

# *U.S. Senate set to vote on anti-Israeli boycott bill*

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Washington, January 8 (RHC)-- Reports from Capitol Hill say that the U.S. Senate, in its first legislative act, will take up a bill that aims to prevent opposition to the Israeli government by allowing state and local governments to boycott any U.S. companies which are engaged in a boycott against Israel.

The Combating BDS Act is part of multiple foreign policy measures contained in bill S.1. It's sponsored by Florida Republican Senator Marco Rubio and is similar to, though reportedly less extreme than, a measure introduced last year by Democratic Senator Ben Cardin, which was met with condemnation from free speech advocates.

The Intercept reports that 26 states currently have laws sanctioning entities which support a boycott of Israel, which can entail punishment of individuals working for employers subject to anti-boycott laws.

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