

Calendar No. 4

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 28**

To reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2019

Mr. McCONNELL introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

JANUARY 8, 2019

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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Cooperation Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Jordan
5 Defense Cooperation Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In December 2011, Congress passed section
2 7041(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
3 2012 (Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat. 1223), which
4 appropriated funds made available under the head-
5 ing “Economic Support Fund” to establish an enter-
6 prise fund for Jordan.

7 (2) The intent of an enterprise fund is to at-
8 tract private investment to help entrepreneurs and
9 small businesses create jobs and to achieve sustain-
10 able economic development.

11 (3) Jordan is an instrumental partner in the
12 fight against terrorism, including as a member of
13 the Global Coalition To Counter ISIS and the Com-
14 bined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Re-
15 solve.

16 (4) In 2014, His Majesty King Abdullah stated
17 that “Jordanians and Americans have been standing
18 shoulder to shoulder against extremism for many
19 years, but to a new level with this coalition against
20 ISIL”.

21 (5) On February 3, 2015, the United States
22 signed a 3-year memorandum of understanding with
23 Jordan, pledging to provide the kingdom with
24 \$1,000,000,000 annually in United States foreign
25 assistance, subject to the approval of Congress.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) Jordan plays a critical role in responding to
4 the overwhelming humanitarian needs created by the
5 conflict in Syria; and

6 (2) Jordan, the United States, and other part-
7 ners should continue working together to address
8 this humanitarian crisis and promote regional sta-
9 bility, including through support for refugees in Jor-
10 dan and internally displaced people along the Jor-
11 dan-Syria border and the creation of conditions in-
12 side Syria that will allow for the secure, dignified,
13 and voluntary return of people displaced by the cri-
14 sis.

15 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES-JORDAN**
16 **DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015.**

17 Section 5(a) of the United States-Jordan Defense Co-
18 operation Act of 2015 (22 U.S.C. 2753 note) is amend-
19 ed—

20 (1) by striking “During the 3-year period” and
21 inserting “During the period”; and

22 (2) by inserting “and ending on December 31,
23 2022” after “enactment of this Act”.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE FUND**
2 **FOR JORDAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 establishment of the United States Development Finance
5 Corporation, the President shall submit to the appropriate
6 congressional committees a detailed report assessing the
7 costs and benefits of the United States Development Fi-
8 nance Corporation establishing a Jordan Enterprise Fund.

9 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
10 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
13 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

14 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
15 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives.

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