

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8595, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER OF NEW YORK**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of enactment of this section, the Secretary of State shall
3 submit to Congress a comprehensive strategy, coordinated
4 with international partners and allies, to dismantle United
5 Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees
6 in the Near East (in this section “UNRWA”) operations
7 throughout the Middle East.

8 (b) The strategy shall include—

9 (1) a detailed plan and timeline for the phased
10 wind-down of UNRWA operations;

11 (2) an assessment of all UNRWA programs, in-
12 cluding education, healthcare, social services, and in-
13 frastructure;

14 (3) identification of appropriate entities to as-
15 sume responsibility for such programs, including—

16 (A) host country governments; or

17 (B) qualified international or non-govern-
18 mental organizations;

1 (4) identification of entities to assume responsi-
2 bility for funding such programs;

3 (5) a plan to ensure continuity of services dur-
4 ing the transition period;

5 (6) mechanisms to ensure neutrality, account-
6 ability, transparency, and oversight in successor pro-
7 grams;

8 (7) a risk-reward assessment addressing hu-
9 manitarian, political, and security implications;

10 (8) a diplomatic engagement plan with host
11 countries and international partners; and

12 (9) estimated costs and savings associated with
13 the transition and recommendations for funding
14 structures.

15 (c) Not later than 1 year after submission of the
16 strategy, the Secretary of State shall begin implementa-
17 tion of such strategy.

18 (d) The strategy shall be implemented in coordination
19 with—

20 (1) relevant Federal departments and agencies;

21 (2) host country governments;

22 (3) international organizations; and

23 (4) any other implementing partners the Sec-
24 retary of State determines appropriate.

1 (e) In carrying out the implementation of the strat-
2 egy, the Secretary of State shall ensure that—

3 (1) no interruption of critical humanitarian
4 services occurs; and

5 (2) all successor entities meet minimum stand-
6 ards for transparency and accountability.

