

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4428

To amend the War Powers Resolution to transfer to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives the responsibilities assigned under such Resolution to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Mr. GALLEGO (for himself and Mr. BYRNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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

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

1 **SECTION 1. TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER**
2 **WAR POWERS RESOLUTION TO HOUSE COM-**
3 **MITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.**

4 (a) REFERRAL OF REPORT BY PRESIDENT.—Section
5 5(a) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(a))
6 is amended by striking “Committee on Foreign Affairs of
7 the House of Representatives” and inserting “Committee
8 on Armed Services of the House of Representatives”.

9 (b) PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF JOINT
10 RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS.—Section 6(a) of the War Pow-
11 ers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1545(a)) is amended by striking
12 “Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives” and inserting “Committee on Armed Serv-
14 ices of the House of Representatives”.

15 (c) PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONCUR-
16 RENT RESOLUTIONS.—Section 7(a) of the War Powers
17 Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546(a)) is amended by striking
18 “Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives” and inserting “Committee on Armed Serv-
20 ices of the House of Representatives”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDING RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**
2 **TIVES TO TRANSFER JURISDICTION FOR**
3 **BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS**
4 **RELATING TO INTERVENTION ABROAD AND**
5 **DECLARATIONS OF WAR.**

6 (a) TRANSFER TO COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERV-
7 ICES.—Clause 1(c) of rule X of the Rules of the House
8 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new subparagraph:

10 “(17) Intervention abroad and declarations
11 of war.”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Clause 1(i) of rule
13 X of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended
14 by striking subparagraph (9) and redesignating the suc-
15 ceeding subparagraphs accordingly.

16 (c) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—This
17 section is enacted by Congress—

18 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
19 House of Representatives, and as such it is deemed
20 a part of the Rules of the House, and it supersedes
21 other Rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent
22 with such Rules; and

23 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
24 right of the House of Representatives to change the
25 Rules at any time, in the same manner, and to the

- 1 same extent as in the case of any other Rule of the
- 2 House.

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