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H. R. 2929

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To limit the use of funds to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq or to exercise United States economic control of the oil resources of Iraq.

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On May 30, 2007, Tony Snow, the Presi-
4 dent’s press secretary, said that President Bush en-
5 visions a United States military presence in Iraq “as
6 we have in South Korea”, where American troops
7 have been stationed for more than 50 years.

8 (2) On June 1, 2007, Secretary of Defense
9 Robert Gates elaborated on the President’s idea of
10 a “long and enduring presence” in Iraq, of which
11 the “Korea model” is one example.

12 (3) These statements run counter to previous
13 statements issued by the President and other admin-
14 istration officials.

15 (4) On April 13, 2004, the President said, “As
16 a proud and independent people, Iraqis do not sup-
17 port an indefinite occupation and neither does Amer-
18 ica.”.

19 (5) On February 6, 2007, Secretary Robert
20 Gates stated in testimony before Congress, “we cer-
21 tainly have no desire for permanent bases in Iraq.”.

22 (6) On February 16, 2006, Secretary of De-
23 fense Donald Rumsfeld stated in testimony before
24 Congress, “We have no desire to have our forces
25 permanently in that country. We have no plans or

1 discussions underway to have permanent bases in
2 that country.”.

3 (7) On March 24, 2006, the United States Am-
4 bassador to Iraq, Zalmay Kahilzad stated that the
5 United States has “no goal of establishing perma-
6 nent bases in Iraq.”.

7 (8) On October 25, 2006, the President stated,
8 “Any decisions on permanency in Iraq will be made
9 by the Iraqi government.”, in response to a question
10 whether the United States wanted to maintain per-
11 manent military bases in Iraq.

12 (9) On February 6, 2007, Secretary Gates said,
13 “We will make that decision, sir” in response to the
14 question: “Is that still our policy, that we’re going
15 to be there [Iraq] as long as the [Iraqi] government
16 asks us to be there? ... Is our presence left up to the
17 Iraqis or do we make the decision?”.

18 (10) The perception that the United States in-
19 tends to permanently occupy Iraq aids insurgent
20 groups in recruiting supporters and fuels violent ac-
21 tivity.

22 (11) A clear statement that the United States
23 does not seek a long-term or permanent presence in
24 Iraq would send a strong signal to the people of Iraq
25 and the international community that the United

1 States fully supports the efforts of the Iraqi people
2 to exercise full national sovereignty, including con-
3 trol over security and public safety.

4 (12) The Iraq Study Group Report rec-
5 ommends: “The President should state that the
6 United States does not seek permanent military
7 bases in Iraq. If the Iraqi government were to re-
8 quest a temporary base or bases, then the United
9 States government could consider that request as it
10 would in the case of any other government.”; and
11 “The President should restate that the United
12 States does not seek to control Iraq’s oil.”.

13 (13) The House of Representatives has passed
14 6 separate bills prohibiting or expressing opposition
15 to the establishment of permanent military bases in
16 Iraq including three of which have been enacted into
17 law by the President: Public Law 109–289, Public
18 Law 109–364, Public Law 110–28.

19 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

20 It is the policy of the United States not to establish
21 any military installation or base for the purpose of pro-
22 viding for the permanent stationing of United States
23 Armed Forces in Iraq and not to exercise United States
24 control of the oil resources of Iraq.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**

2 No funds made available by any Act of Congress shall
3 be obligated or expended for a purpose as follows:

4 (1) To establish any military installation or
5 base for the purpose of providing for the permanent
6 stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq.

7 (2) To exercise United States economic control
8 of the oil resources of Iraq.

Passed the House of Representatives July 25, 2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.