

# COMPARING THE MAJOR AUMF PROPOSALS

|                                                                | Kaine/Flake:<br>AUMF Against ISIL                                                                                                                                                     | Menendez:<br>AUMF Against ISIL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Engel:<br>AUMF Against ISIL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Schiff:<br>Consolidated AUMF<br>Resolution of 2015<br>Introduced in House TBD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | President Obama:<br>AUMF<br>Proposed 2/15                                                                            | Graham: AUMF<br>Against ISIL and its<br>Associated Forces<br>Introduced in Senate 12/15 |
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| President can use “necessary and appropriate force” against... | Introduced in Senate 6/15;<br>Introduced in House 12/15<br>by Rigell/Welch                                                                                                            | Voted out of Senate<br>committee 12/14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Introduced in House TBD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                         |
| What covers the fight against al Qaeda?                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISIS</li> <li>• 2001 AUMF</li> </ul>                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISIS</li> <li>• 2001 AUMF</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISIS</li> <li>• 2001 AUMF</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISIS, al Qaeda, and the Taliban</li> <li>• Schiff AUMF</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISIS</li> <li>• 2001 AUMF</li> </ul>                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISIS</li> <li>• 2001 AUMF</li> </ul>           |
| The authorization sunsets in...                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years</li> <li>• Repeals 2002 AUMF</li> </ul>                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years</li> <li>• Sunsets 2001 AUMF in 3 years</li> <li>• Repeals 2002 AUMF</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years</li> <li>• Sunsets 2001 AUMF in 3 years</li> <li>• Repeals 2002 AUMF</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years</li> <li>• Repeals 2001 AUMF</li> <li>• Repeals 2002 AUMF</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years</li> <li>• Repeals 2002 AUMF</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sunset</li> <li>• No effect</li> </ul>      |
| How does this affect previous AUMFs?                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of significant U.S. ground troops in combat against ISIL is not allowed, except to protect U.S. citizens from imminent threat</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ground combat operations only for protecting or rescuing U.S. persons from imminent danger, and for conducting activities that are not intended to result in ground combat operations (e.g., training allies, search and rescue, intelligence, etc.)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify Congress at least 14 days before the start of ground combat for <b>non-specialized activities</b>. Notification can be classified</li> <li>• No notification for <b>specialized activities</b> (e.g., training allies, search and rescue, short counter-terrorism raids)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify Congress after ground forces enter a “combat role against an entity or organized and armed group”</li> <li>• No notification for training, search and rescue, short counter-terrorism raids, ground support for air strikes, and intelligence gather</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not authorize “enduring offensive ground combat operations”</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No limitations</li> </ul>                      |
| What are the limitations on ground combat operations?          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular order</li> </ul>                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular order</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill provides expedited consideration of resolution to modify/withdraw authority</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill provides consideration of resolution to modify/withdraw authority using procedures from War Powers Resolution</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular order</li> </ul>                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular order</li> </ul>                       |
| What are the procedures for modifying authority?               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once every 6 months</li> </ul>                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy within 30 days of passage, and then once every 60 days</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once every 6 months</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once every 90 days</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once every 6 months</li> </ul>                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once every 60 days</li> </ul>                  |
| Reporting period                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                         |