

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 159

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the duration of authorizations of the use of force.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2026

Mr. BARRETT (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4       lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
8       States within seven years after the date of its submission  
9       for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “An Act of Congress enacted after the date of the  
3 ratification of this article that authorizes the use of mili-  
4 tary force by the United States outside of the United  
5 States, and with respect to which there is not in effect  
6 a declaration of war enacted by Congress, shall cease to  
7 have effect on the earlier of the date that is five years  
8 after the date of the enactment of such Act or the date  
9 of termination of such authorization provided for in such  
10 Act.”.

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