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To amend the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 to postpone the 2005 round of base closures and realignments until 2007.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTIZ (for himself, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. ALLEN) introduced the following bill; which was 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:

5 (1) The roles of the Department of Defense and
6 the Department of Homeland Security, and the re-
7 sources necessary for homeland defense, are still
8 evolving.

1 (2) The decision to conduct an additional round
2 of base closures and realignments in 2005 was devel-
3 oped before the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

4 (3) The long-term, costs, and personnel require-
5 ments of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation
6 Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom are still
7 unknown.

8 (4) Additional funds are necessary to ade-
9 quately supply the Armed Forces for current mis-
10 sions, while expediting military transformation.

11 (5) The Congress will not have the opportunity
12 to thoroughly review and consider the policy deci-
13 sions culminating in the Global Posture Review be-
14 fore decisions regarding the closure and realignment
15 of military installations will be required in the 2005
16 round of base closures and realignments.

17 (6) The expected costs of implementing and
18 executing base closures and realignments rec-
19 ommended in the 2005 round is estimated at
20 \$15,000,000,000 and net savings from such base
21 closures and realignments will not be realized until
22 approximately 2011.

1 **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR POSTPONEMENT OF 2005 BASE CLOSURE**
2 **AND REALIGNMENT ROUND.**

3 (a) SUBMITTAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
4 CLOSURE OR REALIGNMENT OF MILITARY INSTALLA-
5 TIONS.—Section 2914 of the Defense Base Closure and
6 Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public
7 Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note), as added by section
8 3003 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
9 Year 2002 (Public Law 107–107; 115 Stat. 1345), is
10 amended—

11 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**2005**”
12 and inserting “**2007**”; and

13 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “May 16,
14 2005,” and inserting “May 16, 2007,”.

15 (b) COMMISSION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDA-
16 TIONS.—Subsection (d) of such section is amended—

17 (1) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by striking “Sep-
18 tember 8, 2005” both places it appears and insert-
19 ing “September 8, 2007”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (6)—

21 (A) by striking “in 2005” and inserting
22 “under this section”; and

23 (B) by striking “July 1, 2005” and insert-
24 ing “July 1, 2007”.

25 (c) REVIEW BY PRESIDENT AND TRANSMITTAL TO
26 CONGRESS.—Subsection (e) of such section is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) by striking “in 2005” and inserting
3 “under this section”; and

4 (B) by striking “September 23, 2005” and
5 inserting “September 23, 2007”;

6 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “October 20,
7 2005” and inserting “October 20, 2007”; and

8 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “November 7,
9 2005” and inserting “November 7, 2007”.

10 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section
11 2904(a)(3) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment
12 Act of 1990 is amended by striking “in the 2005 report”
13 and inserting “in a report submitted after 2001”.

14 (2) Section 2906(e) of such Act is amended by strik-
15 ing “2005” and inserting “2007”.

16 (3) Section 2906A of such Act is amended—

17 (A) in the section heading, by striking “**2005**”
18 and inserting “**2007**”; and

19 (B) by striking “2005” each place it appears
20 and inserting “2007”.

21 (4) Section 2912 of such Act is amended—

22 (A) in the section heading, by striking “**2005**”
23 and inserting “**2007**”;

24 (B) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “fiscal year
25 2006” and inserting “fiscal year 2008”;

1 (C) in subsections (b)(2) and (d), by striking
2 “in 2005” each place it appears and inserting
3 “under section 2914”;

4 (D) in subsection (d), by striking “March 15,
5 2005” both places it appears and inserting “March
6 15, 2007”;

7 (E) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “calendar
8 year 2005 and shall terminate on April 15, 2006”
9 and inserting “calendar year 2007 and shall termi-
10 nate on April 15, 2008”; and

11 (F) in subsection (d)(5), by striking “second
12 session of the 108th Congress for the activities of
13 the Commission in 2005” and inserting “second ses-
14 sion of the 109th Congress for the activities of the
15 Commission under section 2914”.

16 (5) Section 2913 of such Act is amended—

17 (A) in the section heading, by striking “**2005**”
18 and inserting “**2007**”;

19 (B) by striking “in 2005” each place it appears
20 and inserting “under section 2914”;

21 (C) in subsection (e), by striking “March 15,
22 2004” and inserting “March 15, 2006”.

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