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# S. J. RES. 185

To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress makes the following findings:

5               (1) Congress has the sole power to declare war  
6       under article I, section 8, clause 11 of the United  
7       States Constitution.

1           (2) The President has a constitutional responsi-  
2           bility to take actions to defend the United States  
3           and its territories, possessions, citizens,  
4           servicemembers, and diplomats from attack.

5           (3) Congress has not declared war upon Iran or  
6           any person or organization within Iran, nor enacted  
7           a specific statutory authorization for the use of mili-  
8           tary force within or against Iran.

9           (4) The use of military force within or against  
10          Iran (including the enforcement of a naval blockade)  
11          constitutes the introduction of United States Armed  
12          Forces into hostilities within the meaning of section  
13          4(a) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.  
14          1543(a)).

15          (5) Section 1013 of the Department of State  
16          Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (50  
17          U.S.C. 1546a) provides that any joint resolution or  
18          bill requiring the removal of United States Armed  
19          Forces from imminent engagement in hostilities  
20          without a declaration of war or specific statutory au-  
21          thorization shall be considered in accordance with  
22          the expedited procedures under section 601(b) of the  
23          International Security and Arms Export Control Act  
24          of 1976 (Public Law 94–329).

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**  
2 **FROM HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR AGAINST THE**  
3 **ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN.**

4 (a) REMOVAL.—Pursuant to section 1013 of the De-  
5 partment of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984  
6 and 1985 (50 U.S.C. 1546a), and in accordance with sec-  
7 tion 601(b) of the International Security Assistance and  
8 Arms Export Control Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–329),  
9 Congress hereby directs the President to remove the  
10 United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or  
11 against Iran, unless explicitly authorized by a declaration  
12 of war or a specific authorization for use of military force.

13 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this reso-  
14 lution may be construed to prevent the United States  
15 from—

16 (1) defending against an attack on the United  
17 States or its personnel or facilities in other nations;

18 (2) collecting, analyzing, or sharing intelligence  
19 with partner countries who have been attacked by  
20 Iran since February 28, 2026, and other nations  
21 and international organizations as appropriate, re-  
22 lated to threats from Iran or its proxies; and

23 (3) assisting partner countries who have been  
24 attacked by Iran since February 28, 2026, and other  
25 nations—

- 1 (A) in intercepting retaliatory attacks by
- 2 Iran or its proxies; or
- 3 (B) by providing defensive materiel sup-
- 4 port for such defensive measures.

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