

33. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
SHERMAN OF CALIFORNIA, OR  
HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

#23  
Revised

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1950, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. SHERMAN OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title VII of the bill, add the following  
new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** STATEMENT OF POLICY RELATING TO DEMOC-  
2 **RACY IN IRAN.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Iran is neither free nor democratic. Men  
5 and women are not treated equally in Iran, women  
6 are legally deprived of internationally recognized  
7 human rights, and religious freedom is not respected  
8 under the laws of Iran. Undemocratic institutions,  
9 such as the Guardians Council, thwart the decisions  
10 of elected leaders.

11 (2) The April 2003 report of the Department of  
12 State states that Iran remained the most active  
13 state sponsor of terrorism in 2002.

14 (3) That report also states that Iran continues  
15 to provide funding, safe-haven, training and weapons  
16 to known terrorist groups, notably Hizballah,  
17 HAMAS, the Palestine Islamic Jihad, and the Pop-  
18 ular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.



1 (b) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States  
2 that—

3 (1) currently, there is not a free and fully  
4 democratic government in Iran;

5 (2) the United States supports transparent, full  
6 democracy in Iran;

7 (3) the United States supports the rights of the  
8 Iranian people to choose their system of government;  
9 and

10 (4) the United States condemns the brutal  
11 treatment, imprisonment and torture of Iranian ci-  
12 vilians expressing political dissent.

