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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2013

Ms. Lee of California (for herself, Mr. Jones, Mr. Conyers, Mr. Capuano, Ms. Chu, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Nadler, Ms. Slaughter, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Welch, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Moore, Mr. Rangel, Ms. Clarke, Mr. Holt, Ms. Pingree of Maine, Ms. Speier, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Loebsack, and Ms. Edwards) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 provide that funds for operations of the Armed Forces in Afghanistan shall be obligated and expended only for purposes of providing for the safe and orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan of all members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense contractor personnel who are in Afghanistan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Responsible End to the War in Afghanistan Act”.

SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.
It is the policy of the United States to ensure that funds made available for operations of the Armed Forces in Afghanistan are to be used only for purposes of providing for the safe and orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan of all members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense contractor personnel who are in Afghanistan.

SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN.
(a) LIMITATION.—Funds appropriated or otherwise made available under any provision of law for operations of the Armed Forces in Afghanistan shall be obligated and expended only for purposes of providing for the safe and orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan of all members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense contractor personnel who are in Afghanistan.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed—
(1) to authorize the use of funds for the continuation of combat operations in Afghanistan while carrying out the safe and orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan of all members of the Armed Forces
and Department of Defense contractor personnel who are in Afghanistan; and

(2) to prohibit or otherwise restrict the use of funds available to any department or agency of the United States to carry out diplomatic efforts or humanitarian, development, or general reconstruction activities in Afghanistan.