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H. RES. 1456

Directing the initiation of litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2026

Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. AMO, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CROW, and Mr. KHANNA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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

RESOLUTION

Directing the initiation of litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States.

1 *Resolved*, That the Speaker shall initiate or intervene
2 in one or more civil actions on behalf of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives in a Federal court of competent jurisdiction
4 to seek any appropriate relief regarding the failure of the
5 President, the head of any department or agency, or any
6 other officer or employee of the executive branch, to act
7 in a manner consistent with that official's duties under

1 the Constitution and laws of the United States with re-
2 spect to—

3 (1) the ongoing hostilities reported by the
4 President on March 2, 2026, pursuant to section
5 4(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
6 1544(b));

7 (2) the implementation of section 5(b) of the
8 War Powers Resolution, mandating that the Presi-
9 dent terminate hostilities reported pursuant to sec-
10 tion 4(a)(1) that persist for 60 days and have not
11 been congressionally authorized; and

12 (3) the implementation of the concurrent reso-
13 lution, H. Con. Res. 86, directing the President,
14 pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolu-
15 tion, to remove United States Armed Forces from
16 hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

17 SEC. 2. The Speaker shall notify the House of Rep-
18 resentatives when it has complied with the first section
19 of this resolution and initiated or intervened in a civil ac-
20 tion pursuant to this resolution.

21 SEC. 3. The Office of the General Counsel of the
22 House of Representatives, at the direction of the Speaker,
23 shall represent the House in any civil action initiated, or
24 in which the House intervenes, pursuant to this resolution,

- 1 and may employ the services of outside counsel and other
- 2 experts for this purpose.

