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[Report No. 110-283]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2007

Mr. TANNER (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. COSTA, and Ms. SCHWARTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

JULY 31, 2007

Additional sponsors: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASTLE, Ms. CASTOR, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SHAYS

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A BILL

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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.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) ~~The Authorization for Use of Military Force~~
6 ~~Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-~~
7 ~~243), enacted into law on October 16, 2002, author-~~
8 ~~ized the President to use the Armed Forces as the~~
9 ~~President determined necessary and appropriate in~~
10 ~~order to defend the national security of the United~~
11 ~~States against the continuing threat posed by the~~
12 ~~Government of Iraq at that time.~~

13 (2) ~~The Government of Iraq which was in~~
14 ~~power at the time the Authorization for Use of Mili-~~
15 ~~tary Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 was en-~~
16 ~~acted into law has been removed from power and its~~
17 ~~leader indicted, tried, convicted, and executed by the~~
18 ~~new freely-elected democratic Government of Iraq.~~

19 (3) ~~The current Government of Iraq does not~~
20 ~~pose a threat to the United States or its interests.~~

21 (4) ~~After more than four years of valiant efforts~~
22 ~~by members of the Armed Forces and United States~~
23 ~~civilians, the Government of Iraq must now be re-~~
24 ~~sponsible for Iraq's future course.~~

1 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR THE REDEPLOY-**
2 **MENT OF THE ARMED FORCES IN IRAQ.**

3 (a) **STRATEGY REQUIRED.**—Not later than 60 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act ; the President,
5 in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary
6 of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior
7 military leaders, shall develop and transmit to Congress
8 a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of the
9 Armed Forces in Iraq.

10 (b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The strategy re-
11 quired by subsection (a) shall include planning to achieve
12 the following:

13 (1) The transition of United States combat
14 forces from policing civil strife or sectarian violence
15 in Iraq.

16 (2) United States military operations to deny
17 international terrorists a safe haven, conduct
18 counterterrorism operations against al Qaeda in Iraq
19 and other global terrorist organizations, protect the
20 Armed Forces and facilities of the Armed Forces,
21 and support and equip Iraqi forces to take full re-
22 sponsibility for their own security.

23 (3) A projection of the number of members of
24 the Armed Forces required for the missions de-
25 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2).

1 (4) The safe redeployment of the Armed Forces
2 and the orderly removal of material, equipment, and
3 logistical requirements not needed for the missions
4 described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

5 **SEC. 3. ARMED FORCES DEFINED.**

6 In this Act, the term “Armed Forces” has the mean-
7 ing given the term in section 101 of title 10, United States
8 Code.

9 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

10 *Congress finds the following:*

11 (1) *The Authorization for Use of Military Force*
12 *Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-*
13 *243), enacted into law on October 16, 2002, author-*
14 *ized the President to use the Armed Forces as the*
15 *President determined necessary and appropriate in*
16 *order to defend the national security of the United*
17 *States against the continuing threat posed by the*
18 *Government of Iraq at that time.*

19 (2) *The Government of Iraq which was in power*
20 *at the time the Authorization for Use of Military*
21 *Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 was enacted*
22 *into law has been removed from power and its leader*
23 *indicted, tried, convicted, and executed by the new*
24 *freely-elected democratic Government of Iraq.*

1 (3) *The current Government of Iraq does not*
2 *pose a threat to the United States or its interests.*

3 (4) *After more than four years of valiant efforts*
4 *by members of the Armed Forces and United States*
5 *civilians, the Government of Iraq must now be re-*
6 *sponsible for Iraq's future course.*

7 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

9 (1) *nothing in this Act shall be construed as a*
10 *recommendation by Congress that any particular con-*
11 *tingency plan be exercised;*

12 (2) *it is necessary and prudent for the Depart-*
13 *ment of Defense to undertake robust and comprehen-*
14 *sive contingency planning;*

15 (3) *contingency planning for a redeployment of*
16 *the Armed Forces from Iraq should address—*

17 (A) *ensuring appropriate protection for the*
18 *Armed Forces in Iraq;*

19 (B) *providing appropriate protection in*
20 *Iraq for United States civilians, contractors,*
21 *third party nationals, and Iraqi nationals who*
22 *have assisted the United States mission in Iraq;*

23 (C) *maintaining and enhancing the ability*
24 *of the United States Government to eliminate*

1 *and disrupt Al Qaeda and affiliated terrorist or-*
2 *ganizations; and*

3 *(D) preserving military equipment nec-*
4 *essary to defend the national security interests of*
5 *the United States; and*

6 *(4) contingency planning for a redeployment of*
7 *the Armed Forces from Iraq should—*

8 *(A) describe a range of possible scenarios for*
9 *such redeployment;*

10 *(B) outline multiple possible timetables for*
11 *such redeployment; and*

12 *(C) describe the possible missions, and the*
13 *associated projected number of members, of the*
14 *Armed Forces which would remain in Iraq, in-*
15 *cluding to—*

16 *(i) conduct United States military op-*
17 *erations to protect vital United States na-*
18 *tional security interests;*

19 *(ii) conduct counterterrorism oper-*
20 *ations against Al Qaeda in Iraq and affili-*
21 *ated terrorist organizations;*

22 *(iii) protect the Armed Forces, United*
23 *States diplomatic and military facilities,*
24 *and United States civilians; and*

1 (iv) support and equip Iraqi forces to
2 take full responsibility for their own secu-
3 rity.

4 **SEC. 3. REPORTS AND CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS ON THE**
5 **STATUS OF PLANNING FOR THE REDEPLOY-**
6 **MENT OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM IRAQ.**

7 (a) *REPORTS REQUIRED.*—Not later than 60 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
9 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
10 congressional defense committees a report on the status of
11 planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces from
12 Iraq. The initial report and each subsequent report required
13 by this subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form,
14 to the maximum extent possible, but may contain a classi-
15 fied annex, if necessary.

16 (b) *CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.*—Not
17 later than 14 days after the submission of the initial report
18 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense and the
19 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall meet with the
20 congressional defense committees to brief such committees
21 on the matters contained in the report. Not later than 14
22 days after the submission of each subsequent report under
23 subsection (a), appropriate senior officials of the Depart-
24 ment of Defense shall meet with the congressional defense

1 *committees to brief such committees on the matters con-*
2 *tained in the report.*

3 (c) *TERMINATION OF REPORTING AND BRIEFING RE-*
4 *QUIREMENTS.—The requirement to submit reports under*
5 *subsection (a) and the requirement to provide congressional*
6 *briefings under subsection (b) shall terminate on the date*
7 *on which the Secretary of Defense submits to the congres-*
8 *sional defense committees a certification in writing that the*
9 *Armed Forces are no longer primarily engaged in a combat*
10 *mission in Iraq.*

11 (d) *CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-*
12 *FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense*
13 *committees” has the meaning given the term in section 101*
14 *of title 10, United States Code.*

15 **SEC. 4. ARMED FORCES DEFINED.**

16 *In this Act, the term “Armed Forces” has the meaning*
17 *given the term in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress reports on the status of planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces from Iraq and to require the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and appropriate senior officials of the Department of Defense to meet with Congress to brief Congress on the matters contained in the reports.”.

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