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H. R. 8434

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARRETT (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine) 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

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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 “Prevent Endless Wars
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUNSET REQUIREMENT FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR**
2 **USE OF MILITARY TO RECEIVE CONGRES-**
3 **SIONAL PRIORITY PROCEDURES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the War Powers Res-
5 olution (50 U.S.C. 1545) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new subsection:

7 “(e) Subsections (a) through (d) of this section may
8 not apply with respect to a joint resolution or bill intro-
9 duced pursuant to section 5(b) which authorizes the use
10 of United States Armed Forces for a period of more than
11 5 years or an unspecified period of time.”.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This Act, and the amendment
13 made by this Act, shall apply with respect to a joint resolu-
14 tion or bill introduced pursuant section 5(b) of the War
15 Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(b)) (commonly re-
16 ferred to as an “Authorization for Use of Military Force”)
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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