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Requiring the President to develop and implement a plan for the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Ms. LEE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Withdrawal
5 of United States Armed Forces From Iraq Resolution of
6 2005—Homeward Bound”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Authorization for Use of Military Force
4 Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–
5 243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) was passed by Congress
6 on October 11, 2002.

7 (2) Public Law 107–243 cited Iraq’s possession
8 of weapons of mass destruction as a primary reason
9 for the use of United States Armed Forces against
10 Iraq.

11 (3) On January 12, 2005, the President offi-
12 cially declared an end to the search for weapons of
13 mass destruction in Iraq.

14 (4) The United States initiated combat oper-
15 ations in Iraq on March 19, 2003.

16 (5) Hundreds of thousands of members of the
17 United States Armed Forces have served with honor
18 and distinction in Iraq.

19 (6) More than \$200 billion has been appro-
20 priated by Congress to fund military operations and
21 reconstruction in Iraq.

22 (7) More than 1,700 members of the United
23 States Armed Forces have been killed and more
24 than 12,000 members of the Armed Forces have
25 been wounded in substantially accomplishing the
26 stated purpose of the United States of giving the

1 people of Iraq a reasonable opportunity to decide
2 their own future.

3 (8) The United States military occupation of
4 Iraq has placed significant strains on the capacity of
5 the United States Armed Forces, both active duty
6 and reserve.

7 (9) The armed forces of Iraq number more than
8 76,000 troops as of June 8, 2005, and are growing
9 in number and capability daily.

10 (10) The forces of the Iraqi Interior Ministry
11 number more than 92,000 personnel as of June 8,
12 2005, and are growing in number and capability
13 daily.

14 (11) The United States has in place a timetable
15 for training, equipping, and employing Iraqi security
16 forces to take over the counterinsurgency mission
17 from coalition forces.

18 (12) The joint explanatory statement accom-
19 panying the conference report for the Emergency
20 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the
21 Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005
22 (Public Law 109–13) requires the Secretary of De-
23 fense to report not later than July 10, 2005, and
24 every 90 days thereafter, on measures of security,
25 political, and economic progress in Iraq.

1 (13) Congress, under article I, section 8 of the
2 Constitution of the United States, must accept its
3 full share of responsibility in matters involving the
4 deployment of United States Armed Forces in for-
5 eign wars.

6 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 Congress declares that it is the policy of the United
8 States—

9 (1) to announce, not later than December 31,
10 2005, a plan for the withdrawal of all United States
11 Armed Forces from Iraq;

12 (2) at the earliest possible date, to turn over all
13 military operations in Iraq to the elected Govern-
14 ment of Iraq and provide for the prompt and orderly
15 withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from
16 Iraq; and

17 (3) to initiate such a withdrawal as soon as pos-
18 sible but not later than October 1, 2006.

19 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENTS TO IMPLEMENT POLICY.**

20 The President shall implement the policy expressed
21 in section 3 by—

22 (1) taking all necessary steps to ensure the
23 completion of Iraq's political transition to a constitu-
24 tionally elected government by December 31, 2005,
25 as called for in United Nations Security Council

1 Resolution 1546 (2004), which was supported by the
2 United States;

3 (2) establishing a plan for the withdrawal of all
4 United States Armed Forces from Iraq limited only
5 by steps to ensure the safety of such Armed Forces;

6 (3) establishing a plan for a transition of re-
7 sponsibility for internal security activities to the
8 military forces of the Iraqi Government and a tran-
9 sition of United States military personnel to an advi-
10 sory and support role;

11 (4) accelerating the training and equipping of
12 the military and security forces of the Iraqi Govern-
13 ment; and

14 (5) taking all appropriate measures to account
15 for any missing members of the United States
16 Armed Forces or United States citizens in Iraq prior
17 to completion of the withdrawal of United States
18 Armed Forces from Iraq.

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