

S.J.RES.55 Young - Shaheen Yemen Joint Resolution Summary

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SECTION 1. Certifications Regarding Actions by Saudi Arabia in Yemen.

(a) Initial Certification. Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a certification whether the Government of Saudi Arabia is undertaking: (1) an urgent and good faith effort to conduct diplomatic negotiations to end the civil war in Yemen; and (2) appropriate measures to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Yemen by increasing access for all Yemenis to food, fuel, and medicine.

(b) Subsequent Certifications. This subsection requires the Secretary of State to provide subsequent certifications 180 and 360 days after the date of enactment.

(c) Restriction. If the Secretary of State is unable to make the initial or subsequent certifications, no Federal funds may be obligated or expended for United States air refueling of Saudi-led coalition non-United States aircraft conducting missions in Yemen other than missions related to:

- (1) al Qaeda, al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), and the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS);
- (2) Iranian terrorist activities in Yemen;
- (3) countering the transport, assembly, or employment of Iranian ballistic missiles or components in Yemen;
- (4) helping coalition aircraft return safely to base in emergency situations; or
- (5) force protection of United States aircraft or personnel.

(d) Form of Certifications. The certifications required shall be written, detailed, and submitted in unclassified form.

(e) Appropriate Committees of Congress Defined. For the Senate, SFRC, SASC, and SAC. For the House, HFAC, HASC, and HAC.