

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4608

To repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. YOHO, Mr. JONES, Mr. AMASH, Mr. POSEY, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. ELLISON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force, and
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “War Authorization Re-
5 view and Determination Act” or “WARD Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-

1 mit to Congress, in writing, a report setting forth each
2 operation or other action that is being carried out pursu-
3 ant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public
4 Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) as of the date of the
5 submission of the report.

6 (b) FORM.—The report shall be submitted in unclas-
7 sified form but may contain a classified annex as appro-
8 priate.

9 **SEC. 3. OPERATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS UNDER AU-**
10 **THORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Within 60 days after a report is
12 submitted pursuant to section 2(a), the President shall
13 terminate each operation or other action described in the
14 report, unless a joint resolution described in subsection (b)
15 with respect to the operation or other action is enacted
16 into law in accordance with such subsection.

17 (b) JOINT RESOLUTION DESCRIBED.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section,
19 a joint resolution referred to in subsection (a) is a
20 joint resolution of the two Houses of Congress,
21 which does not contain a preamble, and the sole
22 matter after the resolving clause of which is as fol-
23 lows: “That Congress approves the _____ as con-
24 tained in the report submitted to Congress pursuant
25 to section 2(a) of the War Authorization Review and

1 Determination Act on _____.” with the first
2 blank space being filled with a description of the ap-
3 plicable operation (or operations) or other action (or
4 other actions) and the second blank space being
5 filled with the appropriate date.

6 (2) EXPEDITED CONGRESSIONAL PROCE-
7 DURES.—The provisions of section 6 of the War
8 Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1545) shall apply to
9 a joint resolution described in paragraph (1) to the
10 same extent as such section 6 applies to a joint reso-
11 lution or bill under that section.

12 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY**
13 **FORCE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Authorization for Use of
15 Military Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note)
16 is hereby repealed.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The repeal contained in sub-
18 section (a)—

19 (1) takes effect on the date that is 240 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

21 (2) applies with respect to each operation or
22 other action that is being carried out pursuant to
23 the Authorization for Use of Military Force initiated
24 before such effective date.

1 **SEC. 5. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act—

3 (1) shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting
4 any authority of the President under any provision
5 of law other than the Authorization for Use of Military
6 Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541
7 note); or

8 (2) shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting
9 any authority of the President to respond to, or to
10 prevent imminent attacks, on the United States, its
11 territorial possessions, its embassies, its consulates,
12 or its Armed Forces abroad, consistent with and limited
13 to the President’s constitutional powers and responsibilities
14 as Commander-in-Chief.

15 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS OR
16 OTHER ACTIONS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed
17 as limiting or prohibiting any authority of the President
18 to submit to Congress proposed legislation to authorize operations
19 or other actions relating to the use of military
20 force initiated on or after the effective date described in
21 section 4(a).

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