AMENDMENT TO H.R. __________________, AS
REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle H of title X, insert the fol-
lowing:

SEC. 10. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE 2001 AU-
THORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE.

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

(1) The Authorization for Use of Military Force
(referred to in this section as the “2001 AUMF”)  
(Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) was
passed by Congress in 2001 after the terrorist at-
tacks of September 11, 2001, to authorize the use
of force against those responsible for the attacks of

(2) The 2001 AUMF is one of the only modern
authorizations for the use of force in the history of
the United States that included no limitation in
time, geography, operations, or a named enemy.

(3) The 2001 AUMF has been cited 41 times
as the legal basis for the use of force in 19 coun-
tries.
(4) Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution provides Congress with the sole authority to “declare war”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the use of the 2001 AUMF has been well beyond the scope that Congress initially intended when it was passed on September 14, 2001;

(2) nearly 18 years after the passage of the 2001 AUMF, it has served as a blank check for any President to wage war at any time and at any place;

and

(3) any new authorization for the use of military force that replaces the 2001 AUMF should include—

(A) a sunset clause and timeframe within which Congress should revisit the authority provided in the new authorization for use of military force;

(B) a clear and specific expression of mission objectives, targets, and geographic scope; and
(C) reporting requirements to increase transparency and ensure proper Congressional oversight.