

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 2646  
OFFERED BY MR. ROYCE OF CALIFORNIA**

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 Extension Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) In December 2011, Congress passed section  
7 7041(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,  
8 2012 (Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat. 1223), which  
9 appropriated funds made available under the head-  
10 ing “Economic Support Fund” to establish an enter-  
11 prise fund for Jordan.

12 (2) The intent of an enterprise fund is to at-  
13 tract private investment to help entrepreneurs and  
14 small businesses create jobs and to achieve sustain-  
15 able economic development.

16 (3) Jordan is an instrumental partner in the  
17 fight against terrorism, including as a member of  
18 the Global Coalition To Counter ISIS and the Com-

1 bined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Re-  
2 solve.

3 (4) In 2014, His Majesty King Abdullah stated  
4 that “Jordanians and Americans have been standing  
5 shoulder to shoulder against extremism for many  
6 years, but to a new level with this coalition against  
7 ISIL”.

8 (5) On February 3, 2015, the United States  
9 signed a three-year memorandum of understanding  
10 with Jordan, pledging to provide the kingdom with  
11 \$1,000,000,000 annually in United States foreign  
12 assistance, subject to the approval of Congress.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress that—

15 (1) Jordan plays a critical role in responding to  
16 the overwhelming humanitarian needs created by the  
17 conflict in Syria;

18 (2) Jordan, the United States, and other part-  
19 ners should continue working together to address  
20 this humanitarian crisis and promote regional sta-  
21 bility, including through support for refugees in Jor-  
22 dan and internally displaced people along the Jor-  
23 dan-Syria border and the creation of conditions in-  
24 side Syria that will allow for the secure, dignified,

1 and voluntary return of people displaced by the cri-  
2 sis; and

3 (3) the Governments of the United States and  
4 Jordan should negotiate a new Memorandum of Un-  
5 derstanding, for fiscal years 2018 through 2022, to  
6 significantly enhance Jordan’s military capacity and  
7 local economy.

8 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES-JORDAN**  
9 **DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015.**

10 Section 5(a) of the United States-Jordan Defense Co-  
11 operation Act of 2015 (22 U.S.C. 2753 note) is amend-  
12 ed—

13 (1) by striking “During the 3-year period” and  
14 inserting “During the period”; and

15 (2) by inserting “and ending on December 31,  
16 2022” after “enactment of this Act”.

17 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF ENTERPRISE FUND FOR JOR-**  
18 **DAN.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF JORDAN ENTERPRISE  
20 FUND.—The President is authorized to establish and op-  
21 erate an enterprise fund to provide assistance to Jordan.

22 (b) PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS.—The provi-  
23 sions contained in section 201 of the Support for East  
24 European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C.  
25 5421), excluding the provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c),

1 (d)(3), (f), and (j) of that section, shall be deemed to apply  
2 with respect to the Jordan Enterprise Fund and to funds  
3 made available to the enterprise fund in the same manner  
4 and to the same extent as such provisions apply with re-  
5 spect to enterprise funds established pursuant to such sec-  
6 tion or to funds made available to such established enter-  
7 prise funds.

8 (c) OPERATION OF FUND.—

9 (1) EXPENDITURES.—Funds made available to  
10 the Jordan Enterprise Fund shall be expended at  
11 the minimum rate necessary to make timely pay-  
12 ments for projects and activities.

13 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more  
14 than 3 percent of the funds made available to the  
15 Jordan Enterprise Fund may be obligated or ex-  
16 pended for the administrative expenses of the enter-  
17 prise fund.

18 (d) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Jordan Enterprise  
20 Fund shall be governed by a Board of Directors  
21 comprised of private citizens of the United States or  
22 Jordan, who—

23 (A) shall be appointed by the President, in  
24 consultation with the chair and ranking mem-

1           ber of each of the appropriate congressional  
2           committees; and

3           (B) have pursued international business  
4           careers and have demonstrated expertise in  
5           international and emerging market investment  
6           activities.

7           (2) MAJORITY MEMBER REQUIREMENT.—The  
8           majority of the members of the Board of Directors  
9           shall be United States citizens.

10          (e) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
11          of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until  
12          the Jordan Enterprise Fund terminates in accordance  
13          with subsection (g), the Board of Directors shall—

14               (1) submit to the appropriate congressional  
15               committees a report detailing the administrative ex-  
16               penses of the enterprise fund; and

17               (2) publish, on an Internet website adminis-  
18               tered by the enterprise fund, each report submitted  
19               pursuant to subsection (b) in accordance with sec-  
20               tion 201(p) of the Support for East European De-  
21               mocracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5421(p)).

22          (f) LIQUIDATION.—Any funds resulting from any liq-  
23          uidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Jordan Enter-  
24          prise Fund, in whole or in part, shall be returned to the  
25          Treasury.

1 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Jordan En-  
2 terprise Fund to provide assistance shall terminate on the  
3 earlier of—

4 (1) the date that is 7 years after the date of the  
5 first expenditure of amounts in accordance with sub-  
6 section (c)(1); or

7 (2) the date on which the enterprise fund is liq-  
8 uidated in accordance with subsection (f).

9 (h) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
10 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
11 mittees” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
13 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives; and

15 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
16 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

