

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 2646

To reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. CORKER

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-

2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Jordan
5 Defense Cooperation Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In December 2011, Congress passed section
9 7041(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
10 2012 (Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat. 1223), which
11 appropriated funds made available under the head-

1 ing “Economic Support Fund” to establish an enter-
2 prise fund for Jordan.

3 (2) The intent of an enterprise fund is to at-
4 tract private investment to help entrepreneurs and
5 small businesses create jobs and to achieve sustain-
6 able economic development.

7 (3) Jordan is an instrumental partner in the
8 fight against terrorism, including as a member of
9 the Global Coalition To Counter ISIS and the Com-
10 bined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Re-
11 solve.

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

17 (5) On February 3, 2015, the United States
18 signed a 3-year memorandum of understanding with
19 Jordan, pledging to provide the kingdom with
20 \$1,000,000,000 annually in United States foreign
21 assistance, subject to the approval of Congress.

22 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

23 It is the sense of Congress that—

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

4 (2) Jordan, the United States, and other part-
5 ners should continue working together to address
6 this humanitarian crisis and promote regional sta-
7 bility, including through support for refugees in Jor-
8 dan and internally displaced people along the Jor-
9 dan-Syria border and the creation of conditions in-
10 side Syria that will allow for the secure, dignified,
11 and voluntary return of people displaced by the cri-
12 sis; and

13 (3) the Governments of the United States and
14 Jordan should negotiate a new Memorandum of Un-
15 derstanding, for fiscal years 2018 through 2022, to
16 significantly enhance Jordan’s military capacity and
17 local economy.

18 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES-JORDAN**

19 **DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015.**

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

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

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

3 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE FUND**
4 **FOR JORDAN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 establishment of the United States Development Finance
7 Corporation, the President shall submit to the appropriate
8 congressional committees a detailed report assessing the
9 costs and benefits of the United States Development Fi-
10 nance Corporation establishing a Jordan Enterprise Fund.

11 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
12 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
15 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
17 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives.