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## SJRES 21

Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Government of Syria to Respond to Use of Chemical Weapons

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Sep 6, 2013

**Current Status:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S6301-6304, S6307-6)

**Latest Action:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S6301-6304, S6307-6312, S6312-6321) (Sep 10, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/21>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Sep 6, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Government of Syria to Respond to Use of Chemical Weapons - Authorizes the President, subject to a determination and related congressional notification that force is necessary, to use the U.S. Armed Forces in a limited manner against military targets in Syria only to: (1) respond to the government of Syria's use of weapons of mass destruction in the conflict in Syria, (2) deter Syria's use of such weapons in order to protect U.S. national security interests and allies and partners, (3) degrade Syria's capacity to use such weapons, and (4) prevent the transfer to terrorist groups or other state or non-state actors within Syria of weapons of mass destruction.

Terminates such authorization 60 days after the date of the enactment of this resolution, except that the President may extend such authorization for a single 30-day period under specified conditions.

States that it is U.S. policy to change the battlefield momentum in order to create conditions for a negotiated settlement that ends the conflict and leads to a democratic government in Syria.

Directs the President, not later than 30 days after enactment of this resolution, to consult with, and submit to, Congress an integrated U.S. government strategy for achieving a negotiated political settlement in Syria.

Directs the President to provide Congress with status reports not later than 10 days after the initiation of military operations and every 20 days thereafter until the completion of military operations.

States that such authorization: (1) shall not constitute an authorization for the use of force or a declaration of war except to the extent that it provides for military action under the conditions, purposes, and time period set forth in this resolution; (2) constitutes specific statutory authorization under the War Powers Resolution; and (3) does not authorize U.S. Armed Forces ground combat operations in Syria.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 10, 2013:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S6301-6304, S6307-6312, S6312-6321)
- **Sep 9, 2013:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S6273-6284)
- **Sep 6, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 6, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Menendez. Without written report.(text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S6269-6270)
- **Sep 6, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Menendez. Without written report. (text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S6269-6270)
- **Sep 6, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 166.
- **Sep 4, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

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