

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 348

Providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 336) to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2019

Mr. ZELDIN (for himself and Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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1 *Resolved*, That immediately upon adoption of this res-
2 olution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in
3 the House of the bill (H.R. 336) to make improvements
4 to certain defense and security assistance provisions and
5 to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reau-

1 authorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act
2 of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian
3 people, and for other purposes. All points of order against
4 consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment de-
5 scribed in section 2 of this resolution shall be considered
6 as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as
7 read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as
8 amended, are waived. The previous question shall be con-
9 sidered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any
10 further amendment thereto to final passage without inter-
11 vening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally di-
12 vided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Mi-
13 nority Leader or their respective designees; and (2) one
14 motion to recommit with or without instructions.

15 SEC. 2. The amendment referred to in the first sec-
16 tion is an amendment to H.R. 336 to add at the end of
17 the bill the following:

18 **“SEC. 406. CLARIFICATION OF DEADLINE FOR REPORT ON**
19 **ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE FUND FOR**
20 **JORDAN.**

21 “For purposes of section 205(a), the term ‘establish-
22 ment of the United States Development Finance Corpora-
23 tion’ means the end of the transition period, as defined
24 in section 1461 of the Better Utilization of Investments

1 Leading to Development Act of 2018 (division F of Public
2 Law 115–254).

3 **“SEC. 407. FORM OF REPORT ON THE COOPERATION OF**
4 **THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL WITH RE-**
5 **SPECT TO COUNTERING UNMANNED AERIAL**
6 **SYSTEMS.**

7 “The report required under section 123(d) shall be
8 submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classi-
9 fied annex.

10 **“SEC. 408. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON WITHDRAWALS OF**
11 **UNITED STATES FORCES FROM SYRIA AND**
12 **AFGHANISTAN.**

13 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
14 ings:

15 “(1) The foreign terrorist organization al
16 Qaeda, responsible for the attacks of September 11,
17 2001, maintains a presence in Afghanistan.

18 “(2) The Islamic State of Iraq and al Sham,
19 better known by its acronym ISIS, flourished in the
20 chaos unleashed by the civil war in Syria and at one
21 point controlled extensive territory in Iraq and
22 Syria.

23 “(3) Al Qaeda, ISIS, and their affiliates have
24 murdered thousands of innocent civilians.

1 “(4) Al Qaeda, ISIS, and their affiliates have
2 proven resilient and have regrouped when the United
3 States and its partners have withdrawn from the
4 fight against them.

5 “(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

6 “(1) acknowledges that the United States mili-
7 tary and our partners have made significant
8 progress in the campaign against al Qaeda and the
9 Islamic State of Iraq and al Sham (ISIS), and hon-
10 ors the contributions and sacrifice of the members of
11 the United States Armed Forces who have served on
12 the front lines of this fight;

13 “(2) recognizes the continuing threat to the
14 homeland and our allies posed by al Qaeda and
15 ISIS, which maintain an ability to operate in Syria
16 and Afghanistan;

17 “(3) expresses concern that Iran has supported
18 the Taliban in Afghanistan and Hizballah and the
19 Assad regime in Syria, and has sought to frustrate
20 diplomatic efforts to resolve conflicts in these two
21 countries;

22 “(4) recognizes the positive role the United
23 States and its partners have played in Syria and Af-
24 ghanistan fighting terrorist groups, countering Ira-

1 nian aggression, deterring the further use of chem-
2 ical weapons, and protecting human rights;

3 “(5) warns that a precipitous withdrawal of
4 United States forces from the ongoing fight against
5 these groups, without effective, countervailing efforts
6 to secure gains in Syria and Afghanistan, could
7 allow terrorists to regroup, destabilize critical re-
8 gions, and create vacuums that could be filled by
9 Iran or Russia, to the detriment of United States in-
10 terests and those of our allies;

11 “(6) recognizes that al Qaeda and ISIS pose a
12 global threat, which merits increased international
13 contributions to the counterterrorism, diplomatic,
14 and stabilization efforts underway in Syria and Af-
15 ghanistan;

16 “(7) recognizes that diplomatic efforts to secure
17 peaceful, negotiated solutions to the conflicts in
18 Syria and Afghanistan are necessary to long-term
19 stability and counterterrorism efforts in the Middle
20 East and South Asia;

21 “(8) acknowledges the progress made by Special
22 Representative Khalilzad in his efforts to promote
23 reconciliation in Afghanistan;

24 “(9) calls upon the Administration to conduct a
25 thorough review of the military and diplomatic strat-

1 egies in Syria and Afghanistan, including an assess-
2 ment of the risk that withdrawal from those coun-
3 tries could strengthen the power and influence of
4 Russia and Iran in the Middle East and South Asia
5 and undermine diplomatic efforts toward negotiated,
6 peaceful solutions;

7 “(10) requests that the Administration, as part
8 of this review, solicit the views of Israel, our regional
9 partners, and other key troop-contributing nations in
10 the fight against al Qaeda and ISIS;

11 “(11) reiterates support for international diplo-
12 matic efforts to facilitate peaceful, negotiated resolu-
13 tions to the ongoing conflicts in Syria and Afghani-
14 stan on terms that respect the rights of innocent ci-
15 vilians and deny safe havens to terrorists;

16 “(12) calls upon the Administration to pursue
17 a strategy that sets the conditions for the long-term
18 defeat of al Qaeda and ISIS, as well as the protec-
19 tion of regional partners and allies, while ensuring
20 that Iran cannot dominate the region or threaten
21 Israel;

22 “(13) encourages close collaboration between
23 the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch to
24 ensure continuing strong, bipartisan support for

1 United States military operations in Syria and Af-
2 ghanistan; and

3 “(14) calls upon the Administration to certify
4 that conditions have been met for the enduring de-
5 feat of al Qaeda and ISIS before initiating any sig-
6 nificant withdrawal of United States forces from
7 Syria or Afghanistan.

8 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
9 tion shall be construed as a declaration of war or an au-
10 thorization of the use of military force.”.

11 SEC. 3. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to
12 the consideration of H.R. 336.

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