

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. AMO OF RHODE ISLAND

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DEMOCRACY,**
2 **HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LABOR.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
4 the Department an Assistant Secretary for Democracy,
5 Human Rights, and Labor who shall be responsible to the
6 Secretary for matters pertaining to human rights and hu-
7 manitarian affairs (including matters relating to prisoners
8 of war and members of the United States Armed Forces
9 missing in action) in the conduct of foreign policy, and
10 such other related duties as the Secretary may from time
11 to time designate.

12 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
13 sibilities described in subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
14 retary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor shall
15 maintain continuous observation and coordination of all
16 matters pertaining to human rights and humanitarian af-
17 fairs (including matters relating to prisoners of war and
18 members of the United States Armed Forces missing in
19 action) in the conduct of foreign policy including, as ap-
20 propriate, the following:

1 (1) Gathering detailed information regarding
2 humanitarian affairs and the observance of and re-
3 spect for internationally recognized human rights.

4 (2) Preparing statements and reports to Con-
5 gress on international respect for democracy, human
6 rights, and labor.

7 (3) Making recommendations to the Secretary
8 regarding compliance with internationally recognized
9 human rights as part of the Assistant Secretary's
10 overall policy responsibility for the creation of
11 United States Government human rights policy.

12 (4) Advising the Under Secretary for Foreign
13 Assistance on the policy framework under which
14 projects are developed and consulting with the
15 Under Secretary on the selection and implementa-
16 tion of such projects.

17 (5) Advising the Secretary and United States
18 Ambassadors on policies on human rights, democ-
19 racy, and labor in all countries.

20 (6) Reviewing all programs for human rights,
21 democracy, labor, and civilian harm considerations.

22 (7) Engaging with international organizations
23 to strengthen and promote human rights.

1 (8) Performing other responsibilities which
2 serve to promote increased observance of inter-
3 nationally recognized human rights by all countries.

4 **SEC. ____ . BUREAU OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND**
5 **LABOR.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
7 a Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, which
8 shall perform such functions related to human rights and
9 humanitarian affairs (including matters relating to pris-
10 oners of war and members of the United States Armed
11 Forces missing in action) in the conduct of foreign policy
12 as the Secretary may prescribe.

13 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
14 retary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor shall be
15 the head of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and
16 Labor.

17 **SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DE-**
18 **MOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LABOR.**

19 (a) ADMINISTRATION OF ACCOUNTS.—The Assistant
20 Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor shall
21 direct, oversee, and otherwise exercise responsibility of
22 funds made available for international democracy, human
23 rights, and labor.

24 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
25 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, the

1 Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and
2 Labor shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill Bureau
3 functions and the Assistant Secretary's responsibilities for
4 fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

