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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. PRYOR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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:

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

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

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

17 (4) After more than four years of valiant efforts
18 by members of the Armed Forces and United States
19 civilians, the Government of Iraq must now be re-
20 sponsible for Iraq’s future course.

21 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22 It is the sense of Congress that—

23 (1) nothing in this Act shall be construed as a
24 recommendation by Congress that any particular
25 contingency plan be exercised;

1 (2) it is necessary and prudent for the Depart-
2 ment of Defense to undertake robust and com-
3 prehensive contingency planning;

4 (3) contingency planning for a redeployment of
5 the Armed Forces from Iraq should address—

6 (A) ensuring appropriate protection for the
7 Armed Forces in Iraq;

8 (B) providing appropriate protection in
9 Iraq for United States civilians, contractors,
10 third party nationals, and Iraqi nationals who
11 have assisted the United States mission in Iraq;

12 (C) maintaining and enhancing the ability
13 of the United States Government to eliminate
14 and disrupt Al Qaeda and affiliated terrorist or-
15 ganizations; and

16 (D) preserving military equipment nec-
17 essary to defend the national security interests
18 of the United States; and

19 (4) contingency planning for a redeployment of
20 the Armed Forces from Iraq should—

21 (A) describe a range of possible scenarios
22 for such redeployment;

23 (B) outline multiple possible timetables for
24 such redeployment; and

1 (C) describe the possible missions, and the
2 associated projected number of members, of the
3 Armed Forces which would remain in Iraq, in-
4 cluding to—

5 (i) conduct United States military op-
6 erations to protect vital United States na-
7 tional security interests;

8 (ii) conduct counterterrorism oper-
9 ations against Al Qaeda in Iraq and affili-
10 ated terrorist organizations;

11 (iii) protect the Armed Forces, United
12 States diplomatic and military facilities,
13 and United States civilians; and

14 (iv) support and equip Iraqi forces to
15 take full responsibility for their own secu-
16 rity.

17 **SEC. 3. REPORTS AND CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS ON THE**
18 **STATUS OF PLANNING FOR THE REDEPLOY-**
19 **MENT OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM IRAQ.**

20 (a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
22 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
23 the congressional defense committees a report on the sta-
24 tus of planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces
25 from Iraq. The initial report and each subsequent report

1 required by this subsection shall be submitted in unclassi-
2 fied form, to the maximum extent possible, but may con-
3 tain a classified annex, if necessary.

4 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—Not
5 later than 14 days after the submission of the initial re-
6 port under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense and
7 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall meet with
8 the congressional defense committees to brief such com-
9 mittees on the matters contained in the report. Not later
10 than 14 days after the submission of each subsequent re-
11 port under subsection (a), appropriate senior officials of
12 the Department of Defense shall meet with the congres-
13 sional defense committees to brief such committees on the
14 matters contained in the report.

15 (c) TERMINATION OF REPORTING AND BRIEFING RE-
16 QUIREMENTS.—The requirement to submit reports under
17 subsection (a) and the requirement to provide congres-
18 sional briefings under subsection (b) shall terminate on
19 the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to
20 the congressional defense committees a certification in
21 writing that the Armed Forces are no longer primarily en-
22 gaged in a combat mission in Iraq.

23 (d) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense

1 committees” has the meaning given the term in section
2 101 of title 10, United States Code.

3 **SEC. 4. ARMED FORCES DEFINED.**

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

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