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# H. R. 3221

To amend the War Powers Resolution to require the President to include post-conflict strategy in the report required under the Resolution, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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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. INCLUSION OF POST-CONFLICT STRATEGY.**

4 (a) PURPOSE AND POLICY.—Section 2 of the War  
5 Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “cir-  
7 cumstances, and to the continued use of such forces  
8 in hostilities or in such situations” and inserting  
9 “circumstances, to the continued use of such forces

1 in hostilities or in such situations, and to the post-  
2 conflict strategy”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 section:

5 “(d) Given the difficulty of post-conflict strategy, de-  
6 veloping a clear plan of action at the outset is decisive  
7 to success. Such a plan should articulate the interests of  
8 the United States at stake, define the policy objectives of  
9 the United States for the introduction of Armed Forces  
10 into hostilities, or into situations where imminent involve-  
11 ment in hostilities is clearly indicated by the cir-  
12 cumstances, and lay out the strategy for achieving these  
13 policy objectives and a clear division of labor regarding  
14 responsibilities for implementation of the plan.”.

15 (b) REPORTING.—Section 4(a) of the War Powers  
16 Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1543) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (B) by striking “and”  
18 after the semicolon;

19 (2) in subparagraph (C) by striking the period  
20 and inserting “; and”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
22 paragraph:

23 “(D) the post-conflict strategy.”.

1           (c) INTERPRETATION OF JOINT RESOLUTION.—Sec-  
2 tion 8 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1547)  
3 is amended—

4           (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
5 section (e); and

6           (2) by inserting the following new subsection:

7           “(d) For purposes of this joint resolution, the term  
8 ‘post-conflict strategy’ includes reconstruction, peace-  
9 keeping, peace enforcement, and nation-building.”.

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