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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating
to the duration of authorizations of the use of force.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2026

Mr. BARRETT (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine) submitted the following
joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States relating to the duration of authorizations of the
use of force.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*
8 *States within seven years after the date of its submission*
9 *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “An Act of Congress enacted after the date of the
3 ratification of this article that authorizes the use of mili-
4 tary force by the United States outside of the United
5 States, and with respect to which there is not in effect
6 a declaration of war enacted by Congress, shall cease to
7 have effect on the earlier of the date that is five years
8 after the date of the enactment of such Act or the date
9 of termination of such authorization provided for in such
10 Act.”.

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