ENDING ENDLESS WAR

✔ Voted for amendments to repeal the 2002 AUMF and to express the Sense of the Congress that the 2001 AUMF has been overused, should include a sunset clause, and must define targets in its reauthorization or replacement.

✔ Voted for an amendment to eliminate indefinite military detention of any person detained under AUMF authority in the U.S., its territories, or its possessions.

❌ Supported the reauthorization of the USA FREEDOM Act.

✔ Voted to completely end U.S. military assistance to the Saudi-led coalition's intervention in Yemen, voting against a carve-out for certain types of support, including intelligence-sharing and targeting assistance.

✔ Voted for S.J.Res. 68, to prohibit unauthorized military force against Iran.

✔ Voted for an amendment to withdraw all U.S. forces and military personnel from Afghanistan by April 29, 2021.

❌ Is not a cosponsor of H.R. 1274, to sunset the 2001 AUMF within eight months or H.R. 2456, to immediately repeal the 2002 AUMF.

✔ Voted against the 2002 AUMF, to authorize the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

PENTAGON SPENDING

✔ Voted “yes” on reducing the Pentagon budget by 10%.

✔ Voted “yes” on reducing funding for the Pentagon's Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account by $16.8 billion.


❌ Is not a cosponsor of H.Res. 1003, which calls to reduce the Pentagon budget by $350 billion and use those funds to increase diplomatic capacity and domestic programs that provide true safety and security.

DOMESTIC MILITARY MISUSE

✔ Voted “yes” on amendments that would prohibit the president from deploying troops to the southern border to enforce immigration law and from using authorized funds to detain undocumented immigrants in DoD facilities.

✔ Voted “yes” on an amendment to prevent DoD facilities from being used to detain unaccompanied migrant children.

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DIPLOMACY WITH IRAN AND NORTH KOREA

- Voted to support the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), known informally as the Iran nuclear deal.
- Is a cosponsor of H.Res. 152, a resolution that seeks to advance a peace agreement formally ending the Korean War and affirm that peace and denuclearization cannot be achieved absent reciprocal actions and confidence-building measures among all parties to the conflict.

TRADE

- Supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and supported the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), meant to “fast-track” TPP and sideline Congress from the approval process.
- Supported the Colombia Free Trade Agreement.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ARMS CONTROL

- Voted “yes” on an amendment to fence 10 percent of funds for a new Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) program until an independent study on the cost of extending the life of the existing ICBM vs. building a new ICBM was completed.
- Voted “yes” on an amendment to block funding to the W80-4 nuclear warhead life extension program until completion of a study on the unexpected cost increases in the program.
- Voted “yes” on an amendment that would prohibit funding for missiles noncompliant with the INF.
- Is not a cosponsor of H.R. 921, legislation to make it the policy of the United States not to use nuclear weapons first in a conflict.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND ARMS SALES

- Voted in support of an amendment to end the sale and transfer of Precision Guided Munitions to arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, a weapon the Saudi/Emirati-led coalition has used to recklessly kill Yemeni civilians during its intervention in Yemen.
- Did not sign a House letter to Sec. of State Mike Pompeo to condemn any use of U.S.-supplied equipment to demolish Palestinian homes in the West Bank and calling on the State Department to examine whether Israel’s use of U.S.-supplied equipment was in compliance with the Arms Export Control Act.
- Flip-flopped on conditioning U.S. military aid to Israel based on annexation plans, eventually saying that the US should give aid no matter what.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Meeks’ primary source of campaign contributions come from Wall Street. He has also received $118,000 in defense industry contributions, solely through PAC’s, throughout his congressional career from corporations such as Boeing and Lockheed Martin. In addition, Meeks has received more than $40,000 in pro-Israel contributions during his career from PAC’s, such as the Democratic Majority for Israel, and individuals. In 2020, Meeks’ principal campaign committee, Friends for Gregory Meeks, received $30,197 in contributions from the Pro-Israel America PAC.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

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