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# H. R. 1609

To amend the War Powers Resolution to limit the use of funds for introduction of the Armed Forces into hostilities, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2011

Mr. GIBSON 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

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## 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “War Powers Reform  
5       Act of 2011”.

6       **SEC. 2. PURPOSE AND POLICY.**

7       Section 2(c) of the War Powers Resolution (50  
8       U.S.C. 1541(c)) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
2 striking “are exercised” and inserting “may be exer-  
3 cised”;

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end be-  
5 fore the comma the following: “or obligation under  
6 a treaty”; and

7 (3) in paragraph (3), by inserting after “at-  
8 tack” the following: “or imminent threat of attack”.

9 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR INTRODUCTION**  
10 **OF ARMED FORCES INTO HOSTILITIES.**

11 The War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.)  
12 is amended—

13 (1) by striking sections 5, 6, and 7;

14 (2) by redesignating sections 8, 9, and 10 as  
15 sections 6, 7, and 8, respectively; and

16 (3) by inserting after section 4 the following:

17 “LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS

18 “SEC. 5. (a) No funds available for the United States  
19 Armed Forces may be obligated or expended for introduc-  
20 tion of the Armed Forces into hostilities, or into situations  
21 where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indi-  
22 cated by the circumstances, in the absence of a declaration  
23 of war, specific statutory authorization or obligation under  
24 a treaty, or a national emergency created by an attack  
25 or imminent threat of attack upon the United States, its  
26 territories or possessions, or the Armed Forces.

1       “(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to pro-  
2 hibit the use of funds for introduction of the Armed  
3 Forces into hostilities, or into situations where imminent  
4 involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the cir-  
5 cumstances, to provide for the defense of Israel created  
6 by an attack upon Israel.”.

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