

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, AS  
REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle H of title X, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE 2001 AU-  
2 THORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE.**

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

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

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

**16 (3) The 2001 AUMF has been cited 41 times**  
**17 as the legal basis for the use of force in 19 coun-**  
**18 tries.**

1           (4) Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution pro-  
2       vides Congress with the sole authority to “declare  
3       war”.

4       (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
5       gress that—

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

9           (2) nearly 18 years after the passage of the  
10       2001 AUMF, it has served as a blank check for any  
11       President to wage war at any time and at any place;  
12       and

13          (3) any new authorization for the use of mili-  
14       tary force that replaces the 2001 AUMF should in-  
15       clude—

16           (A) a sunset clause and timeframe within  
17       which Congress should revisit the authority pro-  
18       vided in the new authorization for use of mili-  
19       tary force;

20           (B) a clear and specific expression of mis-  
21       sion objectives, targets, and geographic scope;  
22       and

1 (C) reporting requirements to increase  
2 transparency and ensure proper Congressional  
3 oversight.

