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To set forth limitations on the United States military presence in Iraq and on United States aid to Iraq for security and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Rules and 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 set forth limitations on the United States military presence in Iraq and on United States aid to Iraq for security and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

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 Troop Protection
5 and Reduction Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to protect and reduce levels
8 of United States military forces in Iraq. If the President

1 follows the provisions of this Act, the United States should
2 be able to complete a redeployment of United States
3 troops from Iraq by the end of the current term in office
4 of the President.

5 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCE**
6 **LEVELS IN IRAQ ABSENT SPECIFIC AUTHOR-**
7 **IZATION BY CONGRESS.**

8 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to limit
9 the number of United States military forces deployed in
10 Iraq.

11 (b) LIMITATION.—Subject to subsection (c), the lev-
12 els of United States military forces in Iraq after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act may not exceed the levels
14 of United States military forces in Iraq as of January 1,
15 2007, unless specifically authorized by Congress in a stat-
16 ute enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (c) WAIVER.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive
19 the limitation in subsection (b) if the President de-
20 termines, and certifies to Congress in writing, that
21 the waiver is necessary to address an emergency that
22 threatens the national security of the United States.

23 (2) DURATION OF WAIVER.—The levels of
24 United States military forces in Iraq may exceed the
25 levels of United States military forces in Iraq as of

1 January 1, 2007, pursuant to a waiver under this
2 subsection only during the 60-day period beginning
3 on the date of the waiver unless otherwise specifi-
4 cally authorized by Congress in a statute enacted
5 after the date of the waiver.

6 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON UNITED STATES AID TO IRAQ FOR**
7 **SECURITY AND RECONSTRUCTION ABSENT**
8 **SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY**
9 **THE IRAQIS.**

10 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to re-
11 quire that Iraqis meet certain conditions within 90 days
12 in order to continue receiving United States funds for
13 their security forces and for reconstruction.

14 (b) LIMITATION.—Commencing as of the date that
15 is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
16 no appropriated funds may be made available to the Gov-
17 ernment of Iraq for security purposes (including for activi-
18 ties of the security forces of the Government of Iraq and
19 for private contractors employed by the Government of
20 Iraq for the discharge of security and security-related
21 functions), or for reconstruction, unless the President sub-
22 mits to Congress by such date the certification described
23 in subsection (c).

1 (c) CERTIFICATION.—A certification described in this
2 subsection is a certification by the President with respect
3 to the following:

4 (1) That the security forces of the Government
5 of Iraq are free of sectarian and militia influences.

6 (2) That the security forces of the Government
7 of Iraq are assuming greater responsibility for secu-
8 rity in Iraq.

9 (3) If the President is unable to make a certifi-
10 cation set forth in paragraph (1) or (2), a certifi-
11 cation by the President that the security forces of
12 the Government of Iraq are making substantial
13 progress toward achieving the objective otherwise
14 covered by the applicable paragraph will satisfy the
15 certification requirements of subsection (b).

16 (4) That the Government of Iraq provides for
17 an equitable distribution of the oil revenues of Iraq.

18 (5) That the constitution of Iraq has been
19 modified or amended to ensure civil rights for each
20 ethnic community in Iraq.

21 (6) That the Iraq Government has reversed the
22 policy of “de-Baathification” in a manner that per-
23 mits former lower-level members of the Baath Party
24 in Iraq to serve in the Government of Iraq if such

1 individuals do not pose a security risk to the Gov-
2 ernment of Iraq or Iraq.

3 (7) That there has been significant progress
4 made in political accommodation among the ethnic
5 and sectarian groups in Iraq.

6 (d) DISAPPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION.—

7 (1) DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding the sub-
8 mittal by the President of a certification under sub-
9 section (c), the limitation in subsection (b) shall be
10 and continue in effect if Congress enacts a joint res-
11 olution disapproving the certification.

12 (2) PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF
13 JOINT RESOLUTIONS.—

14 (A) JOINT RESOLUTION DEFINED.—For
15 purposes of this subsection, the term “joint res-
16 olution” means only a joint resolution intro-
17 duced not later than 60 days after the date on
18 which a certification of the President under
19 subsection (c) is received by Congress, the mat-
20 ter after the resolving clause of which is as fol-
21 lows: “That Congress disapproves the certifi-
22 cation of the President submitted to Congress
23 under section 4(c) of the Iraq Troop Protection
24 and Reduction Act of 2007.”.

(B) PROCEDURES.—A joint resolution described in paragraph (1) shall be considered in a House of Congress in accordance with the procedures applicable to joint resolutions under paragraphs (3) through (8) of section 8066(c) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1985 (as enacted by section 101(h) of Public Law 98–473; 98 Stat. 1936).

SEC. 5. LIMITATION ON FURTHER UNITED STATES MILITARY PRESENCE IN IRAQ ABSENT SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ AND THE PHASED REDEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES FORCES FROM IRAQ.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to require a new authorization for use of United States military forces in Iraq unless both the President and the Government of Iraq meet certain conditions within 90 days, including the phased redeployment of United States forces from Iraq.

(b) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243) or any other provision of law, authority for the use of United States

1 military forces in Iraq shall cease on the date that is 90
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act unless—

3 (1) the President submits to Congress by such
4 date the certification described in subsection (c); or

5 (2) the continuing use of United States military
6 forces in Iraq after that date is specifically author-
7 ized by Congress in a statute enacted after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act.

9 (c) CERTIFICATION.—A certification described in this
10 subsection is a certification by the President with respect
11 to the following:

12 (1) That a phased redeployment of United
13 States military forces from Iraq has begun, in a
14 manner consistent with any limitations on aid for
15 Iraq for security purposes in effect under section 4,
16 including the transition of United States forces in
17 Iraq to the limited presence and mission of—

18 (A) training Iraqi security forces;

19 (B) providing logistic support of Iraqi se-
20 curity forces;

21 (C) protecting United States personnel and
22 infrastructure; and

23 (D) participating in targeted counter-ter-
24 rorism activities.

1 (2) That the United States has convened or is
2 convening an international conference so as to—

3 (A) more actively involve the international
4 community and Iraq’s neighbors;

5 (B) promote a durable political settlement
6 among Iraqis;

7 (C) reduce regional interference in the in-
8 ternal affairs of Iraq;

9 (D) encourage more countries to contribute
10 to the extensive needs in Iraq; and

11 (E) ensure that funds pledged for Iraq are
12 forthcoming.

13 (3) That the security forces of the Government
14 of Iraq are free of sectarian and militia influences.

15 (4) That the security forces of the Government
16 of Iraq are assuming greater responsibility for secu-
17 rity in Iraq.

18 (5) That the Government of Iraq provides for
19 an equitable distribution of the oil revenues of Iraq.

20 (6) That the constitution of Iraq has been
21 modified or amended to ensure civil rights for each
22 ethnic community in Iraq.

23 (7) That the Iraq Government has reversed the
24 policy of “de-Baathification” in a manner that per-
25 mits former lower-level members of the Baath Party

1 in Iraq to serve in the Government of Iraq if such
2 individuals do not pose a security risk to the Gov-
3 ernment of Iraq or Iraq.

4 (8) If the President is unable to make a certifi-
5 cation on any matter set forth in paragraphs (1)
6 through (7), that substantial progress is being made
7 toward achieving the objective otherwise covered by
8 such paragraph.

9 (9) That there has been significant progress
10 made in political accommodation among the ethnic
11 and sectarian groups in Iraq.

12 (d) DISAPPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION.—

13 (1) DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding the sub-
14 mittal by the President of a certification under sub-
15 section (c), the limitation in subsection (b) shall be
16 and continue in effect if Congress enacts a joint res-
17 olution disapproving the certification.

18 (2) PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF
19 JOINT RESOLUTIONS.—

20 (A) JOINT RESOLUTION DEFINED.—For
21 purposes of this subsection, the term “joint res-
22 olution” means only a joint resolution intro-
23 duced not later than 60 days after the date on
24 which a certification of the President under
25 subsection (c) is received by Congress, the mat-

1 ter after the resolving clause of which is as fol-
2 lows: “That Congress disapproves the certifi-
3 cation of the President submitted to Congress
4 under section 5(c) of the Iraq Troop Protection
5 and Reduction Act of 2007.”.

6 (B) PROCEDURES.—A joint resolution de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1) shall be considered in
8 a House of Congress in accordance with the
9 procedures applicable to joint resolutions under
10 paragraphs (3) through (8) of section 8066(c)
11 of the Department of Defense Appropriations
12 Act, 1985 (as enacted by section 101(h) of
13 Public Law 98–473; 98 Stat. 1936).

14 (e) WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES MILITARY
15 FORCES.—The limitation in subsection (b) shall not be
16 construed to prohibit the presence and use of United
17 States military forces in Iraq after the effective date of
18 such limitation for force protection, force security, or simi-
19 lar purposes during the withdrawal of United States mili-
20 tary forces from Iraq.

21 **SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR DEPLOYMENT**
22 **OF ADDITIONAL UNITED STATES MILITARY**
23 **FORCES IN IRAQ ABSENT AVAILABILITY OF**
24 **ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING.**

25 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

1 (1) to ensure that our men and women in uni-
2 form who are serving courageously in Iraq have the
3 equipment and training they need; and

4 (2) to prohibit the deployment of additional
5 United States military forces in Iraq unless such
6 forces are adequately equipped and trained.

7 (b) LIMITATION.—No funds may be obligated or ex-
8 pended for the deployment of United States military forces
9 to Iraq after the date of the enactment of this Act unless
10 the Secretary of Defense certifies to Congress before such
11 deployment that such forces are adequately equipped and
12 trained for the missions to be discharged by such forces
13 in Iraq.

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