

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. SELF OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT IM-**
2 **PLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 18 months after
4 the date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller
5 General of the United States shall submit to the appro-
6 priate congressional committees a report on the implemen-
7 tation of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998
8 (22 U.S.C. 6401 et seq).

9 (b) **CONSULTATION.**—The Comptroller General shall
10 consult with the appropriate congressional committees for
11 purposes of preparing the report.

12 (c) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The Comptroller
13 General shall include the following:

14 (1) A review of United States Government pro-
15 grams to promote international religious freedom
16 conducted after 2013 (including a specific review of
17 the extent to which such programs in Nigeria have
18 achieved their objectives), including assessments of
19 how countries and projects are selected to receive
20 such program funding, the extent to which the an-

1 nual International Religious Freedom report informs
2 programming, the extent to which program metrics
3 measure the promotion of religious freedom, and the
4 extent to which program funds are the responsibility
5 of the Ambassador at Large for International Reli-
6 gious Freedom pursuant to annual appropriations
7 law.

8 (2) An assessment of implementation efforts
9 carried out since 2013 pursuant to section 401(c)(1)
10 and section 402(c)(1) and (2) of the International
11 Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
12 6441(c)(1); 6442(c)(1) and (2)), including an as-
13 sessment of the extent to which actions were tar-
14 geted toward the agency, instrumentality, or specific
15 official responsible for particularly severe violations
16 of religious freedom and the extent to which binding
17 agreements were sought.

18 (3) An assessment of which departments and
19 offices in the Department of State or other Federal
20 departments and agencies participate in the deci-
21 sion-making process regarding, and advocate for the
22 ongoing and persistent use of, presidential waivers
23 issued under the authority provided by section 407
24 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998
25 (22 U.S.C. 6447.

1 (4) A review of the international religious free-
2 dom trainings mandated by 22 USC 4028 and the
3 extent to which such trainings have been effectively
4 incorporated into the Foreign Service Institute.

5 (5) An assessment of the roles and functions of
6 the Office on International Religious Freedom estab-
7 lished in section 101(a) of the International Reli-
8 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411(a)),
9 and the role of the Ambassador at Large appointed
10 under section 101(b) of the same, including a review
11 of the relationship of the Office to other offices in
12 the Department of State and the reporting line of
13 the Ambassador at Large position within the De-
14 partment since 2016.

15 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
16 priate congressional committees” has the meaning given
17 the term in section 3 of the International Religious Free-
18 dom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402).

