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To require United States military disengagement from Iraq, to provide United States assistance for reconstruction and reconciliation in Iraq, and for other purposes.

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Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Ms. LEE, Ms. WATERS, Ms. WATSON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PAYNE, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Rules, and the Judiciary, 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

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## A BILL

To require United States military disengagement from Iraq, to provide United States assistance for reconstruction and reconciliation in Iraq, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Bring the Troops Home and Iraq Sovereignty Restora-  
6 tion Act of 2007”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
 2 this Act is as follows:

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1 **TITLE I—UNITED STATES MILI-**  
2 **TARY DISENGAGEMENT FROM**  
3 **IRAQ**

4 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The brave men and women of the United  
7 States Armed Forces continue to serve with distinc-  
8 tion in Iraq and have earned the respect and grati-  
9 tude of the American people.

10 (2) On May 1, 2003, under a banner displaying  
11 the words “Mission Accomplished,” President  
12 George W. Bush stated: “Major combat operations  
13 in Iraq have ended.”. At that point, the occupation  
14 of Iraq began.

15 (3) The civilian leadership at the Department  
16 of Defense has failed to adequately support United  
17 States Armed Forces in Iraq, which were not trained  
18 to carry out an occupation and did not receive the  
19 proper equipment to achieve their stated mission.

20 (4) The occupation of Iraq has made the  
21 United States economically and militarily weaker,  
22 has made the United States less safe because it has  
23 enhanced the recruitment of terrorists, and has di-

1       minished America’s prestige and influence in the  
2       world.

3               (5) Iraq is embroiled in a civil war character-  
4       ized by daily occurrences of retaliation and revenge,  
5       fueled by the occupation of Iraq by United States  
6       Armed Forces. The civil war in Iraq was predicted  
7       by United States military commanders before the  
8       2003 occupation of Iraq.

9               (6) The United States has pursued military ac-  
10      tion rather than diplomatic alternatives in Iraq, and  
11      has reduced reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

12              (7) On May 13, 2003, the President stated,  
13      “We will stay as long as necessary to make sure that  
14      the Iraqi people have a government of, by and for  
15      the Iraqi people. And then we’ll come home.”.

16              (8) On December 15, 2005, the Iraqi people  
17      participated in elections to directly elect a full-term  
18      government. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki  
19      and other high-ranking Iraqi Government officials,  
20      as well as leaders from the Sunni, Shiite, and Kurd-  
21      ish communities in Iraq, have since called for a  
22      timetable for the withdrawal of United States Armed  
23      Forces from Iraq.

1           (9) Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has  
2           stated that Iraqi political leaders must bring security  
3           and stability to Iraq.

4           (10) During the summer of 2006, General  
5           George Casey, the top United States military com-  
6           mander in Iraq, proposed a plan for the deployment  
7           from Iraq of a substantial portion of United States  
8           Armed Forces and briefed the President accordingly.

9           (11) United States military commanders in Iraq  
10          have repeatedly stated that there is no military solu-  
11          tion to the turmoil in Iraq.

12          (12) In the United States elections held on No-  
13          vember 7, 2006, the American people clearly voted  
14          for a change in United States policy in Iraq and in  
15          favor of United States military disengagement from  
16          Iraq.

17 **SEC. 102. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

18          Congress declares that it is the policy of the United  
19          States—

20                (1) to end the occupation of Iraq on the basis  
21                of the findings specified in section 101;

22                (2) to accelerate the training and equipping of  
23                the military and security forces of the Government  
24                of Iraq;

1           (3) to pursue security and stability in Iraq  
2 through diplomacy;

3           (4) to help preserve the territorial integrity of  
4 Iraq as a nation state;

5           (5) to take all appropriate measures to account  
6 for any missing members of the United States  
7 Armed Forces or United States citizens in Iraq; and

8           (6) to turn over all internal security activities  
9 and military operations in Iraq to the elected Gov-  
10 ernment of Iraq not later than the end of the six-  
11 month period beginning on the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 103. REPEAL OF PUBLIC LAW 107-243.**

14           The Authorization for Use of Military Force Against  
15 Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243; 50 U.S.C.  
16 1541 note) is hereby repealed.

17 **SEC. 104. DISENGAGEMENT OF UNITED STATES ARMED**

18                           **FORCES AND CONTRACTOR SECURITY**

19                           **FORCES FROM IRAQ.**

20           (a) **WITHDRAWAL OF ARMED FORCES.**—Not later  
21 than the end of the six-month period beginning on the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act, all United States Armed  
23 Forces serving in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom  
24 shall be withdrawn from Iraq and returned to the United  
25 States or redeployed outside of the Middle East. It is the

1 policy of Congress that this withdrawal shall commence  
2 as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of  
3 this Act to ensure completion of the withdrawal by the  
4 end of such six-month period.

5 (b) WITHDRAWAL OF CONTRACTOR SECURITY  
6 FORCES.—Not later than the end of the six-month period  
7 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, all  
8 security forces under contract or subcontract with the  
9 United States Government and working in Iraq shall be  
10 withdrawn from Iraq. The contract or subcontract pro-  
11 viding for the use of such security forces shall be termi-  
12 nated as soon as practicable after the forces are with-  
13 drawn.

14 (c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO CONTINUE  
15 DEPLOYMENT OF ARMED FORCES IN IRAQ.—

16 (1) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in para-  
17 graph (2), funds appropriated or otherwise made  
18 available under any provision of law may not be obli-  
19 gated or expended to deploy or continue to deploy  
20 members or units of the United States Armed  
21 Forces to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

22 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not  
23 apply to the use of funds—

24 (A) to provide for the safe and orderly  
25 withdrawal of the Armed Forces and contractor

1 security forces from Iraq pursuant to sub-  
2 sections (a) and (b); or

3 (B) to ensure the security of Iraq and its  
4 transition to democratic rule by—

5 (i) carrying out consultations with the  
6 Government of Iraq, other foreign govern-  
7 ments, the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-  
8 zation, the United Nations, and other  
9 international organizations; or

10 (ii) providing financial assistance or  
11 equipment to Iraqi security forces and  
12 international forces in Iraq.

13 (d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
14 tion shall be construed to prohibit or otherwise restrict  
15 the use of funds available to any department or agency  
16 of the United States, other than the Department of De-  
17 fense, to carry out social and economic reconstruction ac-  
18 tivities in Iraq.

19 (e) **ARMED FORCES DEFINED.**—In this section, the  
20 term “Armed Forces” has the meaning given the term in  
21 section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code.

22 **SEC. 105. PROHIBITION ON PERMANENT UNITED STATES**  
23 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN IRAQ.**

24 (a) **PROHIBITION.**—No permanent or long-term mili-  
25 tary installation, which is designed or intended to be occu-

1    pied by a unit of the United States Armed Forces after  
2    the withdrawal of the Armed Forces from Iraq pursuant  
3    to section 104(a), may be constructed in Iraq.

4           (b) TRANSFER OF MILITARY FACILITIES.—The  
5    President of the United States shall transfer to the Gov-  
6    ernment of Iraq all right, title, and interest held by the  
7    United States in any military facility in Iraq that was con-  
8    structed, repaired, or improved using amounts appro-  
9    priated to the Department of Defense and occupied by a  
10   unit of the United States Armed Forces.

11   **SEC. 106. PROVISION OF IRAQI POLICE AND HOME GUARDS**  
12                                   **TRAINING.**

13           During the six-month period specified in subsections  
14   (a) and (b) of section 104 for the withdrawal of United  
15   States Armed Forces and contractor security forces from  
16   Iraq, the Secretary of Defense may use members of the  
17   Armed Forces and security forces under contract or sub-  
18   contract with the Department of Defense to assist in the  
19   training of a permanent Iraqi police force and neighbor-  
20   hood, village, and tribal home guards comprised of Iraqi  
21   citizens.

22   **SEC. 107. DEPLOYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STABILIZA-**  
23                                   **TION FORCE TO IRAQ.**

24           (a) DEPLOYMENT.—If requested by the Government  
25   of Iraq (including with the support of the National Assem-

1 bly of Iraq), the President of the United States is author-  
2 ized to support the deployment of an international sta-  
3 bilization force to Iraq to enhance public security in Iraq  
4 after the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from  
5 Iraq pursuant to section 104(a).

6 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
7 gress that the deployment of the international stabilization  
8 force to Iraq described in subsection (a) should commence  
9 not later than the end of the six-month period beginning  
10 on the date of the enactment of this Act and terminate  
11 not later than the end of the two-year period beginning  
12 on the date of commencement of such deployment.

13 **SEC. 108. LIMITATION ON TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITED**  
14 **STATES GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AT**  
15 **UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD,**  
16 **IRAQ.**

17 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
18 sion of law, the total number of officers and employees  
19 of the United States Government assigned to the United  
20 States Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, may not exceed 500  
21 individuals.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-  
23 fect beginning six months after the date of the enactment  
24 of this Act.

1 **SEC. 109. PROHIBITION ON PRODUCTION SHARING AGREE-**  
2 **MENTS FOR IRAQI PETROLEUM RESOURCES.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—On or after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, no department, agency, or other entity  
5 of the Government of the United States and no national  
6 of the United States may enter into a contract for the  
7 development, production, or marketing of petroleum re-  
8 sources in Iraq.

9 (b) SUNSET.—Subsection (a) shall cease to be effec-  
10 tive beginning on the date on which the President of the  
11 United States certifies to Congress that the Government  
12 of Iraq has established and is enforcing laws that provide  
13 for the regulation of activities of foreign governments and  
14 foreign nationals pursuant to contracts for the develop-  
15 ment, production, or marketing of petroleum resources in  
16 Iraq.

17 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “national  
18 of the United States” means—

19 (1) a natural person who is a citizen of the  
20 United States or who owes permanent allegiance to  
21 the United States or is an alien lawfully admitted  
22 for permanent residence in the United States, as de-  
23 fined in section 101(a)(20) of the Immigration and  
24 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(20)); or

25 (2) a corporation, partnership, or other busi-  
26 ness association that is organized under the laws of

1 the United States, any State or territory thereof, or  
2 the District of Columbia.

3 **TITLE II—UNITED STATES AS-**  
4 **SISTANCE FOR RECONSTRUC-**  
5 **TION AND RECONCILIATION**  
6 **IN IRAQ**

7 **Subtitle A—Bilateral Assistance**

8 **SEC. 201. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES RELATING TO**  
9 **THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR**  
10 **IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION.**

11 (a) DUTIES.—Section 1054(a) of the John Warner  
12 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007  
13 (Public Law 109–364; 120 Stat. 2397) is amended by in-  
14 serting “or any subsequent fiscal year” after “fiscal year  
15 2006”.

16 (b) TERMINATION.—Section 3001(o) of the Emer-  
17 gency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and  
18 for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004  
19 (Public Law 108–106; 117 Stat. 1238; 5 U.S.C. App.,  
20 note to section 8G of Public Law 95–452), as amended  
21 by section 1054(b) of Public Law 109–364 and section  
22 2 of the Iraq Reconstruction Accountability Act of 2006  
23 (Public Law 109–440), is amended in paragraph (1)(B)  
24 by inserting “or any subsequent fiscal year” after “fiscal  
25 year 2006”.

1 **SEC. 202. STUDY AND REPORT ON DAMAGE TO IRAQI CIVIL**  
2 **SOCIETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The President of the United States, act-  
4 ing through the heads of the relevant departments and  
5 agencies of the Government of the United States and in  
6 consultation with the Government of Iraq, is authorized  
7 to conduct a study on the damage to Iraqi civil society  
8 and infrastructure as a result of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

9 (b) REPORT.—The President shall transmit to Con-  
10 gress a report that contains the results of the study con-  
11 ducted pursuant to subsection (a).

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
13 authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry  
14 out this section \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

15 **SEC. 203. ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH AN IRAQI RECON-**  
16 **STRUCTION CORPS.**

17 (a) ASSISTANCE.—The President of the United  
18 States is authorized to provide assistance to the Govern-  
19 ment of Iraq to establish and train an Iraqi reconstruction  
20 corps to rebuild the infrastructure of Iraq. To the max-  
21 imum extent practicable, the Iraqi reconstruction corps  
22 should carry out its activities in accordance with the re-  
23 sults of the study conducted pursuant to section 202.

24 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Assistance under this  
25 section may be provided on such terms and conditions as  
26 the President may determine.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry  
3 out this section \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

4 **SEC. 204. ASSISTANCE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF LAND**  
5 **MINES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ.**

6 (a) ASSISTANCE.—The President of the United  
7 States is authorized to provide assistance for the destruc-  
8 tion of land mines, unexploded ordnance, and clean-up of  
9 depleted uranium in artillery shells and related targets in  
10 Iraq.

11 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Assistance under this  
12 section may be provided on such terms and conditions as  
13 the President may determine.

14 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
16 appropriated to the President to carry out this sec-  
17 tion \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

18 (2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.—Amounts ap-  
19 propriated pursuant to the authorization of appro-  
20 priations under paragraph (1)—

21 (A) may be referred to as the “Iraqi  
22 Demining Fund”;

23 (B) are authorized to remain available  
24 until expended; and

1 (C) are in addition to amounts otherwise  
2 available for such purposes.

3 **SEC. 205. ASSISTANCE TO DISMANTLE AND DISPOSE OF**  
4 **FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER REMNANTS OF**  
5 **OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.**

6 (a) ASSISTANCE.—The President of the United  
7 States is authorized to provide assistance to the Govern-  
8 ment of Iraq to dismantle and dispose of fortifications,  
9 including concrete walls, and other remnants of Operation  
10 Iraqi Freedom.

11 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Assistance under this section  
13 may be provided on such terms and conditions as  
14 the President may determine.

15 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of  
16 Congress that, to the maximum extent practicable,  
17 priority should be given to train and hire Iraqi civil-  
18 ians to carry out the activities described in sub-  
19 section (a) and to allocate funds to local units of  
20 government in Iraq, including village, town, and city  
21 councils, to carry out the activities described in sub-  
22 section (a).

23 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24 authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry  
25 out this section \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

1 **SEC. 206. ASSISTANCE TO RECOVER ANCIENT RELICS AND**  
2 **TO RESTORE ARCHEOLOGICAL, CULTURAL,**  
3 **AND HISTORICAL SITES IN IRAQ.**

4 (a) ASSISTANCE.—The President of the United  
5 States is authorized to provide assistance to recover an-  
6 cient relics and to restore archeological, cultural, and his-  
7 torical sites of international significance and importance  
8 in Iraq.

9 (b) GRANT REQUIREMENT.—To the maximum extent  
10 practicable, assistance under this section shall be provided  
11 in the form of grants to a consortium that includes the  
12 Iraqi Museum of Antiquities, the Smithsonian Institution,  
13 the World Monuments Fund, and the Oriental Institute  
14 of the University of Chicago.

15 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Assistance under this section  
17 may be provided on such terms and conditions as  
18 the President may determine.

19 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of  
20 Congress that, to the maximum extent practicable,  
21 priority should be given to train and hire Iraqi civil-  
22 ians to carry out the activities described in sub-  
23 section (a) and to allocate funds to local units of  
24 government in Iraq, including village, town, and city  
25 councils, to carry out the activities described in sub-  
26 section (a).

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry  
3 out this section \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

4 **SEC. 207. COMPENSATION FOR IRAQI NONCOMBATANT CI-**  
5 **VILIAN CASUALTIES.**

6 (a) DETERMINATION AND CERTIFICATION OF  
7 CLAIMS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall deter-  
9 mine the validity and amount of each claim by a cit-  
10 izen or national of Iraq for loss of property or per-  
11 sonal injury or death resulting from United States  
12 military operations in Iraq during the period begin-  
13 ning on March 19, 2003, and ending 6 months after  
14 the date of enactment of this Act. Any claim under  
15 this section shall be barred unless it is filed with the  
16 Commission within 3 years after the date of enact-  
17 ment of this Act. The Commission shall publish in  
18 the Federal Register, and in the media to which  
19 Iraqi citizens have easy access, the procedures for  
20 making a claim with the Commission under this sec-  
21 tion. The Commission shall certify to each claimant  
22 the amount determined by the Commission to be  
23 payable on the claim under this section.

24 (2) EXCLUSIONS.—The Commission shall deny  
25 the validity of any claim for loss of property or per-

1       sonal injury or death under paragraph (1) of any  
2       person who participated in the armed insurgency in  
3       Iraq after May 1, 2003.

4       (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—In deciding claims under  
5       subsection (a), the Commission shall apply, in the fol-  
6       lowing order—

7             (1) applicable substantive law, including inter-  
8       national law; and

9             (2) applicable principles of justice and equity.

10       (c) APPLICABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS SET-  
11       TLEMENT ACT.—To the extent they are not inconsistent  
12       with the provisions of this act, the provisions of title I  
13       (other than section 2(c) ) and title VII of the International  
14       Claims Settlement Act of 1949 (22 U.S.C. 1621–1627 and  
15       1645–1645o) shall apply with respect to claims under this  
16       section.

17       (d) NOTICE AND HEARINGS.—The Secretary of State  
18       shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the people  
19       of Iraq have adequate notice of the process for making  
20       a claim under this section. The Commission may conduct  
21       hearings at places in Iraq in order to facilitate the claims  
22       process under this section. The Commission shall consult  
23       with appropriate representatives of Iraqi citizens in deter-  
24       mining claims under this section.

1 (e) CLAIMS FUND.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
2 is authorized to establish in the Treasury of the United  
3 States a fund (in this section referred to as the “Iraq  
4 Claims Fund”) for payment of claims certified under sub-  
5 section (a). The Secretary of the Treasury shall cover into  
6 the Iraq Claims Fund such amounts as are appropriated  
7 to the fund pursuant to subsection (k).

8 (f) CERTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF CLAIMS.—The  
9 Commission shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury  
10 each award made pursuant to subsection (a). The Sec-  
11 retary of the Treasury shall make payments on each such  
12 award, in the following order of priority to the extent  
13 funds are available pursuant to this section:

14 (1) Payment of \$10,000 or the principal  
15 amount, whichever is less.

16 (2) Payments from time to time in ratable pro-  
17 portions on account of the unpaid balance of the  
18 principal amounts of all awards according to the  
19 proportions which the unpaid balance of such  
20 awards bears to the total amount in the Iraq Claims  
21 Fund that is available for distribution at the time  
22 such payments are made.

23 (3) After payment has been made of the prin-  
24 cipal amounts of all such awards, pro rate payments

1 on account of accrued interest on such awards as  
2 bear interest.

3 (g) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER RECORDS.—The head  
4 of any executive agency may transfer or otherwise make  
5 available to the Commission such records and documents  
6 relating to claims authorized to be determined under this  
7 section as may be required by the Commission in carrying  
8 out its functions under this section.

9 (h) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS; PUBLICATION NO-  
10 TICE.—

11 (1) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—Any demand  
12 or claim for payment on account of an award that  
13 is certified under this section shall be barred on and  
14 after the date that is 2 years after the date on which  
15 notice is published under paragraph (2).

16 (2) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.—

17 (A) PUBLICATION.—At the end of the 1-  
18 year period specified in subparagraph (B), the  
19 Secretary of the Treasury shall publish notice  
20 in the Federal Register, and in the media to  
21 which Iraqi citizens have easy access, detailing  
22 the statute of limitations provided for in para-  
23 graph (1) and identifying the claim numbers of,  
24 and the names of the claimants holding, unpaid  
25 certified claims.

1           (B) PUBLICATION DATE.—The notice re-  
2           quired by subparagraph (A) shall be published  
3           1 year after the last date on which the Sec-  
4           retary of the Treasury covers into the Iraq  
5           Claims Fund amounts appropriated to that  
6           fund pursuant to subsection (k).

7           (i) DISPOSITION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—At the end of  
8           the 2-year period beginning on the publication date of the  
9           notice required by subsection (h)(2), the Secretary of the  
10          Treasury shall deposit in the Treasury of the United  
11          States as miscellaneous receipts all funds remaining in the  
12          Iraq Claims Fund that are not used for payments of cer-  
13          tified claims under this section.

14          (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15               (1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive  
16               agency” has the meaning given that term by section  
17               105 of title 5, United States Code.

18               (2) COMMISSION.—The term “commission”  
19               means the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission  
20               of the United States.

21          (k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
22          are authorized to be appropriated not less than  
23          \$200,000,000 to pay claims under this section. Amounts  
24          appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall remain  
25          available until expended.

1 **SEC. 208. ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH AN IRAQI INSTITUTE**  
2 **OF PEACE.**

3 (a) ASSISTANCE.—The President of the United  
4 States is authorized to provide assistance to the Govern-  
5 ment of Iraq to establish an independent, nonprofit Iraqi  
6 institute of peace to serve the people and Government of  
7 Iraq. To the maximum extent practicable, the Iraqi insti-  
8 tute of peace should provide the widest possible range of  
9 education and training, basic and applied research oppor-  
10 tunities, and peace information services on the means to  
11 promote domestic tranquility and international peace and  
12 the resolution of conflicts without recourse to violence.

13 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Assistance under this  
14 section may be provided on such terms and conditions as  
15 the President may determine.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
17 authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry  
18 out this section \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

19 **Subtitle B—Multilateral Assistance**

20 **SEC. 211. INTERNATIONAL FUND TO REDEVELOP CIVIC IN-**  
21 **STITUTIONS IN IRAQ.**

22 (a) INTERNATIONAL FUND.—The President of the  
23 United States is authorized to seek to establish an inter-  
24 national fund to redevelop civic institutions in Iraq and  
25 to make United States contributions to the international  
26 fund.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
2 gress that the international fund described in subsection  
3 (a) should provide incentives for the return of exiled or  
4 émigré Iraqi doctors, nurses, educators, jurists, engineers,  
5 attorneys, writers, journalists, and other professionals and  
6 the training of additional Iraqis in essential professions  
7 and services.

8 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
9 authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry  
10 out this section \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

11 **SEC. 212. INTERNATIONAL FUND TO RECONSTITUTE THE**  
12 **PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN IRAQ.**

13 (a) INTERNATIONAL FUND.—The President of the  
14 United States is authorized to seek to establish an inter-  
15 national fund to reconstitute the public health system in  
16 Iraq and to make United States contributions to the inter-  
17 national fund. To the maximum extent practicable, the  
18 international fund should be supervised and administered  
19 jointly by the World Health Organization, the United Na-  
20 tions Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Pro-  
21 gram, and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

22 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
23 gress that the international fund described in subsection  
24 (a) should provide for the rebuilding of hospitals and clin-

1 ics in Iraq and the purchase of diagnostic and therapeutic  
2 equipment and services for hospitals and clinics in Iraq.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
4 authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry  
5 out this section \$1,700,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

6 **TITLE III—GUARANTEED**  
7 **HEALTH CARE FOR VET-**  
8 **ERANS OF OPERATION IRAQI**  
9 **FREEDOM AND OTHER CON-**  
10 **FLICTS**

11 **SEC. 301. ASSURANCE OF ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR VET-**  
12 **ERANS HEALTH CARE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United  
14 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
15 lowing new section:

16 **“§ 321. Assured funding for veterans health care**

17 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—For each fiscal year,  
18 the Secretary of the Treasury shall make available to the  
19 Secretary of Veterans Affairs the amount determined  
20 under subsection (b) with respect to that fiscal year. Each  
21 such amount is available, without fiscal year limitation,  
22 for the programs, functions, and activities of the Veterans  
23 Health Administration, as specified in subsection (c).

24 “(b) AMOUNT.—(1) The amount applicable to fiscal  
25 year 2008 under this subsection is the amount equal to

1 130 percent of the amount obligated by the Department  
2 during fiscal year 2006 for the purposes specified in sub-  
3 section (c).

4 “(2) The amount applicable to any fiscal year after  
5 fiscal year 2008 under this subsection is the amount equal  
6 to the product of the following:

7 “(A) The sum of—

8 “(i) the number of veterans enrolled in the  
9 Department health care system under section  
10 1705 of this title as of July 1 preceding the be-  
11 ginning of such fiscal year; and

12 “(ii) the number of persons eligible for  
13 health care under chapter 17 of this title who  
14 are not covered by clause (i) and who were pro-  
15 vided hospital care or medical services under  
16 such chapter at any time during the fiscal year  
17 preceding such fiscal year.

18 “(B) The per capita baseline amount, as in-  
19 creased from time to time pursuant to paragraph  
20 (3)(B).

21 “(3)(A) For purposes of paragraph (2)(B), the term  
22 ‘per capita baseline amount’ means the amount equal to—

23 “(i) the amount specified in paragraph (1), di-  
24 vided by

1           “(ii) the number of veterans enrolled in the De-  
2           partment health care system under section 1705 of  
3           this title as of the date of the enactment of this sec-  
4           tion.

5           “(B) With respect to any fiscal year, the Secretary  
6           shall provide a percentage increase (rounded to the near-  
7           est dollar) in the per capita baseline amount equal to the  
8           percentage by which—

9           “(i) the Consumer Price Index (all Urban Con-  
10          sumers, United States City Average, Hospital and  
11          related services, Seasonally Adjusted), published by  
12          the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of  
13          Labor for the 12-month period ending on the June  
14          30 preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for  
15          which the increase is made, exceeds

16          “(ii) such Consumer Price Index for the 12-  
17          month period preceding the 12-month period de-  
18          scribed in clause (i).

19          “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—(1) Except as provided in  
20          paragraph (2), the purposes for which amounts made  
21          available pursuant to subsection (a) shall be all programs,  
22          functions, and activities of the Veterans Health Adminis-  
23          tration.

24          “(2) Amounts made available pursuant to subsection  
25          (a) are not available for—

1           “(A) construction, acquisition, or alteration of  
2           medical facilities as provided in subchapter I of  
3           chapter 81 of this title (other than for such repairs  
4           as were provided for before the date of the enact-  
5           ment of this section through the Medical Care ap-  
6           propriation for the Department); or

7           “(B) grants under subchapter III of chapter 81  
8           of this title.”.

9           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
10          at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
11          at the end the following new item:

          “321. Assured funding for veterans health care.”.

12       **TITLE IV—ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
13       **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE**  
14       **TO REVIEW THE ORIGINS AND**  
15       **CONDUCT OF OPERATION**  
16       **IRAQI FREEDOM**

17       **SEC. 401. ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.**

18           There is hereby established in the Congress the Joint  
19          Select Committee to Review the Origins and Conduct of  
20          Operation Iraqi Freedom (hereafter in this title referred  
21          to as the “Joint Select Committee”).

22       **SEC. 402. DUTIES.**

23           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Select Committee shall  
24          have authority—

1           (1) to conduct a comprehensive study and re-  
2 view of the origins and conduct of the United States  
3 military intervention in Iraq ordered on March 19,  
4 2003 and its aftermath; and

5           (2) to make recommendations to the House of  
6 Representatives and Senate for such legislation or  
7 other action the Joint Select Committee considers  
8 necessary in response to its findings under the study  
9 and review conducted under paragraph (1) and to  
10 submit such recommendations directly to the com-  
11 mittees of the House and Senate with jurisdiction  
12 over the legislation or other action.

13 (b) REPORTS.—

14           (1) INTERIM.—The Joint Select Committee  
15 may submit such interim reports to Congress on its  
16 activities and findings as it considers appropriate.

17           (2) FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—  
18 Not later than December 31, 2008, the Joint Select  
19 Committee shall submit a final report to Congress  
20 on its activities and findings, and shall include in  
21 the report all of the recommendations described in  
22 subsection (a)(2).

23           (c) NO LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.—The Joint Se-  
24 lect Committee shall not have legislative jurisdiction.

1 **SEC. 403. MEMBERSHIP.**

2 (a) COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Select Committee  
4 shall be composed of 18 Members of the House of  
5 Representatives and Senate, of whom—

6 (A) 9 shall be Members of the House of  
7 Representatives and shall be appointed by the  
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives in con-  
9 sultation with the Minority Leader of the House  
10 of Representatives; and

11 (B) 9 shall be Members of the Senate and  
12 shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of  
13 the Senate in consultation with the Minority  
14 Leader of the Senate.

15 (2) TREATMENT OF DELEGATE AND RESIDENT  
16 COMMISSIONER.—For purposes of this subsection, a  
17 “Member” of the House of Representatives includes  
18 a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Con-  
19 gress.

20 (b) CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.—At the time of ap-  
21 pointment, one of the members of the Joint Select Com-  
22 mittee shall be designated jointly by the Speaker and Ma-  
23 jority Leader as the chair of the Joint Select Committee  
24 and one shall be designated jointly by the Speaker and  
25 Majority Leader as the vice-chair of the Joint Select Com-

1 mittee. The chair and vice-chair may not be Members of  
2 the same House of Congress.

3 (c) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the membership of the  
4 Joint Select Committee shall not affect the power of the  
5 remaining members to execute the functions of the Joint  
6 Select Committee, and shall be filled in the same manner  
7 as in the case of the original appointment.

8 **SEC. 404. POWERS.**

9 (a) HEARINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.—For the  
10 purpose of carrying out its duties, during the present Con-  
11 gress the Joint Select Committee may hold such hearings  
12 and undertake such other activities as the Joint Select  
13 Committee determines to be necessary to carry out its du-  
14 ties, whether the Congress is in session, has recessed, or  
15 has adjourned.

16 (b) OBTAINING INFORMATION.—

17 (1) AUTHORITY TO USE SUBPOENAS.—The  
18 Joint Select Committee may require by subpoena the  
19 attendance of such witnesses and the production of  
20 such books, papers, and documents, as it considers  
21 appropriate.

22 (2) PROCEDURES.—Subpoenas may be issued  
23 over the signature of the chair of the Joint Select  
24 Committee or of any member designated by the  
25 chair or by the Joint Select Committee to the extent

1 the chairman or such member is authorized by a  
2 majority of the joint committee to issue such sub-  
3 poenas, and may be served by any person designated  
4 by such chairman or member.

5 (c) ACCESS TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SERVICES.—  
6 The Joint Select Committee shall have access to the serv-  
7 ices of the Government Accountability Office, the Congres-  
8 sional Budget Office, and the Congressional Research  
9 Service in the same manner and under the same terms  
10 and conditions as any standing committee of the House  
11 of Representatives or Senate.

12 **SEC. 405. STAFF.**

13 (a) APPOINTMENT OF STAFF.—The chair of the  
14 Joint Select Committee may appoint and fix the pay of  
15 such personnel as the chair considers appropriate to assist  
16 the Joint Select Committee in carrying out its duties, ex-  
17 cept that no individual appointed under this authority may  
18 receive pay at a rate greater than the highest annual rate  
19 of pay which may be paid to any employee of the House  
20 of Representatives whose salary is paid exclusively out of  
21 a Members' Representational Allowance.

22 (b) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Upon the  
23 request of the Joint Select Committee, the head of any  
24 Federal agency or of any office in the legislative branch  
25 is authorized to detail, without reimbursement, any of the

1 personnel of such agency or office to the Joint Select Com-  
2 mittee to assist the Joint Select Committee in carrying  
3 out its duties.

4 **SEC. 406. FUNDING.**

5 (a) **VOUCHERS.**—Payments for expenses of the Joint  
6 Select Committee shall be made using vouchers authorized  
7 by the Joint Select Committee, signed by the chair of the  
8 Joint Select Committee, and approved in a manner di-  
9 rected by the Committee on Rules and Administration of  
10 the Senate and the Committee on House Administration  
11 of the House of Representatives.

12 (b) **SOURCE OF FUNDS.**—There are authorized to be  
13 appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the oper-  
14 ation of the Joint Select Committee, of which—

15 (1) 50 percent shall be derived from the appli-  
16 cable accounts of the House of Representatives; and

17 (2) 50 percent shall be derived from the contin-  
18 gent fund of the Senate.

19 **SEC. 407. TERMINATION.**

20 (a) **TERMINATION DATE.**—The Joint Select Com-  
21 mittee shall terminate not later than 15 days after submit-  
22 ting the final report and recommendations required under  
23 section 402(b)(2).

24 (b) **TRANSFER OF RECORDS.**—Upon termination of  
25 the Joint Select Committee, the records of the Joint Select

1 Committee shall be transferred jointly to, and held jointly  
2 by, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and Sec-  
3 retary of the Senate.

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