

SRES 266

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the relationship between certain obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty and constitutional declarations of war by Congress.

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Sponsor

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Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 22, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 544	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Summary (as of Jun 22, 2023)

This resolution addresses constitutional concerns related to Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty, which provides for collective action by NATO members when a member is attacked.

Specifically, the resolution expresses that, even if the President determines it is necessary to engage U.S. forces in hostilities in order to meet U.S. obligations under Article V, such action does not supersede the constitutional requirement that Congress declare war or authorize the use of military force prior to the United States engaging in hostilities.

Actions Timeline

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