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Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the President's \$87 billion supplemental appropriation request for the occupation and reconstruction of Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. HONDA, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. RUSH) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services and Select Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the en-
3 actment of the President's \$87 billion supplemental appro-
4 priation request for the occupation and reconstruction of
5 Iraq should be done by means of a bifurcated vote of Con-
6 gress subject to the following conditions:

1 (1) Two separate votes should be taken in Con-
2 gress—

3 (A) the first to address funding specifically
4 designated for the support of military functions;
5 and

6 (B) the second to address funding specifi-
7 cally designated for the reconstruction of Iraq,
8 including—

9 (i) details concerning the types of ex-
10 penditures contemplated; and

11 (ii) the extent of monetary contribu-
12 tions, if any, from any allies of the United
13 States or from any international coalition
14 that includes the United States.

15 (2) A United Nations resolution should be pre-
16 pared and approved by the Security Council which
17 includes—

18 (A) an identification of those allies which
19 will assist the United States in its efforts to-
20 ward the democratization and reconstruction of
21 Iraq;

22 (B) the total number and phasing of
23 troops to be deployed in these efforts;

24 (C) an explanation of the extent of burden-
25 sharing that can be expected from allies; and

1 (D) an exit plan that accounts for the re-
2 turn of members of the Armed Services to the
3 United States.

4 (3) Public congressional hearings should be held
5 to establish the credibility of any evidence for the ex-
6 istence of any weapons of mass destruction, includ-
7 ing any nuclear weapons capability, possessed by
8 Iraq, and which led to the inception of Operation
9 Iraqi Freedom.

10 (4) A report should be prepared which focuses
11 on the intelligence relied upon that convinced the
12 President that the protection of national security ne-
13 cessitated a preemptive attack on Iraq.

14 (5) A report should be prepared regarding those
15 administrative personnel who provided intelligence
16 reports to Congress, including the basis upon which
17 the personnel determined the intelligence warranted
18 an immediate attack against Iraq.

19 (6) A process should be established that guar-
20 antees minority-, small-, and women-owned business
21 participation to fulfill the reconstruction require-
22 ments in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation En-
23 during Freedom, and Operation Noble Eagle.

24 (7) A fully funded medical and psychological
25 program should be established to help the returning

1 members of the Armed Forces who served or will
2 serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Endur-
3 ing Freedom, or Operation Noble Eagle, their fami-
4 lies, and other veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom
5 deal with any cases of post-traumatic stress disorder
6 that they may experience.

7 (8) An exit plan should be prepared which de-
8 tails a schedule for a return to the United States for
9 members of the Armed Forces and the continued
10 oversight necessary through allied efforts to main-
11 tain a stable government in Iraq.

12 (9) A schedule should be established which out-
13 lines any further proposed funding requests, includ-
14 ing an estimate of how many more requests will be
15 made and how such funding will be sourced so as to
16 avoid increasing further the national deficit.

17 (10) Thorough and comprehensive congressional
18 hearings should be held by all committees of juris-
19 diction, including the Committees on International
20 Relations, Armed Services, Appropriations, and the
21 Judiciary, requiring that the Administration provide
22 extensive background details necessary to allow the
23 House of Representatives to make an informed deci-
24 sion prior to the first full vote on the \$87 billion
25 supplemental appropriations request, as well as a de-

- 1 tail report documenting how the prior \$79 billion re-
- 2 quest was expended.

