

## H.R. 256, To Repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 25, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 256 would repeal Public Law 107-243, which authorized the President to use the armed forces to defend the United States against the threat posed by Iraq and to enforce all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq.

The Administration has not cited the legal authorities of P.L. 107-243 as the basis for recent military operations in Iraq. Rather, the Department of Defense has asserted that operations to protect U.S. armed forces in combat theaters are justified under Article II of the Constitution. Additionally, the department has stated that Article 51 of the United Nations Charter provides the right of self-defense to member nations involved in ongoing military operations. On the basis of such information, CBO estimates that repealing the authorizing legislation would not affect spending to support current military operations in Iraq; thus enacting the bill would not affect the federal budget.

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