

PRESIDENTIAL POWERS – HOSTILITIES AND WAR POWERS

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SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS. . . .

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The word *hostilities* was substituted for the phrase *armed conflict* during the subcommittee drafting process because it was considered

to be somewhat broader in scope. In addition to a situation in which fighting actually has begun, *hostilities* also encompasses a state of confrontation in which no shots have been fired but where there is a clear and present danger of armed conflict. “*Imminent hostilities*” denotes a situation in which there is a clear potential either for such a state of confrontation or for actual armed conflict.