

AMENDMENT TO DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL
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At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

1 SEC. __. (a) Congress finds that—

2 (1) the United States has been engaged in mili-
3 tary operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and
4 the Levant (ISIL) for more than 20 months;

5 (2) President Obama submitted an authoriza-
6 tion for the use of military force against ISIL in
7 February 2015; and

8 (3) under article 1, section 8 of the Constitu-
9 tion, Congress has the authority to “declare war”.

10 (b) Therefore, Congress has a constitutional duty to
11 debate and determine whether or not to authorize the use
12 of military force against ISIL.

