



Talking Points: H. Res. 706 for Lebanon

Tell your representative to co-sponsor a resolution in support of a peaceful, prosperous and economically stable Lebanon.

The following U.S. Representatives are responsible for introducing H. Res. 706:

- **Darrell Issa** (R-CA)
- **Nick Rahall** (D-WV)
- **Charles Boustany** (R-LA)
- **Gary Ackerman** (D-NY)
- **William Delahunt** (D-MA)
- **Russ Carnahan** (D-MO)
- **Marcy Kaptur** (D-OH)

H. Res. 706 congratulates Lebanon on successfully conducting fair and free democratic elections, express support for economic development programs to reduce poverty, and recognize that Lebanon is a respected partner in the Middle East.

The resolution sets forth a positive statement about Lebanon and for the people of Lebanon that:

- Congratulates the Republic of Lebanon on their free, fair and democratic parliamentary elections;
- Recognizes Lebanon's adoption of electoral reforms in campaign finance, media regulations, accreditation and transparency;
- Supports US aid and assistance for programs in Lebanon designed to increase and improve security, reduce poverty, and more fairly distribute services, economic opportunity and employment;
- Recognizes that a peaceful, prosperous Lebanon, as a fully sovereign and independent nation, is critical to the national security of the United States and a respected partner in the Middle East.

The United States must work to develop constructive policies for Lebanon- policies that promote territorial integrity, political independence, and cultural integration of Lebanon. It is crucial for U.S. leadership to demonstrate to the Lebanese people that their country, as a unified and sovereign nation, is a respected U.S. partner in the Middle East-rather than a battleground of foreign confrontation or competition.



The Arab American Institute, 1600 K Street, NW, Washington DC, 20006
www.aaiusa.org

These talking points are protected under a Creative Commons license and may be reproduced in whole, with full attribution to the Arab American Institute. For information, please visit <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/us/>