Subject: Re: so Obama won Posted by Ryan3k on Thu, 06 Nov 2008 18:00:28 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

It's the War Powers Act passed during Nixon's Administration. Nixon vetoed it and Congress managed to override the veto.

In a nutshell, it states that the President must alert Congress within 48 hours of sending troops overseas, and troops cannot stay abroad in combat more than 6 months without approval by Congress. Congress has been loathe to enforce the WPA in the past.