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# H. R. 5128

Disapproving of any formal agreement emerging from the “Declaration of Principles for a Long-Term Relationship of Cooperation and Friendship Between the Republic of Iraq and the United States of America” unless the agreement is approved through an Act of Congress.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2008

Ms. LEE (for herself, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. HINCHEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The Iraq Study Group Report recommends:  
2           “The President should state that the United States  
3           does not seek permanent military bases in Iraq. If  
4           the Iraqi Government were to request a temporary  
5           base or bases, then the United States Government  
6           could consider that request as it would in the case  
7           of any other government.”.

8           (2) The House of Representatives has passed  
9           10 separate bills prohibiting or expressing opposition  
10          to the establishment of permanent military bases in  
11          Iraq including five of which Congress has approved  
12          on a strong bipartisan basis and the President has  
13          signed into law: Public Law 109–289, Public Law  
14          109–364, Public Law 110–28, Public Law 110–116,  
15          and Public Law 110–161. Nevertheless, the Presi-  
16          dent has failed to faithfully execute and enforce  
17          these statutes, as he has taken an oath to fulfill.

18          (3) The perception that the United States in-  
19          tends to permanently maintain tens of thousands of  
20          U.S. troops in Iraq, following the invasion ordered  
21          by President Bush in March 2003 and the subse-  
22          quent prolonged military occupation of Iraq, aids in-  
23          surgent groups and the al-Qaeda terrorist network  
24          in recruiting supporters and fuels violent activity.

1           (4) Without any congressional consultation or  
2       input, President Bush signed a “Declaration of  
3       Principles for a Long-Term Relationship of Coopera-  
4       tion and Friendship Between the Republic of Iraq  
5       and the United States of America” on November 26,  
6       2007.

7           (5) The “Declaration of Principles” outlines the  
8       multi-faceted shape of the long-term bilateal rela-  
9       tionship between the Governments of the United  
10      States and Iraq, including anticipated enduring mili-  
11      tary roles for the U.S. Armed Forces.

12 **SEC. 2. DISAPPROVAL OF AGREEMENT EMERGING FROM**  
13 **DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.**

14       Any formal agreement emerging from the “Declara-  
15      tion of Principles for a Long-Term Relationship of Co-  
16      operation and Friendship Between the Republic of Iraq  
17      and the United States of America” shall not have the ef-  
18      fect of force of law unless the agreement is approved by  
19      an Act of Congress enacted after the date of enactment  
20      of this Act.

21 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22       It is the sense of Congress that any formal agreement  
23      emerging from the “Declaration of Principles for a Long-  
24      Term Relationship of Cooperation and Friendship Be-

1 tween the Republic of Iraq and the United States of Amer-  
2 ica” must be approved by an act of the Iraqi legislature.

3 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION OF USE OF FUNDS.**

4 No funds appropriated or otherwise made available  
5 to the Department of Defense or any other department  
6 or agency of the United States may be used to enforce  
7 or implement any formal agreement emerging from the  
8 “Declaration of Principles for a Long-Term Relationship  
9 of Cooperation and Friendship Between the Republic of  
10 Iraq and the United States of America” unless the agree-  
11 ment is approved through an Act of Congress.

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