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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BARRETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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.”.