

Each title of H.R. 3884, the National Emergencies Act, is briefly described below.

Title I - Terminating existing declared emergencies

- * Terminates, two years from the date of enactment, all powers and authorities of the President, any other government officer or employee, or any executive agency, which result because of the existence of any declaration of national emergency now in force. The two-year delay is designed to allow time to enact permanent law where needed.

Title II - Declarations of future national emergencies

- * Authorizes the President to declare a national emergency and exercise such special or extraordinary powers as are authorized by Acts of Congress. Such declarations are to be transmitted immediately to the Congress and published in the Federal Register. To continue any national emergency, the President would have to publish a notice and advise the Congress, within 90 days of its anniversary date, stating that such emergency is to continue in effect.
- * Provides for the termination of any national emergency declared by the President by (1) concurrent resolution of the Congress or (2) Presidential proclamation.

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- * Requires the Congress, at 6-month intervals during a declared national emergency, to consider a vote on a concurrent resolution to determine whether the emergency is to be terminated.

Title III - Exercise of emergency powers and authorities

- * Provides that the statutory powers and authorities available for use during an emergency can be exercised only if the President specifies the provisions of law under which the Executive will act.

Title IV - Accountability and reporting requirements of the President

- * Requires the President and all executive agencies to maintain and transmit to the Congress a file of all rules and regulations issued during a national emergency or war, and to report to the Congress periodically on the total expenditures attributable to declarations of a national emergency or war.

Title V - Repeal and continuation of certain emergency powers and other statutes

- * Repeals upon enactment specific obsolete emergency powers and statutes (Attachment 1 enumerates these).
- * Exempts from this Act, and thus continues in force, certain statutes deemed necessary for ongoing operations of the government (Attachment 2 enumerates these).
- * Directs the appropriate congressional committees, within 270 days after enactment, to study and report on the provisions exempted under Title V, including their recommendations and proposed changes.