

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. OLSZEWSKI OF MARYLAND

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be es-
3 tablished in the Department an Office of International
4 Labor Affairs (referred to in this section as the “Office”).
5 The Office shall be responsible for the following:

6 (1) Advising the Secretary and others as di-
7 rected by the Secretary regarding United States
8 international labor diplomacy.

9 (2) Advising the Secretary and others as di-
10 rected by the Secretary regarding policies and initia-
11 tives promoting core worker rights, especially the
12 “fundamental rights” identified by the International
13 Labor Organization.

14 (3) Ensuring appropriate application of United
15 States laws, regulations, and policy on international
16 labor standards in bilateral relations and in relations
17 between the United States and international organi-
18 zations.

1 (4) Initiating and advising policy approaches
2 promoting the rights and interests of workers and
3 unions.

4 (5) Working with trade unions, nongovern-
5 mental organizations (NGOs) and United States pri-
6 vate-sector entities to encourage respect for worker
7 rights, in business operations and operations of sup-
8 pliers abroad.

9 (6) Coordinating with other Federal depart-
10 ments and agencies in supervising and providing
11 field support to United States diplomats and offi-
12 cials, domestically and overseas.

13 (7) Supporting the Department's outreach ef-
14 forts, including by liaising with Congress, trade
15 unions, the private sector, the media, and NGOs, on
16 labor rights.

17 (8) Ensuring the Office has the authority (with-
18 in the Department) to contribute to the Depart-
19 ment's international business and economic engage-
20 ment, including in forums such as the Organization
21 for Economic Cooperation and Development and
22 other meetings and activities in relevant inter-
23 national economic fora.

24 (9) Representing and safeguarding the Depart-
25 ment's interests, funding, and initiatives within

1 international and multilateral bodies, including the
2 International Labor Organization, to ensure align-
3 ment with the Department's international labor poli-
4 cies.

5 (b) AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR INTERNATIONAL
6 LABOR AFFAIRS.—The President shall appoint an Amba-
7 sador-at-Large, with the advice and consent of the Senate,
8 to serve as the head of the Office established pursuant
9 to subsection (a). The Ambassador-at-Large shall report
10 to the Secretary and carry out all duties, as appropriate,
11 to fulfill the functions of the Office set forth in this sec-
12 tion.

13 (c) GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE
14 AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may use funds authorized
15 to be made available to the Department of State to admin-
16 ister international labor programs by or through contracts,
17 grants, cooperative agreements, and other arrangements
18 to carry out the functions set forth in this section.

