

March 27th, 2019

Dear Representatives,

We urge you to vote against any motion to recommit (MTR) presented by Republicans on [SJRes7](#), the War Powers Resolution to end unconstitutional U.S. military participation in the Saudi- and Emirati-led coalition's military intervention in Yemen. A vote in favor of the MTR is a vote to destroy the viability of the bill, prevent it from reaching the president's desk, and prolong the conflict.

SJRes7 passed the Senate on March 13th, 2019, with a bipartisan majority and will be considered in the House within days. Republicans are sure to try to derail the bill with a political ploy to tempt Democrats into voting for it. But the House adoption of the Republicans' MTR would insert language into the text of SJRes7 that would require reapproval by the Senate. The language that Republicans will attempt to insert through the MTR will strip the measure of privileged status. Majority Leader McConnell would then be under no obligation to bring SJRes7 back up for a vote, and the bill would die.

We know this because in February, House Democrats unanimously voted to pass SJRes7's companion bill, [HJRes37](#). House Republicans introduced a [motion to recommit](#) with non-germane language condemning anti-Semitism, and Democrats voted to add it to the resolution. At that time, House Democrats were unaware that the inclusion of such language would de-privilege the resolution.

This House vote to end unconstitutional U.S. military participation in the Saudi/UAE-led coalition's intervention in Yemen could not come at a more critical time for the 15.9 million people at risk of famine. Saudi and Emirati coalition airstrikes in Yemen and the coalition's blockade of the country has impeded the flow of food, fuel, and medicine, pushing prices of essential goods out of reach for millions of Yemenis. A child dies in Yemen every 10 minutes from preventable causes and [85,000 children](#) under the age of five have died from hunger and disease.

Aid group Oxfam America [noted](#), “By providing continued, unflinching support for the Saudi-led coalition, the Trump administration is helping to push Yemen towards famine. With that lack of leadership from the White House, it is not just appropriate for Congress to intervene; it is a moral imperative.”

Republicans will seek to defeat this critical bill to end U.S. support for the coalition’s military campaign, likely by using the procedural vote as an opportunity to introduce non-germane language to SJRes7. The Republicans’ weaponization of accusations of anti-Semitism is wrong. Doing so to prolong one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world is unconscionable. Democrats must not abet such a cynical effort.

We urge House Democrats to reject any motion to recommit and pass a clean version of SJRes7 as adopted by the Senate. By doing so, Congress will send a clear signal to the Trump Administration that unconstitutional U.S. participation in the Saudi/Emirati-led coalition’s intervention in Yemen must end.

Sincerely,

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