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Congresul SUA nu mai permite declanșarea războaielor neconstituționale

WASHINGTON – The House approved [a measure](#) Friday that would bar President Donald Trump from launching a military strike against Iran, setting up a confrontation with the White House over the administration's aggressive stance toward Tehran.

The House proposal – which was added to a sweeping \$733 billion [defense bill](#) by a vote of 251-to-170 – would bar the Trump administration from using any federal funds for military force "in or against" the Islamic Republic, unless the president receives explicit congressional approval for a strike. It would not bar the president from responding to an attack on the U.S.

The underlying annual defense bill, passed on Friday by a vote of 220-to-197, also includes several other contentious provisions. It would, for example, reverse Trump's ban on transgender personnel serving in the military and enact a one-year ban on the sale of air-to-ground munitions to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for use in the Yemen war. The Trump administration has pushed to bypass Congress in selling weapons to the Saudis and the UAE, sparking a bipartisan backlash.

But the Iran provision was the most noteworthy, with 27 Republicans bucking the White House to support the measure. Trump nearly bombed Iran last month after Tehran shot down a U.S. military surveillance drone. Although the president called off the strike at the last minute, he has since threatened Iran with "[obliteration](#)" and warned that the U.S. would use "overwhelming force" if it attacked American assets or personnel.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Trump said Iran was treading on very dangerous territory. "Iran if you're listening, you better be careful," the president said.

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Democrats say a war with Iran would be a prolonged and disastrous conflict – precisely the kind of "endless war" that Trump campaigned against in 2016. Some Republicans also fear that another war in the Middle East would be a

terrible mistake, and there's bipartisan concern that Congress has ceded too much of its war powers to the president in recent years.

"This is the only way to stop Trump from starting another costly war," said Rep. Ro Khanna, a California Democrat and a lead sponsor of the measure. "This is how we democratize our foreign policy and put an end to unconstitutional wars."