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To provide for the safe and orderly withdrawal of United States military forces and Department of Defense contractors from Iraq, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. OLVER, Mr. WYNN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Ms. LEE, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. STARK, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) 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 safe and orderly withdrawal of United States military forces and Department of Defense contractors from 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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Safe and Orderly Withdrawal From Iraq Act”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Withdrawal of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.
- Sec. 3. Transfer of United States military facilities in Iraq.
- Sec. 4. Prohibition on use of funds to further deploy United States Armed Forces to Iraq.
- Sec. 5. Assistance to Iraqi Security Forces and multinational forces in Iraq.
- Sec. 6. Continuation of social and economic reconstruction activities in Iraq.
- Sec. 7. Asylum or other means of protection for Iraqi citizens.
- Sec. 8. Definition.

3 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**
 4 **AND DEFENSE CONTRACTORS FROM IRAQ.**

5 (a) COMMENCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL.—Not later
 6 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
 7 the Secretary of Defense shall commence the withdrawal
 8 of units and members of the Armed Forces deployed in
 9 Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and contractors
 10 operating in Iraq and funded using amounts appropriated
 11 to the Department of Defense.

12 (b) COMPLETION OF WITHDRAWAL.—The Secretary
 13 of Defense shall complete the withdrawal of the Armed
 14 Forces and defense contractors from Iraq not later than
 15 the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date of
 16 the commencement of the withdrawal under subsection
 17 (a).

18 (c) NO INCREASE IN TROOP LEVELS PENDING OR
 19 DURING WITHDRAWAL.—Funds appropriated or other-
 20 wise made available to the Department of Defense under

1 any provision of law may not be obligated or expended to
2 increase the number of members of the Armed Forces
3 serving in Iraq in excess of the number of members serv-
4 ing in Iraq as of January 1, 2007, unless the increase
5 has been specifically authorized in advance by an Act of
6 Congress.

7 (d) REDEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS.—Nothing in this
8 section shall be construed to restrict the locations outside
9 of Iraq to which units and members of the Armed Forces
10 withdrawn from Iraq may be redeployed, including rede-
11 ployment to an adjacent or nearby country at the invita-
12 tion of the government of the country or redeployment to
13 bolster military forces deployed in Afghanistan as part of
14 Operation Enduring Freedom.

15 (e) EXCEPTIONS.—

16 (1) PERSONNEL PROVIDING SECURITY FOR
17 UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN IRAQ.—

18 The Secretary of Defense may retain in Iraq mem-
19 bers of the Armed Forces for the purpose of pro-
20 viding security for the United States Embassy and
21 other United States diplomatic missions in Iraq.

22 (2) PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN RECONSTRUC-
23 TION ACTIVITIES.—At the request of the Govern-
24 ment of Iraq, the Secretary of Defense may retain
25 in Iraq members of the Army Corps of Engineers

1 and defense contractors engaged in reconstruction
2 projects in Iraq, to the extent necessary to complete
3 such projects.

4 (f) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—To carry out the safe
5 and orderly withdrawal of the Armed Forces and defense
6 contractors from Iraq, as required by this section, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense may use any funds appropriated or oth-
8 erwise made available to the Department of Defense.

9 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF UNITED STATES MILITARY FACILI-**
10 **TIES IN IRAQ.**

11 The President of the United States shall transfer to
12 the Government of Iraq all right, title, and interest held
13 by the United States in any military facility in Iraq that
14 was constructed, repaired, or improved using amounts ap-
15 propriated to the Department of Defense and occupied by
16 a unit of the Armed Forces.

17 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO FURTHER DE-**
18 **PLOY UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO**
19 **IRAQ.**

20 Beginning on the date of the completion of the with-
21 drawal of the Armed Forces from Iraq under section 2(b),
22 funds appropriated or otherwise made available under any
23 provision of law may not be obligated or expended to fur-
24 ther deploy units or members of the Armed Forces to Iraq.

1 **SEC. 5. ASSISTANCE TO IRAQI SECURITY FORCES AND MUL-**
2 **TINATIONAL FORCES IN IRAQ.**

3 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit or
4 otherwise restrict the use of funds available to the Depart-
5 ment of Defense for the purpose of providing financial as-
6 sistance or equipment to the Iraqi Security Forces or the
7 multinational forces providing security or training in Iraq
8 at the request of the Government of Iraq.

9 **SEC. 6. CONTINUATION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RECON-**
10 **STRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ.**

11 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit or
12 otherwise restrict the use of funds available to any depart-
13 ment or agency of the United States (other than the De-
14 partment of Defense) to carry out social and economic re-
15 construction activities in Iraq at the request of the Gov-
16 ernment of Iraq.

17 **SEC. 7. ASYLUM OR OTHER MEANS OF PROTECTION FOR**
18 **IRAQI CITIZENS.**

19 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit or
20 otherwise restrict the authority of the President to ar-
21 range asylum or other means of protection for Iraqi citi-
22 zens who might be physically endangered by the with-
23 drawal of the Armed Forces from Iraq.

1 **SEC. 8. DEFINITION.**

2 In this Act, the term “Armed Forces” has the mean-
3 ing given the term in section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United
4 States Code.

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