## 109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. CON. RES. 321

Providing that the new permanent Council of Representatives of Iraq is encouraged to debate and vote on whether or not a continued United States military presence in Iraq is desired by the Government of Iraq.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 16, 2005

Mr. Kucinich (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Brown of Ohio, Mr. Conyers, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Farr, Mr. Filner, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Kaptur, Ms. Kilpatrick of Michigan, Ms. Lee, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Meeks of New York, Mr. Owens, Mr. Rahall, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, Ms. Solis, Mr. Stark, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Watson, and Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Providing that the new permanent Council of Representatives of Iraq is encouraged to debate and vote on whether or not a continued United States military presence in Iraq is desired by the Government of Iraq.

Whereas December 15, 2005, marks the day that a permanent Council of Representatives is elected in Iraq;

Whereas according to the Iraqi constitution, the federal government in Iraq has exclusive power over foreign policy and negotiations and national defense policy, and the Council of Representatives specifically has the responsibility of creating new law and certifying treaties and international agreements; and

Whereas a continued United States military presence in Iraq is a matter for the elected government of Iraq, a sovereign nation, to decide: Now, therefore, be it,

- 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate 2 concurring), That—
- 3 (1) the new permanent Council of Representa-4 tives of Iraq is encouraged to debate and vote on 5 whether or not a continued United States military 6 presence in Iraq is desired by the Government of 7 Iraq; and
- 8 (2) that such a debate and vote should be con-9 ducted in an open and transparent manner, and 10 should occur as soon as practicable.

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