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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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.

8 (2) The Sultanate of Oman is an important
9 United States partner and has played a key role in

1 regional diplomacy and mediation, including to se-
2 cure the release of United States hostages.

3 (3) Congress has not declared war upon the
4 Sultanate of Oman or upon any person or organiza-
5 tion within Oman, nor enacted a specific statutory
6 authorization for use of military force against Oman.

7 (4) Threatening the use of force by the United
8 States Armed Forces within or against the Sultanate
9 of Oman constitutes the imminent introduction of
10 the United States Armed Forces into hostilities
11 within the meaning of section 4(a) of the War Pow-
12 ers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1543(a)).

13 (5) Section 1013 of the Department of State
14 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (50
15 U.S.C. 1546a) provides that any joint resolution or
16 bill to require the removal of United States Armed
17 Forces engaged in hostilities without a declaration of
18 war or specific statutory authorization shall be con-
19 sidered in accordance with the expedited procedures
20 of section 601(b) of the International Security As-
21 sistance and Arms Export Control Act of 1976
22 (Public Law 94-329).

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**
2 **FROM HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR AGAINST THE**
3 **SULTANATE OF OMAN.**

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 the
7 provisions of section 601(b) of the International Security
8 Assistance and Arms Export Control Act of 1976 (Public
9 Law 94–329), Congress hereby directs the President to
10 remove the United States Armed Forces from hostilities
11 within or against the Sultanate of Oman, unless explicitly
12 authorized by a declaration of war or specific authoriza-
13 tion for use of military force against Oman.

14 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion shall be construed to prevent the United States from
16 defending itself from an armed attack or the threat of an
17 imminent armed attack.