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S. 641

To express the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned missions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 15, 2007

Mr. McConnell (for Mr. Gregg) (for himself, Mr. Craig, Mr. Allard, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. DeMint) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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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,

1 SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF FUNDS FOR THE ARMED FORCES IN THE FIELD. (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) Under article II, section 2, of the Constitution of the United States, the President is the "commander in chief of the Army and Navy of the United States", and in such capacity the President has the command of the Armed Forces, including the authority to deploy troops and direct military campaigns during wartime.
- (2) Under article I, section 8, of the Constitution of the United States, Congress has the power of the purse specifically as it relates to the Armed Forces, and in such capacity Congress has the responsibility to fully and adequately provide funding for United States military forces, especially when they are at war and are defending the Nation.
- (3) When United States military forces are in harm's way and are protecting our country, Congress and the Nation should give them all the support they need in order to maintain their safety and accomplish their assigned missions, including the equipment, logistics, and funding necessary to ensure their safety and effectiveness, and such support

- 1 is the responsibility of both the Executive Branch
- 2 and the Legislative Branch of Government.
- 3 (b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con-
- 4 gress that Congress should not take any action that will
- 5 endanger United States military forces in the field, includ-
- 6 ing the elimination or reduction of funds for troops in the
- 7 field, as such action with respect to funding would under-
- 8 mine their safety or harm their effectiveness in pursuing
- 9 their assigned missions.

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