

HR 907

United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Apr 22, 2015
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Apr 23, 2015
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Apr 23, 2015
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Apr 23, 2015
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Apr 23, 2015
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Apr 23, 2015
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Apr 27, 2015
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jul 7, 2015
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jul 7, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Apr 23, 2015
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 3, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1789	Related bill	Oct 27, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 281.

Summary (as of Feb 18, 2016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on February 3, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill specifies the findings of Congress that:

- as of January 22, 2015, the United States has provided over \$3 billion in assistance to respond to the Syria humanitarian crisis, of which nearly \$467 million has been provided to Jordan;
- as of January 2015, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, there were 621,937 registered Syrian refugees in Jordan, 83.8% of whom lived outside refugee camps;
- in 2000 the United States and Jordan signed a free-trade agreement that went into force in 2001;
- in 1996 the United States granted Jordan major non-NATO ally status; and
- Jordan is suffering from the Syrian refugee crisis and the threat of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

(Sec. 3) U.S. policy should be to:

- support Jordan in its response to the Syrian refugee crisis,
- provide necessary assistance to support the basic needs of the assimilated Syrian refugees,
- cooperate with Jordan to combat the terrorist threat from ISIL or other terrorist organizations, and
- help secure the border between Jordan and Syria and Iraq.

(Sec. 4) It is the sense of Congress that:

- expeditious consideration of certifications of letters of offer to sell defense articles, defense services, design and construction services, and major defense equipment to Jordan is fully consistent with U. S. security and foreign policy interests and the objectives of world peace and security; and
- it is in the interest of peace and stability for regional members of the Global Coalition to Combat ISIL to increase their involvement in addressing the ISIL threat.

(Sec. 5) The Arms Export Control Act is amended to include Jordan among the countries eligible for certain streamlined defense sales for three years.

(Sec. 6) The Department of State is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Jordan to increase economic support funds and military cooperation, including joint military exercises, personnel exchanges, support for international peacekeeping missions, and enhanced strategic dialogue.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 18, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 18, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-123.
- **Feb 12, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H693-694)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H693-694)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H693-694)
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 4, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 3, 2016:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S570)
- **Feb 3, 2016:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S570)
- **Feb 3, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S570-571)
- **Feb 3, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 3, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 8, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 7, 2015:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 7, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4779-4781)
- **Jul 7, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 907.
- **Jul 7, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4799)
- **Jul 7, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4799)
- **Jul 7, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.