

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 410

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that prior to the conclusion of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress the House should pass legislation that would create an independent commission or select House committee to investigate United States intelligence relating to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2003

Ms. LEE (for herself, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WATT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. WATSON, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. FARR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CLAY, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STARK, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. BELL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. RUSH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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

---

## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that prior to the conclusion of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress the House should pass legislation that would create an independent commission or select House committee to investigate United States intelligence relating to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Whereas Congress and the people of the United States have a right to understand the process by which this Nation went to war against Iraq under Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas grave questions have been raised regarding executive branch efforts to interpret and present estimates of the potential threat posed to the United States by Iraqi weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces continue to risk their lives serving in Iraq;

Whereas more than 300 members of the Armed Forces have died and more than 1200 have been wounded while serving in Iraq since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003;

Whereas military and peacekeeping operations in Iraq currently cost United States taxpayers approximately \$1,000,000,000 a week and total costs continue to rise;

Whereas Congress passed an emergency supplemental appropriation of \$78,490,000,000 on April 12, 2003 and the President has now asked Congress to appropriate an additional \$87,000,000,000, the vast majority of which will fund operations in Iraq;

Whereas both an independent commission and select House committee are needed to investigate the interpretation and presentation of intelligence both within the executive branch and in communications from that branch to members of Congress and the American public regarding the potential level of threat posed by Iraq's alleged attempts to revive its nuclear weapons program, to develop and deploy chemical and biological weapons, and to provide support for terrorist organizations including al Qaeda; and

Whereas the failure of the House of Representatives to pass legislation that would create an independent commission and select House committee to investigate questions about United States intelligence relating to Operation Iraqi Freedom would reduce the likelihood of such an investigation taking place while members of the Armed Forces remain at risk and while taxpayers continue to fund operations in Iraq at enormous financial cost, which could seriously undermine the effectiveness of future intelligence interpretation and threat assessment and could adversely affect this Nation's foreign policy: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that prior to the conclusion of the first session  
3       of the One Hundred Eighth Congress the House should  
4       pass legislation that would create an independent commis-  
5       sion or select House committee to investigate United  
6       States intelligence relating to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

○