Congress Has Created Broad Powers To Prevent The President From Softening Sanctions Policy Toward Russia

President issues report requesting to change or end sanctions

Will the waiver "significantly alter" U.S. foreign policy toward Russia?

Yes

Hearings by Senate Foreign Relations and/or House Foreign Affairs Committees

No

Hearings by Senate Banking and/or House Financial Services Committees

Committees may request additional information on the national security effect of the change.

Congress considers the findings and House or Senate leaders initiate a formal process to vote on the measure.

Joint resolution of approval

Joint resolution of disapproval

Congress codifies what is specifically approved or disapproved

Proposed sanctions matter approved

Joint resolution of disapproval passes

President does not veto

Congress overrules veto

Proposed sanctions matter rejected

Proposed sanctions matter approved

President vetoes

Congress cannot override veto

Congress Votes

12 day post motion waiting period

Presidential Decision

10 day post veto consideration period

Final Result