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H. R. 2156

To require a clear accounting of the combat proficiency of the security forces of Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. HODES, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Mr. PERLMUTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require a clear accounting of the combat proficiency of the security forces of Iraq.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Congress has appropriated over \$15 billion
6 to train and equip the security forces of Iraq since
7 April 2004.

1 (2) The Administration has reported in the
2 March 2007 report entitled “Measuring Stability
3 and Security in Iraq” that the number of Iraqi secu-
4 rity forces nearing combat proficiency is 328,700.

5 (3) The Iraqi security forces continue to be
6 trained to achieve the highest level of combat effi-
7 ciency in order to provide for the security and sta-
8 bility of the Iraqi people.

9 (b) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Congress declares
10 that it shall be the policy of the United States to ensure
11 that—

12 (1) the security forces of Iraq are trained to
13 achieve the highest level of combat efficiency in
14 order to provide for the security and stability of the
15 Iraqi people;

16 (2) as each battalion of the Iraqi security forces
17 achieves a level of combat proficiency such that it
18 can conduct independent combat operations without
19 support from Coalition forces in Iraq, a unit of the
20 United States Armed Forces of comparable size will
21 be redeployed from Iraq; and

22 (3) regular, accurate accounts of the combat
23 proficiency of battalions of the Iraqi security forces
24 are necessary for the American public to gauge the
25 development of the Iraqi security forces.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON COMBAT PROFICIENCY OF IRAQI SECUR-**
2 **RITY FORCES.**

3 (a) REPORT.—The President of the United States
4 shall transmit to the appropriate congressional committees
5 each month a report that contains an accounting of the
6 number of battalions of the security forces of Iraq at each
7 level of combat proficiency described in subsection (b).

8 (b) LEVELS OF COMBAT PROFICIENCY.—The levels
9 of combat proficiency referred to in subsection (a) are the
10 following:

11 (1) Level 1 means a battalion that can conduct
12 independent combat operations without support from
13 Coalition forces in Iraq.

14 (2) Level 2 means a battalion that can conduct
15 independent combat operations, but only with
16 logistical support, or non-combat-related support
17 from Coalition forces in Iraq. The Coalition forces
18 will not help with direct combat in support of the
19 battalion.

20 (3) Level 3 means a battalion that can partici-
21 pate in combat operations alongside Coalition forces,
22 but cannot conduct independent combat operations
23 without direct combat support from Coalition forces
24 in Iraq.

1 (4) Level 4 means a battalion that cannot par-
2 ticipate in combat operations, even with support
3 from Coalition forces in Iraq.

4 (c) COMPARISON OF DATA.—The report shall include
5 a comparison of data from each previous report with re-
6 spect to each battalion of the security forces of Iraq.

7 (d) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—The President shall en-
8 sure that each report required by this section is made
9 available on the main public Internet Web site of the De-
10 partment of Defense not later than 10 days after the date
11 on which the report is transmitted to the appropriate con-
12 gressional committees, and that a link to the accounting
13 in the report is made available on the homepage of such
14 Internet Web site.

15 (e) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
16 “appropriate congressional committees” means—

17 (1) the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
18 mittee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select
19 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives; and

21 (2) the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
22 mittee on Armed Services, and the Select Committee
23 on Intelligence of the Senate.

24 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement to transmit
25 and make available reports under this section shall apply

1 with respect to the first month beginning after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act and to each subsequent
3 month thereafter until the President determines and cer-
4 tifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the
5 security forces of Iraq have achieved combat proficiency
6 to the extent necessary to combat the insurgency in Iraq.

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