian Territories, we need one reliable set of data. The Environment Committee will use the gathered information to partner with the Palestinian community to create efficient water conservation strategies to satisfy the region's water needs. The policies developed from this census will enable us to create a more secure, stable environment, which is crucial for the entire Middle East. Through collaboration, education programs will be developed for Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

The water census will focus on:

1. **Sources**
2. **Usage:** a) Agriculture, b) Household, c) Business/ Public/ Government, d) Wasted Water
3. **Size of the Population**
4. **Drilling:** a) Illegal Drilling, b) Reasons for Drilling, c) Areas of Drilling
5. **Water Innovation:** a) Desalination, b) Drip Irrigation, c) % of How Much Water is Reused
6. **Water Pipelines:** a) Repairs, b) Holes, c) Renovation

Funding:

Given the extent to which addressing water issues can secure stability in the region, we see these issues as a cross between different committees. Therefore, we are seeking an investment from the education and security committee in implementing the census and the programs that are developed consequently.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Presented here are three bills to be proposed to the Knesset on the topic of expanding ties with foreign countries, specifically India, China, and Russia.

The following three bills cover the development of strong ties with India, the development of moderate ties with China, and the wary development of ties with Russia.

Bill#1: Developing strong ties with India

The relationship with *India* will be expanded in terms of economic, military, and political cooperation.

Israel will:

- Provide anti-terrorism training
- Steadily increase the weapons trade
- Provide an efficient path for entrepreneurs in both countries to communicate
- Accept India's participation in facilitating peace talks with Palestine

Reasoning:

- India is a rising world power with great potential to provide Israel with much needed support in the future
- India's Prime Minister has shown willingness to cooperate and champion Israel
- India, like Israel, is the only democracy in its immediate surroundings, which provides Israel an ally in otherwise unfriendly territory
- The United States will look favorably on pushing to reinforce ties with India
- India has maintained a strong relationship with Palestinian Authority, which will benefit the peace talks India facilitates
- India is adamant in its fight against Islamic terrorism

Bill#2: The relationship with *China* will be expanded in terms of economic and political cooperation.

Israel will:

- Continue the weapons trade
- Accept China's participation in facilitating peace talks with Palestine

Reasoning:

- China has shown great support for Israel's economy through trade
- Israel has won the attention of Chinese citizens through the internet and has backing throughout the nation
- Chinese officials recently invited Benjamin Netanyahu and other MKs in order to begin peace talks with Palestine. This is an example of their willingness to back Israel's Statehood
- Israel has slight reserves in further broadening ties with China due to the strain this may put on Israel's relationship with the United States

Bill #3: The relationship with *Russia* will be expanded in terms of economic cooperation.

Israel will:

- Strengthen the weapons trade
- Continue path toward creating a free trade zone

Reasoning:

- Putin has proven a supporter of Israel and its economy
- Russia has shown great readiness to expand trade with Israel
- Further expanding ties with Russia, meaning expanding with military and political goals, will cause great tension with Israel's relationship with the United States.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Hannibal Directive

Preamble:

We, the Internal Affairs Committee, are focused on clarifying the specifics of the Hannibal directive. The Hannibal directive is the military tactic in which any and all officers have the right to order the troops to open fire on the soldier being taken prisoner, in order to stop the capture of the soldier. The major goal is to rescue our soldiers from being abducted, even at the price of harming, or wounding our soldiers, as well as civilians.

As a Committee, we acknowledge that the Hannibal Directive may very well kill our soldiers as well as wound or harm them. Moreover, we know that the Hannibal directive is not consistently considered a topic of utmost importance to Israelis. However, in our bill we seek to clarify the specifics of the Hannibal directive and create a protocol for military procedures in situations of abduction, and when the “fog of war” clouds the situation.

Bill:

As of now, commanders are the only ones allowed to instate the Hannibal directive. However, commanders are not always present at the situation. We propose that platoon officers are permitted to instate the Hannibal directive. We hope that this will clarify whether or not it is completely necessary because a platoon officer is always directly on the scene and is trained to view the situation calmly. Individual soldiers should not be permitted to instate the Hannibal directive because each soldier making a decision for himself will cause chaos, and often the “fog of war” may cloud their judgment.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Keep Out The Foreign Workers Bill

Right now, foreign workers from Thailand, Taiwan and Northern Africa constitute 300,000 individuals in the work force. They are taking jobs from low-class Israelis who live in less urbanized areas and desperately deserve to reach the middle-class.

Foreign workers are NOT Israeli. Israelis, as rightful citizens of this land, should have opportunities to work. There is no reason for foreign citizens to come to Israel in hopes of a higher quality of life when a large percentage of Israelis cannot access a better life.

As members of Knesset, we must provide opportunities for Israelis to improve their economic and social standing. Without foreign workers, Israeli citizens will have these opportunities to grow and become more important members of society. While we concede that the foreign workers are employed in low-paying jobs, the suffering Israeli population is in dire need of some form of work.

We propose that we shut the borders for all those without visas. If a foreign worker enters Israel after February 1st, 2015, the Israeli government can deport them. The borders will be shut from the date this bill goes into effect. The government will ensure deportation by establishing the following penalties for organizations and companies who employ the foreign workers.

1. We will fine companies three times the amount of production the foreign worker has produced.
2. We will fine companies \$25,000 if they employ over 20 foreign workers at any point.

Through the money collected from these fines, we will set up a ministry to investigate the companies. Uri Orbach will be named the Minister of Regulating Foreign Employees. Under him, there will be local officials who visit registered companies once a month, unannounced, to check in on these companies and their employees.

Additionally, we will not oppose current companies who exploit their foreign workers. This harsh exploitation will get these workers out of the Jewish State in order to strengthen the job market for Israeli citizens.

By keeping out the foreign workers, low-class Israelis will have more opportunities to improve their social and economic standing, which will boost the overall Zionist and Jewish identity of Israel.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Bill #1: Instruction of Hebrew and Arabic

Mandatory Hebrew and Arabic language courses for all Israeli students (Jews and Arabs). These courses will focus on both written and spoken Arabic and Hebrew. Jews and Arabs will be able to communicate well with one another, which will begin conversations and lead to closer relationships. Unlike past Arabic and Hebrew courses available in schools these courses will be mandatory for all students (the Arabic course will be mandatory for Jews and the Hebrew course will be mandatory for Arabs). If Arabs and Jews expect to live together peacefully, then they must learn to speak each other's languages.

Bill#2: Tolerance Sessions

We, the education committee, propose that Israel should begin experimental, mandatory after school tolerance building sessions. A recent commercial showing the unity and lack of discrimination in football teams was aired throughout Israel and was a success. This program will attempt to take that commercial to the next level, allowing all Israelis to unite together in a stress free environment. The program will be a team-building program that attempts to shed biases between Jewish-Israelis and Arab-Israelis through working together and learning that we should move toward mutual understanding. It will do this through team-building activities such as football leagues (have influential, professional athletes endorse and join the programming) and art programs (have professional artists join and help run the program). The program will be chaperoned by teachers from each school and have some security for all of the children's protection and will apply to all Israeli public schools. If the program is successful, it will hopefully act as a stepping-stone for desegregation of Israeli schools and the eventual end of racism between Jews and Arabs in Israel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Synopsis: This bill represents the proposed budget for Israel. Operation Protective Edge wreaked havoc on the previous budget due to the unexpected costs incurred by the IDF to fight Hamas. This created tension between the need for defense and the promise of many of coalition parties to improve quality of life for the middle class. This budget represents an attempt at funneling money toward the middle and lower classes without taking it away from Defense.

Final Breakdown:

Subtract:

- \$0.5 Billion from Misc
- \$1 Billion from Taxes on the Rich (we're increasing taxes on the rich)
- \$1 Billion from Interest and Commission Payment

Add:

- \$1 Billion to Social Services
- \$1 Billion to Ministry of Education
- \$0.5 Billion to Environment

Rationales:

Social Services: We all ran on platforms of helping the middle class. Whether or not each of our constituencies want more or less welfare going to the Arabs or the Orthodox poor, we can all agree that more money should be generally allocated to Social Services which deals with all of the above.

Ministry: Similarly, with Education we all want the middle class to succeed. One of the best ways to do this is by funding secular education.

Environment: Many of the committees are working with the water supply. By giving money to the environment, we can fund research to improve clean water, which will improve quality of life and decrease tension between Jews and Arabs.

Information on Taxes:

Currently the top 10% of earners pay 32% of the fund of income taxes. We will be increasing social security tax on the first, third, and fourth deciles to raise .5 Billion shekel to Social Services.

We feel that money taken from Misc and Interest and Commission Payment is wasted right now, and can be better used internally.

As of now, the rich can pay more to support the country. In doing so, they will be supporting the middle class which will improve the economy. This will help fix a whole host of issues that will still affect the rich.