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# S. 3454

To transfer unexpended Iraq reconstruction funds to develop renewable energy and improve energy efficiency in the United States, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Mr. DORGAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Iraq Self-Sufficiency  
5       and American Energy Independence Act of 2008”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

8               (1) Iraq has abundant financial resources to  
9       fund relief and reconstruction projects;

1           (2)(A) in November 2007, the Government of  
2 Iraq estimated that oil income in 2008 would  
3 amount to \$35,000,000,000; but

4           (B) with high crude oil prices and Iraq oil pro-  
5 duction at record levels, the Special Inspector Gen-  
6 eral for Iraq estimates that oil revenues could exceed  
7 \$70,000,000,000;

8           (3) Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih  
9 stated recently that “Iraq does not need financial as-  
10 sistance.”;

11           (4) the Government Accountability Office esti-  
12 mates that the Government of Iraq—

13           (A) has accumulated a budget surplus of  
14 approximately \$29,000,000,000 from fiscal year  
15 2005 through 2007; and

16           (B) will accumulate a budget surplus of  
17 between \$38,200,000,000 and \$50,300,000,000  
18 for fiscal year 2008;

19           (5) according to the July 2008 quarterly report  
20 of the Special Inspector General for Iraq—

21           (A) Congress has appropriated  
22 \$43,560,000,000 for the major United States  
23 reconstruction accounts in Iraq; but

24           (B) over ¼ of those funds, or  
25 \$12,570,000,000, have not yet been expended,

1 including unobligated funds from appropria-  
2 tions for prior fiscal years; and

3 (6) those unexpended funds would be put to  
4 much better use in developing renewable energy  
5 sources and improving energy efficiency for the  
6 United States, so as to reduce the dependence of the  
7 United States on foreign oil.

8 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR**  
9 **RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFI-**  
10 **CIENCY IN THE UNITED STATES.**

11 (a) TRANSFER.—In the case of the amounts de-  
12 scribed in subsection (b)—

13 (1)(A)  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the amounts shall be transferred  
14 to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable  
15 Energy of the Department of Energy; and

16 (B)  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the amounts shall be transferred to  
17 the Office of Science of the Department of Energy;  
18 and

19 (2) the amounts shall be available, until ex-  
20 pended, for research, development, and demonstra-  
21 tion to develop renewable energy and improve energy  
22 efficiency in the United States.

23 (b) COVERED AMOUNTS.—The amounts described in  
24 this subsection are any amounts that are unexpended as

1 of the date of enactment of this Act among amounts as  
2 follows:

3           (1) Amounts in the Iraq Relief and Reconstruc-  
4           tion Fund.

5           (2) Amounts in the Iraq Security Forces Fund.

6           (3) Amounts for the Economic Support Fund  
7           authorized under chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign  
8           Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.)  
9           that are available for Iraq.

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