

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MS. JOHNSON OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **PROHIBITION ON HOSTING OF FOREIGN PARTY**
2 **POLITICAL EVENTS AT UNITED STATES EM-**
3 **BASSIES.**

4 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
5 United States to maintain strict political neutrality in the
6 internal electoral processes of foreign countries, and to en-
7 sure that diplomatic resources, including embassies, con-
8 sulates, and other posts, are not used to confer financial
9 or electoral advantage to any foreign political party or can-
10 didate.

11 (b) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds, and no per-
12 sonal funds of a United States Ambassador or other
13 United States official, may be obligated or expended to
14 host a fundraising event for, or on behalf of, a foreign
15 political party or candidate at a United States embassy
16 or consulate or any other United States diplomatic post,
17 or at the residence of such Ambassador or other official.

18 (c) FUNDRAISING EVENT DEFINED.—In this section,
19 the term “fundraising event” means an event intended to
20 raise funds for, or on behalf of, a political party or can-

1 didate, including by knowingly facilitating contact between
2 potential donors and political parties or candidates for
3 fundraising purposes.

4 (d) RESTRICTION ON ENTERTAINMENT AND REP-
5 RESENTATION EXPENSES.—Section 905 of the Foreign
6 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085) is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following: “The Secretary may not pro-
8 vide for official receptions or pay expenses related to ac-
9 tivities by the Department or the Service, hosted by a
10 United States embassy or consulate or other United States
11 diplomatic post, intended to raise funds for or on behalf
12 of a foreign political party or candidate.”.

13 (e) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTION ON EXPENDITURES.—
14 Section 4(b)(2)(H) of the State Department Basic Au-
15 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671(b)(2)(H)) is
16 amended by inserting “, other than functions at a United
17 States embassy or consulate or any other United States
18 diplomatic post intended to raise funds for or on behalf
19 of a foreign political party or candidate” after “allow-
20 ances”.

21 (f) REVISION OF DSSR AND FAM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
23 revise the Department of State Standardized Regu-
24 lations (DSSR) and the Foreign Affairs Manual
25 (FAM) to prohibit the use of a United States em-

1 bassy or consulate or any other United States diplo-
2 matic post in a manner intended to raise funds for
3 or on behalf of a foreign political party or candidate,
4 reflect the prohibitions on expenditures under this
5 section, and discourage any activity hosted by a
6 United States embassy or consulate or other United
7 States diplomatic post that could be construed as
8 promoting the financial interest of any foreign polit-
9 ical party or candidate relative to others engaged in
10 a democratic electoral process.

11 (2) CERTIFICATION.—Not less than 90 days
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary shall certify to the appropriate congressional
14 committees that the revisions required under para-
15 graph (1) have been made.

16 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
17 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
18 propriate congressional committees” means the
19 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
20 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
21 Representatives.

