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H. R. 3129

To amend the War Powers Resolution to require an annual report and assessment with respect to each specific statutory authorization of the use of military force, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLOUD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Preventing Endless
5 Armed Conflict and Engagement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT AND ASSESSMENT WITH RESPECT**
2 **TO EACH SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZA-**
3 **TION OF THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE.**

4 Section 4 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
5 1543) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(d) A specific statutory authorization for the use of
7 military force under this section shall terminate not later
8 than two years after the date of the enactment of such
9 authorization, unless reauthorized pursuant to this Reso-
10 lution.

11 “(e) A specific statutory authorization reauthorized
12 pursuant to subsection (d) shall terminate not later than
13 two years after the date of such reauthorization.

14 “(f) A specific statutory authorization shall specify—

15 “(1) each nation, organization, or force engaged
16 in active hostilities against the United States;

17 “(2) each country in which military force is au-
18 thorized; and

19 “(3) the objective for such authorization.

20 “(g) Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
21 ment of any specific statutory authorization of the use of
22 military force under this Resolution, and annually there-
23 after, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
24 Secretary of State, shall submit to Congress an unclassi-
25 fied report that includes—

1 “(1) a list of each such specific statutory au-
2 thorization for the use of military force; and

3 “(2) information relating to—

4 “(A) the goal of each such authorization;

5 “(B) the number of United States military
6 personnel deployed pursuant to each such au-
7 thorization;

8 “(C) hostile engagements with respect to
9 United States military personnel;

10 “(D) the number of civilian and combatant
11 casualties;

12 “(E) the support received from allied coun-
13 tries and forces;

14 “(F) the financial costs associated with
15 each such authorization; and

16 “(G) a description with respect to the sta-
17 tus of operations conducted pursuant to each
18 such authorization and the expected scope and
19 duration of such operations.

20 “(h) Not less than once during each 180-day period
21 after the date of the enactment of any specific statutory
22 authorization of military force under this Resolution, the
23 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
24 of State, shall provide a briefing to Congress with respect

1 to the most recent report submitted pursuant to sub-
2 section (g).”.

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