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To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBEY (for himself and Mr. McGOVERN) 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

To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.

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 AND DEFENSE CONTRACTORS FROM
5 IRAQ.

6 (a) COMMENCEMENT OF REDEPLOYMENT.—Not
7 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence the rede-
9 ployment of units and members of the Armed Forces de-

1 ployed in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and
2 contractors operating in Iraq and funded using amounts
3 appropriated to the Department of Defense.

4 (b) COMPLETION OF REDEPLOYMENT.—The Sec-
5 retary of Defense shall complete the redeployment of the
6 Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq by June
7 30, 2008.

8 (c) AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE LOCATIONS OUT-
9 SIDE OF IRAQ FOR REDEPLOYMENT.—Nothing in this sec-
10 tion shall be construed to restrict the locations outside of
11 Iraq to which units and members of the Armed Forces
12 redeployed from Iraq may be transferred, including rede-
13 ployment to an adjacent or nearby country at the invita-
14 tion of the government of the country or redeployment to
15 bolster military forces deployed in Afghanistan as part of
16 Operation Enduring Freedom.

17 (d) AUTHORITY TO RETAIN ARMED FORCES IN IRAQ
18 FOR LIMITED PURPOSES.—The Secretary of Defense may
19 retain in Iraq members of the Armed Forces for the pur-
20 pose of providing security for the United States Embassy
21 and other United States diplomatic missions in Iraq; pro-
22 tecting American citizens, including members of the
23 Armed Forces; serving in roles consistent with customary
24 diplomatic positions; engaging in targeted special actions
25 limited in duration and scope to killing or capturing mem-

1 bers of al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations with
2 global reach; and training and equipping members of the
3 Iraqi Security Forces. At the request of the Government
4 of Iraq, the Secretary of Defense may retain in Iraq mem-
5 bers of the Army Corps of Engineers and defense contrac-
6 tors engaged in reconstruction projects in Iraq, to the ex-
7 tent necessary to complete such projects.

8 (e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR SAFE AND OR-
9 DERLY REDEPLOYMENT.—Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, funds appropriated or otherwise made
11 available in any Act are immediately available for obliga-
12 tion and expenditure to plan and execute a safe and or-
13 derly redeployment of the Armed Forces and defense con-
14 tractors from Iraq, as required by this section.

15 (f) TRANSFER OF UNITED STATES MILITARY FA-
16 CILITIES IN IRAQ.—The President of the United States
17 shall transfer to the Government of Iraq all right, title,
18 and interest held by the United States in any military fa-
19 cility in Iraq that was constructed, repaired, or improved
20 using amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense
21 and occupied by a unit of the Armed Forces.

22 (g) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO FURTHER
23 DEPLOY UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO IRAQ.—Be-
24 ginning on the date of the completion of the redeployment
25 of the Armed Forces from Iraq under subsection (b),

1 funds appropriated or otherwise made available under any
2 provision of law may not be obligated or expended to fur-
3 ther deploy units or members of the Armed Forces to Iraq,
4 including through participation in any multinational force
5 in Iraq, except as provided under subsection (d) or unless
6 such deployment of units or members of the Armed Forces
7 is specifically authorized in advance by an Act of Con-
8 gress.

9 (h) ASSISTANCE TO IRAQI SECURITY FORCES AND
10 MULTINATIONAL FORCES IN IRAQ.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion shall be construed to prohibit or otherwise restrict
12 the use of funds available to the Department of Defense
13 for the purpose of providing financial assistance or equip-
14 ment to the Iraqi Security Forces or multinational forces
15 providing security or training in Iraq at the request of
16 the Government of Iraq.

17 (i) CONTINUATION OF DIPLOMATIC, SOCIAL, AND
18 ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ.—
19 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit or
20 otherwise restrict the use of funds available to any depart-
21 ment or agency of the United States (other than the De-
22 partment of Defense) to carry out diplomatic, social, and
23 economic reconstruction activities in Iraq at the request
24 of the Government of Iraq.

1 (j) ASYLUM OR OTHER MEANS OF PROTECTION FOR
2 IRAQI CITIZENS.—Nothing in this section shall be con-
3 strued to prohibit or otherwise restrict the authority of
4 the President to arrange asylum or other means of protec-
5 tion for Iraqi citizens who might be physically endangered
6 by the redeployment of the Armed Forces from Iraq.

7 (k) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Armed
8 Forces” has the meaning given the term in section
9 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code.

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