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For decades now, the US Congress has abdicated its responsibility for declaring war. Without such a declaration, the federal government has no legitimate claim on Oregon's National Guard in its role as a reserve force. On the other hand, Oregon will definitely need them in their role as emergency responders. Between forest fires, windstorms, and earthquakes, Oregon faces frequent natural disasters. Accordingly, the Guard should be kept home to serve Oregon's needs unless and until the Congress meets its responsibility and declares war.