

AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE

(2001)

Public Law 107-40

This is the Congressional response to 911!
ELL will give you the vote count on this shortly.

To authorize the use of United States Armed Forces **against those responsible** for the recent **attacks** launched against the United States.

Looks fairly broad.

Whereas, on **September 11, 2001**, acts of treacherous violence were committed against the United States and its citizens; and

Whereas, such acts render it both necessary and appropriate that the United States exercise its rights to self-defense and to protect United States citizens both at home and abroad; and

Whereas, in light of the threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by these grave acts of violence; and

Whereas, such acts continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States; and

Whereas, **the President has authority under the Constitution to take action** to deter and prevent acts of international terrorism against the United States:

This resolution seems to yield more power to the Presidency than the 1973 Resolution.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This joint resolution may be cited as the ‘Authorization for Use of Military Force.’

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

- (a) IN GENERAL - That **the President is authorized to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines**

planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons.

Of course, this gives the President the **sole** discretion to go to war against **anyone he determines** to have been involved with 911, right?

(b) War Powers Resolution Requirements-

- (1) **SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION-** Consistent with section **8(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution**, the Congress declares that this section is intended to constitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning of section **5(b) of the War Powers Resolution**.
- (2) **APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS** - Nothing in this resolution supercedes any requirement of the War Powers Resolution.

Approved **September 18, 2001**.

