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To limit United States assistance for infrastructure projects in Iraq, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANNER (for himself and Mr. BOYD of Florida) 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

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in Iraq, 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Government Accountability Office in its
6 August 2008 report entitled “Iraqi Revenue, Ex-
7 penditures, and Surplus,” found that from 2005 to
8 2007 “[the Iraqi] government generated an esti-
9 mated \$96 billion in cumulative revenues, of which

1 crude oil export sales accounted for about \$90.2 bil-
 2 lion, or 94 percent”.

3 (2) That same report found that for 2008 the
 4 Iraqi Government could have a budget surplus of
 5 more than \$50 billion.

6 (3) Iraq has the world’s third largest oil re-
 7 serve, providing a steady stream of revenue.

8 (4) According to the Government Accountability
 9 Office, since fiscal year 2003, the United States has
 10 provided \$48 billion for stabilization and reconstruc-
 11 tion efforts in Iraq.

12 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE FOR**
 13 **INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN IRAQ.**

14 (a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection
 15 (b), no funds may be obligated or expended for the acquisi-
 16 tion, conversion, rehabilitation, or installation of facilities
 17 in Iraq that is commenced on or after the date of the en-
 18 actment of this Act.

19 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation contained in sub-
 20 section (a) shall not apply with respect to the following:

21 (1) ASSISTANCE UNDER CERP.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts made avail-
 23 able under the Commanders’ Emergency Re-
 24 sponse Program (CERP) under section 1202 of
 25 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-

cal Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163; 119 Stat. 3455) to carry out the activities described in subsection (a).

(B) APPROVAL OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Amounts described in subparagraph (A) that are in excess of \$1,000,000 for any program, project, or activity may be made available to carry out the activities described in subsection (a) only if the Secretary of Defense approves the use of such amounts and submits to Congress a report containing such approval.

(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Amounts made available for the provision of technical assistance necessary to assist the Government of Iraq to carry out the activities described in subsection (a) on its own behalf.

SEC. 3. AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING OF COMBINED OPERATIONS IN IRAQ.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, shall seek to enter into negotiations with the Government of Iraq in order to conclude an agreement under which the Government of Iraq agrees to share with the United States Government the costs of combined operations of the Government of

1 Iraq and the Multi-National Force in Iraq undertaken as
2 part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in
5 conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit
6 to Congress a report describing the status of negotiations
7 required under subsection (a).

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