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H. R. 8435

To amend the War Powers Resolution to provide for priority procedures
for joint resolutions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2026

Mr. BARRETT (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine) 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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procedures for joint resolutions, and for other purposes.

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 Priority
5 Procedures Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY PROCEDURES FOR JOINT RESOLUTION.**

7 (a) CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.—Section 5(c) of the
8 War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544) is amended by

1 inserting “or joint resolution” after “concurrent resolu-
 2 tion”.

3 (b) CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITY PROCEDURES FOR
 4 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OR JOINT RESOLUTION.—
 5 Section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546)
 6 is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**OR**
 8 **JOINT RESOLUTION**” after “**CONCURRENT RES-**
 9 **OLUTION**”;

10 (2) by inserting “or joint resolution” after
 11 “concurrent resolution” each place it appears; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(e) In the case that a joint resolution passed by both
 14 Houses should be vetoed by the President, the time for
 15 debate in consideration of the veto message on such joint
 16 resolution shall be limited to 20 hours in the Senate and
 17 20 hours in the House of Representatives.

18 “(f) Notwithstanding section 1013 of the Department
 19 of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985
 20 (50 U.S.C. 1546a), the priority procedures under this sec-
 21 tion shall apply where a joint resolution is introduced in
 22 either House which requires the removal of United States
 23 Armed Forces engaged in hostilities outside the territory
 24 of the United States, its possessions and territories with-

1 out a declaration of war or specific statutory authoriza-
2 tion.”.

