

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER OF NEW YORK

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . OFFICE OF THE SECURITY COORDINATOR.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be an
3 Office of the Security Coordinator, which shall be an office
4 within the United States Embassy to Israel and shall oper-
5 ate under the authority of the Chief of Mission.

6 (b) REPORTING STRUCTURE.—The United States Se-
7 curity Coordinator (USSC) shall report directly to the
8 United States Ambassador to Israel and shall operate at
9 the direction of the Ambassador, consistent with Chief of
10 Mission authority under section 207 of the Foreign Serv-
11 ice Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–465; 22 U.S.C. 3927)
12 and other applicable provisions of law.

13 (c) MISSION.—The mission of the Office of the Secu-
14 rity Coordinator shall be to advance United States na-
15 tional security interests and regional stability by facili-
16 tating coordination and cooperation in mutual security
17 matters between Palestinian security forces and the Gov-
18 ernment of Israel.

19 (d) POLICY ALIGNMENT.—No activity or engagement
20 undertaken by the Office of the Security Coordinator shall

1 contradict or undermine the United States' commitment
2 to Israel's security, territorial integrity, or sovereign
3 rights.

4 (e) PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT.—The Secretary of
5 State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall
6 ensure that the Office of the Security Coordinator is
7 staffed with appropriately qualified personnel and pro-
8 vided with the necessary resources and administrative sup-
9 port to carry out its responsibilities.

10 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion shall be construed to alter or diminish the authorities
12 of the Secretary of State or Chief of Mission as provided
13 under the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3901
14 et seq.), nor shall it be construed to imply recognition of
15 a sovereign Palestinian state or alter longstanding United
16 States policy regarding final status issues.

