

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3142

To declare that it is the policy of the United States not to maintain a long-term or permanent military presence in Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2005

Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. McDERMOTT) introduced the following bill; 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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Iraq Sovereignty Pro-
5 motion Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) On April 13, 2004, President George W.
2 Bush stated that “as a proud and independent peo-
3 ple, Iraqis do not support an indefinite occupation
4 and neither does America” and that the United
5 States will remain in Iraq “as long as necessary and
6 not one day more”.

7 (2) On February 17, 2005, Secretary of De-
8 fense Donald Rumsfeld assured the Committee on
9 Armed Services of the Senate that “we have no in-
10 tention, at the present time, of putting permanent
11 bases in Iraq”.

12 (3) The clear majority of voters interviewed in
13 exit polls during Iraq’s January 2005 election cited
14 their desire to see an end to the United States and
15 foreign military occupation as a major impetus for
16 voting.

17 (4) The perception that the United States in-
18 tends to permanently occupy Iraq aids insurgent
19 groups in recruiting supporters and fuels violent ac-
20 tivity.

21 (5) The lack of a clear statement that the
22 United States does not seek a long-term or perma-
23 nent presence in Iraq perpetuates the perception
24 among Iraqis that the United States has aims in
25 Iraq other than the promotion of democracy.

1 (6) A clear statement that the United States
2 does not seek a long-term or permanent presence in
3 Iraq does not imply the setting of a particular dead-
4 line, time frame, or exit strategy.

5 (7) A clear statement that the United States
6 does not seek a long-term or permanent presence in
7 Iraq would send a strong signal to the people of Iraq
8 and the international community that the United
9 States fully supports the efforts of the Iraqi people
10 to regain through their elected representatives the
11 full exercise of national sovereignty, including con-
12 trol over security and public safety.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress that—

15 (1) the United States supports the men and
16 women of the United States Armed Forces, the peo-
17 ple of Iraq, and the leaders of Iraq’s elected govern-
18 ment; and

19 (2) the people of the United States support the
20 Iraqi people’s desire to rebuild Iraq as a fully sov-
21 ereign, stable, and peaceful democratic country.

22 **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

23 It is the policy of the United States not to maintain
24 a long-term or permanent military presence in Iraq.

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