

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 907
OFFERED BY MS. ROS-LEHTINEN OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Jordan
3 Defense Cooperation Act of 2015”.

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) As of January 22, 2015, the United States
7 Government has provided \$3,046,343,000 in assist-
8 ance to the Syria humanitarian response, of which
9 nearly \$467,000,000 has been to the Hashemite
10 Kingdom of Jordan.

11 (2) As of January 2015, according to the
12 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
13 (UNHCR), there are 621,937 registered Syrian ref-
14 ugees in Jordan and 83.8 percent of those refugees
15 live outside refugee camps.

16 (3) In 2000, the United States and Jordan
17 signed a free-trade agreement that went into force
18 in 2001.

1 (4) In 1996, the United States granted Jordan
2 major non-NATO ally status.

3 (5) Jordan is suffering from the Syrian refugee
4 crisis and the threat of the Islamic State of Iraq and
5 the Levant (ISIL).

6 (6) The Government of Jordan was elected as
7 a non-permanent member of the United Nations Se-
8 curity Council beginning in January 2014 and ter-
9 minating in December 2015.

10 (7) Enhanced support for defense cooperation
11 with Jordan is important to the national security of
12 the United States, including through creation of a
13 status in law for Jordan similar to the countries in
14 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Japan,
15 Australia, the Republic of Korea, Israel, and New
16 Zealand, with respect to consideration by Congress
17 of foreign military sales to Jordan.

18 (8) Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh was bru-
19 tally murdered by ISIL.

20 (9) On February 3, 2015, Secretary of State
21 John Kerry and Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser
22 Judeh signed a new Memorandum of Understanding
23 that reflects the intention to increase United States
24 assistance to the Government of Jordan from

1 \$660,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 per year for the
2 years 2015 through 2017.

3 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

4 It should be the policy of the United States to sup-
5 port the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in its response
6 to the Syrian refugee crisis, provide necessary assistance
7 to alleviate the domestic burden to provide basic needs for
8 the assimilated Syrian refugees, cooperate with Jordan to
9 combat the terrorist threat from the Islamic State of Iraq
10 and the Levant (ISIL) or other terrorist organizations,
11 and help secure the border between Jordan and its neigh-
12 bors Syria and Iraq.

13 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress that expeditious consider-
15 ation of certifications of letters of offer to sell defense arti-
16 cles, defense services, design and construction services,
17 and major defense equipment to the Hashemite Kingdom
18 of Jordan under section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control
19 Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(b)) is fully consistent with United
20 States security and foreign policy interests and the objec-
21 tives of world peace and security.

22 **SEC. 5. ENHANCED DEFENSE COOPERATION.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the 3-year period beginning
24 on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Hashemite
25 Kingdom of Jordan shall be treated as if it were a country

1 listed in the provisions of law described in subsection (b)
2 for purposes of applying and administering such provi-
3 sions of law.

4 (b) PROVISIONS OF LAW.—The provisions of law de-
5 scribed in this subsection are the following provisions of
6 the Arms Export Control Act:

7 (1) Subsections (b)(2), (d)(2)(B), (d)(3)(A)(i),
8 and (d)(5) of section 3 (22 U.S.C. 2753).

9 (2) Subsections (e)(2)(A), (h)(1)(A), (h)(2) of
10 section 21 (22 U.S.C. 2761).

11 (3) Subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(6), (c), and
12 (d)(2)(A) of section 36 (22 U.S.C. 2776).

13 (4) Section 62(c)(1) (22 U.S.C. 2796a(c)(1)).

14 (5) Section 63(a)(2) (22 U.S.C. 2796b(a)(2)).

15 **SEC. 6. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

16 The Secretary of State is authorized, subject to the
17 availability of appropriations, to enter into a Memo-
18 randum of Understanding with the Hashemite Kingdom
19 of Jordan to increase economic support funds, military co-
20 operation, including joint military exercises, personnel ex-
21 changes, support for international peacekeeping missions,
22 and enhanced strategic dialogue.

