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H. R. 1609

To amend the War Powers Resolution to limit the use of funds for introduction of the Armed Forces into hostilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2011

Mr. GIBSON 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 “War Powers Reform
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE AND POLICY.**

7 Section 2(c) of the War Powers Resolution (50
8 U.S.C. 1541(c)) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
2 striking “are exercised” and inserting “may be exer-
3 cised”;

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end be-
5 fore the comma the following: “or obligation under
6 a treaty”; and

7 (3) in paragraph (3), by inserting after “at-
8 tack” the following: “or imminent threat of attack”.

9 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR INTRODUCTION**
10 **OF ARMED FORCES INTO HOSTILITIES.**

11 The War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.)
12 is amended—

13 (1) by striking sections 5, 6, and 7;

14 (2) by redesignating sections 8, 9, and 10 as
15 sections 6, 7, and 8, respectively; and

16 (3) by inserting after section 4 the following:

17 “LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS

18 “SEC. 5. (a) No funds available for the United States
19 Armed Forces may be obligated or expended for introduc-
20 tion of the Armed Forces into hostilities, or into situations
21 where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indi-
22 cated by the circumstances, in the absence of a declaration
23 of war, specific statutory authorization or obligation under
24 a treaty, or a national emergency created by an attack
25 or imminent threat of attack upon the United States, its
26 territories or possessions, or the Armed Forces.

1 “(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to pro-
2 hibit the use of funds for introduction of the Armed
3 Forces into hostilities, or into situations where imminent
4 involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the cir-
5 cumstances, to provide for the defense of Israel created
6 by an attack upon Israel.”.

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