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Bernie Sanders Seeks Override of Trump's Yemen Veto

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President Trump's veto of SJ Res 7, the War Powers Act demand to end the Yemen War, raised some serious questions about Congress' ability to retain control over constitutional war-making powers. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is hoping that will spur action to override the veto.

While the Senate vote on the original resolution was a close 54-46, [Sanders cited the veto's challenge to congressional authority](#) as proof that the Senate needs to debate an override, which would require 67 votes.

The narrative surrounding the vote and veto is setting this up as a constitutional battle. President Trump suggested that voting against the war violated his presidential authority, while the Constitution clearly reserves war-making power for Congress.

Congress hasn't asserted itself on war-making in decades, and while Sanders conceded it would be tough to swing 13 votes to override a veto, he appeared hopeful that Congress was ready to reclaim its authority on the matter.