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THE COST OF THE IRAN WAR

The U.S. strikes on Iran have faded from the headlines, but for Utah families, the bill is just arriving. What began as a military campaign launched without Congress's approval became an open-ended war that drove up prices at the pump and the grocery store, added billions to the national debt, and left Congress a bystander to its own constitutional power.

While Washington debated and the President declared victory, the consequences for Utah were real: gas approaching \$4.30 a gallon—almost a dollar higher than a year ago—grocery bills projected to keep climbing as fuel and fertilizer costs reach the shelf, and a war costing taxpayers roughly \$1 billion a day.

This didn't have to happen. Sixty days after hostilities commence, Congress has the power to demand a say and rein in open-ended wars, and a bipartisan group of members voted to do exactly that. Every member of Utah's delegation voted no. Utahns expect better. We value accountability, restraint, and representation, not blank checks and rubber stamps.

This edition of the Congressional Quarterly Report examines how the Iran war reached Utah—what it has meant for the prices families pay—and puts each member of our delegation on the record: their vote on the War Powers resolutions, their own words, and who funds their campaigns. It's a look at how Utahns paid the price for Congress's refusal to rein in the President.

**LOOK UP
YOUR
MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS**



WHAT IT MEANS FOR UTAHNS

The Iran War Lands on Utah's Kitchen Tables

An oil shock abroad doesn't stay abroad. It moves through the diesel that hauls food, the natural gas that makes fertilizer, the fuel that powers planes—and shows up weeks later in Utahns' everyday expenses.



Oil Shock

Strait of Hormuz blocked



Fuel & Fertilizer

Fuel impacts food & shipping



Grocery Shelves & Checkout

3-6 month lag to retail



Your Family

Higher bills in Utah

Average Utah Gas Prices

Source: AAA - Comparison vs. one year ago

Regular

\$4.27

▲ \$0.93

Diesel

\$5.26

▲ \$1.57

▲ **7.1%**

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

▲ **3.4%**

HOME FUEL & UTILITIES

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

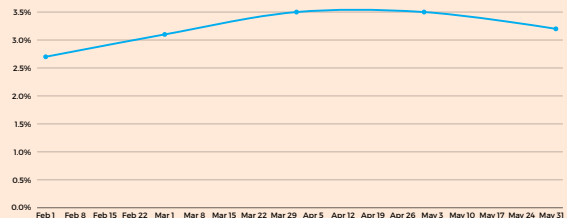
▲ **26.5%**

AIRLINE TICKETS

Source: US Travel Association

Rate of Inflation (CPI) Western Region

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Utah's delegation voted to let the conflict continue.
Utahns are paying for it at the pump and the checkout.

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THE DELEGATION SCORECARD

They Wouldn't Rein In the War

Congress voted to end U.S. involvement in the Iran war. Every member of Utah's delegation voted against those resolutions. Here is each member's vote, their own words, and related industries funding their campaigns.



Mike Lee

U.S. SENATOR, UTAH

REPUBLICAN

X VOTED NO

Source: H.Con.Res.86 - June 23, 2026

"This is how security policy in our republic is supposed to be made: Congress authorizes the use of military force, and the president - as commander in chief - directs the military to complete the missions."

Source: Remarks on Iran War Powers Resolution, February 12, 2020

CAREER CAMPAIGN
DONATIONS FROM:

Oil & Gas \$903,874

Defense \$115,692

Source: OpenSecrets.org



John Curtis

U.S. SENATOR, UTAH

REPUBLICAN

X VOTED NO

Source: H.Con.Res.86 - June 23, 2026

"The Constitution assigns the legislative branch the clear and explicit right to declare war. To accord a president the power to wage an ongoing war without a congressional declaration of war is to render that congressional authority void."

Source: Deseret News OpEd by John Curtis on April 1, 2026

CAREER CAMPAIGN
DONATIONS FROM:

Oil & Gas \$664,927

Defense \$57,650

Source: OpenSecrets.org

Two Senators.
Two votes to let the war continue.

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Blake Moore

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, UT-01

REPUBLICAN

X VOTED NO

Source: H.Con.Res.86 - June 3, 2026

"The administration knows folks are serious about, 'Hey, 60 days is 60 days. We need to do something.'"

Source: KSL News (speaking to the 60-day deadline for presidents to end hostilities under the War Powers Resolution of 1973)

CAREER CAMPAIGN
DONATIONS FROM:

Oil & Gas **\$164,225**



Defense **\$141,930**



Source: OpenSecrets.org



Celeste Maloy

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, UT-02

REPUBLICAN

X VOTED NO

Source: H.Con.Res.86 - June 3, 2026

"Somebody was going to have to do something about Iran's nuclear program and the Ayatollah at some point. So, I supported the president taking action on that, but the law says that he's got 60 days, and then Congress has to do something. So, now it's time for us to figure out what our move is."

Source: KSL News

CAREER CAMPAIGN
DONATIONS FROM:

Oil & Gas **\$80,881**



Defense **\$29,500**



Source: OpenSecrets.org



Mike Kennedy

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, UT-03

REPUBLICAN

X VOTED NO

Source: H.Con.Res.86 - June 3, 2026

"I don't want our young men and young women manning the Strait of Hormuz. If we're going to have any influence there, it should be through our allies."

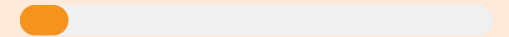
Source: KSL News

CAREER CAMPAIGN
DONATIONS FROM:

Oil & Gas **\$41,001**



Defense **\$57,650**



Source: OpenSecrets.org



Burgess Owens

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, UT-04

REPUBLICAN

X VOTED NO

Source: H.Con.Res.86 - June 3, 2026

"We can no longer sit back and let this national debt crisis continue bankrupting our kids and grandkids."

Source: Statement on the Fiscal Responsibility Act, June 1, 2023

"I agree with his vision" on \$65 billion Iran War

Source: KSL News

CAREER CAMPAIGN
DONATIONS FROM:

Oil & Gas **\$106,917**



Defense **\$44,493**



Source: OpenSecrets.org

Four Representatives.
Four votes to let the war continue.

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NEXT STEPS

Elected officials are in office to represent the interests of their constituents. If you have thoughts, feedback, or questions on why your members of Congress voted the way they did, **contact them**. They work for you!

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