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To require the President to develop a plan containing dates certain for the commencement and completion of a phased redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Iraq, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAYS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. REDEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES ARMED**
4 **FORCES FROM IRAQ.**

5 (a) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of
6 the enactment of this Act, the President, in consultation
7 with the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of

1 Staff, shall transmit to Congress a plan, containing dates
2 certain, except as provided in subsection (c), for the com-
3 mencement and completion by the Secretary of a phased
4 redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Iraq,
5 as well as an outline of how the redeployment process will
6 take place, in accordance with the factors specified in sub-
7 section (b).

8 (b) FACTORS.—In determining the dates certain re-
9 quired under subsection (a), and in planning the phased
10 redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Iraq,
11 the President, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
12 fense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall take into consid-
13 eration the following:

14 (1) The decision of the Government of the
15 United States to dismantle all Iraqi Security Forces,
16 including the Army, police, and border patrol.

17 (2) The redeployment of United States Armed
18 Forces should take place as equivalent Iraqi Security
19 Forces become capable.

20 (3) Priority in the redeployment process should
21 be given to combat soldiers, to be followed, in an
22 order considered appropriate by the President, in
23 consultation with the Secretary and the Joint Chiefs,
24 by those members of the United States Armed

1 Forces who provide logistics, transportation, med-
2 ical, or other forms of support.

3 (c) EXPEDITED REDEPLOYMENT REQUIRED.—If the
4 President, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense
5 and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, determines that conditions
6 on the ground in Iraq improve more quickly than initially
7 anticipated in the plan required under subsection (a), the
8 Secretary shall commence, prior to the dates certain con-
9 tained in such plan, the phased redeployment of United
10 States Armed Forces from Iraq.

11 (d) IRAQI VOTE ON UNITED STATES PLAN.—Con-
12 gress encourages the Government of Iraq to hold a vote
13 in the Iraqi Council of Representatives or among the Iraqi
14 general voting public not later than 180 days after the
15 date on which the President transmits the plan required
16 under subsection (a), approving or disapproving the plan
17 and timeline to redeploy United States Armed Forces from
18 Iraq. Unless 60 percent of the members of the Council
19 of Representatives or the Iraqi general voting public vote
20 to approve the plan and timeline to redeploy United States
21 Armed Forces from Iraq, the President should commence
22 the phased redeployment of United States Armed Forces
23 from Iraq within 60 days of the Iraqi vote.

24 (e) FURTHER DEPLOYMENT RESTRICTED.—After
25 completion of the phased redeployment of United States

1 Armed Forces from Iraq, the Secretary of Defense may
2 not deploy or maintain members of the United States
3 Armed Forces in Iraq for any purpose other than the fol-
4 lowing:

5 (1) Protecting United States diplomatic facili-
6 ties and United States citizens, including members
7 of the United States Armed Forces.

8 (2) Serving in roles consistent with customary
9 diplomatic positions.

10 (3) Engaging in targeted special actions limited
11 in duration and scope to killing or capturing mem-
12 bers of al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations
13 with global reach.

14 (4) Training members of the Iraqi Security
15 Forces.

16 (f) DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall
18 make and transmit to Congress the following determina-
19 tions, along with reports in classified and unclassified
20 form detailing the basis for each determination:

21 (1) Whether the Government of Iraq has given
22 United States Armed Forces and Iraqi Security
23 Forces the authority to pursue all extremists, includ-
24 ing Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias, and is
25 making substantial progress in delivering necessary

1 Iraqi Security Forces for Baghdad and protecting
2 such Forces from political interference; intensifying
3 efforts to build balanced security forces throughout
4 Iraq that provide even-handed security for all Iraqis;
5 ensuring that Iraq's political authorities are not un-
6 dermining or making false accusations against mem-
7 bers of the Iraqi Security Forces; eliminating militia
8 control of local security; establishing a strong militia
9 disarmament program; ensuring fair and just en-
10 forcement of laws; establishing political, media, eco-
11 nomic, and service committees in support of the
12 Baghdad Security Plan; and eradicating safe havens.

13 (2) Whether the Government of Iraq is making
14 substantial progress in meeting its commitment to
15 pursue reconciliation initiatives, including enactment
16 of a hydro-carbon law; adoption of legislation nec-
17 essary for the conduct of provincial and local elec-
18 tions; reform of current laws governing the de-
19 Baathification process; amendment of the Constitu-
20 tion of Iraq; and allocation of Iraqi revenues for re-
21 construction projects.

22 (3) Whether the Government of Iraq and
23 United States Armed Forces are making substantial

- 1 progress in reducing the level of sectarian violence in
- 2 Iraq.

