

113TH CONGRESS
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S. 3019

To amend the War Powers Resolution to provide for the use of military force against non-state actors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 16, 2014

Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 Against
5 Non-State Actors Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF MILITARY FORCE AGAINST NON-STATE AC-**
7 **TORS.**

8 The War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.)
9 is amended by inserting after section 5 (50 U.S.C. 1544)
10 the following section:

1 **“SEC. 5a. NON-STATE ACTORS.**

2 “(a) TERMINATION OF USE OF UNITED STATES
3 ARMED FORCES; EXCEPTIONS.—In the event that a re-
4 port submitted by the President to Congress consistent
5 with the requirements of section 4 relates to the use of
6 the United States Armed Forces against a non-state orga-
7 nization or entity—

8 “(1) the requirement in section 5(b) shall not
9 apply; and

10 “(2) not later than 60 days after the date on
11 which the President submits the report, the Presi-
12 dent shall terminate the use of the Armed Forces of
13 the United States unless—

14 “(A) the legal authority under which the
15 President has made the approval is a law pro-
16 viding authority to use the Armed Forces of the
17 United States against the non-state organiza-
18 tion or entity; or

19 “(B)(i) the President notifies Congress
20 that continuing military action is necessary be-
21 cause the non-state organization or entity is a
22 terrorist organization that poses a continuing
23 and imminent threat to the United States and
24 United States persons; and

1 “(ii) Congress does not enact a joint reso-
2 lution disapproving such report pursuant to
3 subsection (b).

4 “(b) EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR JOINT RESOLU-
5 TION.—

6 “(1) JOINT RESOLUTION DESCRIBED.—For
7 purposes of this section, the term ‘joint resolution’
8 means only a joint resolution which is introduced
9 within the 10-day period beginning on the date on
10 which the President submits a notification pursuant
11 to subsection (a)(2)(B)(i), the matter after the re-
12 solving clause of which is as follows: ‘That Congress
13 disapproves the authorization to use for the Armed
14 Forces of the United States to use direct action as
15 submitted by the President in the notification sub-
16 mitted to Congress on _____’, the blank
17 space being filled in with the appropriate date.

18 “(2) APPLICABLE PROCEDURES.—Any joint
19 resolution introduced pursuant to this subsection
20 shall be subject to the congressional priority proce-
21 dures established for concurrent resolutions in sec-
22 tion 7 and section 1013 of the Department of State
23 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (50
24 U.S.C. 1546a), except that such resolution shall not
25 be subject to amendment.

1 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion is intended to alter the constitutional authority of
3 Congress or the President.”.

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