

Introduced by Senator Anderson

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 17—Relative to the Syrian government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 17, as introduced, Anderson. Syrian government: military action.

This measure would urge President Barack Obama to obtain congressional authorization prior to using military force against the Assad regime in Syria in accordance with the United States Constitution, and would urge United States Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein to request that the President obtain congressional approval prior to taking military action against the Assad regime in Syria.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Clause 11 of Section 8 of Article I of the United
2 States Constitution grants exclusive power to Congress to declare
3 war; and

4 WHEREAS, Neither the Syrian Government nor President
5 Bashar Al-Assad has directly attacked any vital security interests
6 of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Legitimate uncertainty exists as to what the
8 character and makeup of a post-President Al-Assad Syrian regime
9 will be; and

10 WHEREAS, The American people through their chosen
11 Congressional Representatives should have their constitutional
12 rights defended in order to determine the true necessity of escalated
13 United States military involvement; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
15 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California,

1 on behalf of its citizens, urges President Barack Obama to obtain
2 congressional authorization prior to using military force against
3 the Assad regime in Syria; and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That United States Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne
5 Feinstein request that President Barack Obama obtains
6 congressional authorization prior to any military action against the
7 Assad regime in Syria; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
9 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
10 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
11 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative
12 from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the
13 author for appropriate distribution.