

In the Senate of the United States,

February 3, 2016.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 907) entitled “An Act to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “United States-Jordan*
3 *Defense Cooperation Act of 2015”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. FINDINGS.***

5 *Congress makes the following findings:*

6 *(1) As of January 22, 2015, the United States*
7 *Government has provided \$3,046,343,000 in assist-*
8 *ance to respond to the Syria humanitarian crisis, of*
9 *which nearly \$467,000,000 has been provided to the*
10 *Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.*

1 (2) *As of January 2015, according to the United*
2 *Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, there were*
3 *621,937 registered Syrian refugees in Jordan and*
4 *83.8 percent of whom lived outside refugee camps.*

5 (3) *In 2000, the United States and Jordan*
6 *signed a free-trade agreement that went into force in*
7 *2001.*

8 (4) *In 1996, the United States granted Jordan*
9 *major non-NATO ally status.*

10 (5) *Jordan is suffering from the Syrian refugee*
11 *crisis and the threat of the Islamic State of Iraq and*
12 *the Levant (ISIL).*

13 (6) *The Government of Jordan was elected as a*
14 *non-permanent member of the United Nations Secu-*
15 *rity Council for a 2-year term ending in December*
16 *2015.*

17 (7) *Enhanced support for defense cooperation*
18 *with Jordan is important to the national security of*
19 *the United States, including through creation of a*
20 *status in law for Jordan similar to the countries in*
21 *the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Japan, Aus-*
22 *tralia, the Republic of Korea, Israel, and New Zea-*
23 *land, with respect to consideration by Congress of for-*
24 *ign military sales to Jordan.*

1 (8) *The Colorado National Guard’s relationship*
 2 *with the Jordanian military provides a significant*
 3 *benefit to both the United States and Jordan.*

4 (9) *Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh was bru-*
 5 *tally murdered by ISIL.*

6 (10) *On February 3, 2015, Secretary of State*
 7 *John Kerry and Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser*
 8 *Judeh signed a new Memorandum of Understanding*
 9 *that reflects the intention to increase United States*
 10 *assistance to the Government of Jordan from*
 11 *\$660,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 for each of the years*
 12 *2015 through 2017.*

13 (11) *On December 5, 2014, in an interview on*
 14 *CBS This Morning, Jordanian King Abdullah II*
 15 *stated—*

16 (A) *in reference to ISIL, “This is a Muslim*
 17 *problem. We need to take ownership of this. We*
 18 *need to stand up and say what is wrong”; and*

19 (B) *“This is our war. This is a war inside*
 20 *Islam. So we have to own up to it. We have to*
 21 *take the lead. We have to start fighting back.”.*

22 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

23 *It should be the policy of the United States—*

24 (1) *to support the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*
 25 *in its response to the Syrian refugee crisis;*

1 (2) *to provide necessary assistance to alleviate*
2 *the domestic burden to provide basic needs for the as-*
3 *similated Syrian refugees;*

4 (3) *to cooperate with Jordan to combat the ter-*
5 *rorist threat from the Islamic State of Iraq and the*
6 *Levant (ISIL) or other terrorist organizations; and*

7 (4) *to help secure the border between Jordan and*
8 *its neighbors Syria and Iraq.*

9 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

10 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

11 (1) *expeditious consideration of certifications of*
12 *letters of offer to sell defense articles, defense services,*
13 *design and construction services, and major defense*
14 *equipment to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*
15 *under section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act*
16 *(22 U.S.C. 2776(b)) is fully consistent with United*
17 *States security and foreign policy interests and the*
18 *objectives of world peace and security;*

19 (2) *Congress welcomes the statement of King*
20 *Abdullah II quoted in section (2)(11); and*

21 (3) *it is in the interest of peace and stability for*
22 *regional members of the Global Coalition to Combat*
23 *ISIL to continue their commitment to, and increase*
24 *their involvement in, addressing the threat posed by*
25 *ISIL.*

1 **SEC. 5. ENHANCED DEFENSE COOPERATION.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—During the 3-year period beginning
 3 on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Hashemite
 4 Kingdom of Jordan shall be treated as if it were a country
 5 listed in the provisions of law described in subsection (b)
 6 for purposes of applying and administering such provisions
 7 of law.

8 (b) *ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT.*—The provisions of
 9 law described in this subsection are—

10 (1) subsections (b)(2), (d)(2)(B), (d)(3)(A)(i),
 11 and (d)(5) of section 3 of the Arms Export Control
 12 Act (22 U.S.C. 2753);

13 (2) subsections (e)(2)(A), (h)(1)(A), and (h)(2) of
 14 section 21 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2761);

15 (3) subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(6), (c), and
 16 (d)(2)(A) of section 36 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2776);

17 (4) section 62(c)(1) of such Act (22 U.S.C.
 18 2796a(c)(1)); and

19 (5) section 63(a)(2) of such Act (22 U.S.C.
 20 2796b(a)(2)).

21 **SEC. 6. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

22 Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Sec-
 23 retary of State is authorized to enter into a memorandum
 24 of understanding with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
 25 to increase economic support funds, military cooperation,
 26 including joint military exercises, personnel exchanges, sup-

- 1 *port for international peacekeeping missions, and enhanced*
- 2 *strategic dialogue.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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