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Providing for Operation Iraqi Freedom cost accountability.

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Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. TANNER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. ROSS, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. MATHE-SON, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SHULER, Mr. HILL, Mr. MAHONEY of Florida, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. BACA, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BEAN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. BERRY, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. BARROW, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. MICHAUD) submitted the following resolution; 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

RESOLUTION

Providing for Operation Iraqi Freedom cost accountability.

Whereas it has been nearly four years since Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) began;

Whereas our military personnel have performed with honor and bravery, and deserve the support of all Americans;

Whereas more than 3,000 American military personnel have been killed in OIF and more than 20,000 have been injured;

Whereas the United States has spent nearly \$400,000,000,000 in support of OIF;

Whereas the United States has spent tens of billions of dollars paying private contractors for services performed in OIF;

Whereas government investigations and media reports have detailed waste, fraud, and possible war profiteering by some of these contractors;

Whereas American taxpayers deserve a detailed cost accounting for funds spent in OIF;

Whereas instead of the normal budgetary process, the Administration has used emergency supplemental appropriations bills to fund OIF;

Whereas the normal appropriations process gives Congress greater oversight concerning both the need for and use of budgeted funds;

Whereas the annual need to budget substantial funding for OIF is not “unanticipated” within the meaning of Sec. 502 of the fiscal year 2007 budget resolution, and further funding for OIF should be obtained through the normal budgeting process;

Whereas since coalition forces removed Saddam Hussein from power, success in OIF has depended upon an active and effective partnership between coalition forces and the government and people of Iraq, a partnership that provides indispensable leverage to the coalition’s financial, military, and political investments; and

Whereas Iraqis must assume principal responsibility for internally policing Iraq, failing which past, present, and future coalition investments will not lead to security in Iraq and Iraq will dissolve in chaos: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved, That—*

2 (1)(A) Within 30 days after the adoption of this
3 resolution, and every 90 days thereafter, the Depart-
4 ment of Defense Inspector General and the Special
5 Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction shall pre-
6 pare and transmit to Congress an unclassified report
7 (but with a classified annex if necessary) that would
8 contain—

9 (i) a detailed accounting of how military
10 and reconstruction funds in Iraq have been
11 spent thus far;

12 (ii) a detailed accounting of the types and
13 terms of contracts awarded on behalf of the
14 United States, including the methods by which
15 such contracts were awarded and contractors
16 selected;

17 (iii) a description of efforts to obtain sup-
18 port and assistance from other countries toward
19 the rehabilitation of Iraq; and

20 (iv) an assessment of what additional fund-
21 ing is needed to complete military operations
22 and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, including a
23 plan for security of Iraq, a detailed plan for
24 how any future funds will be spent, and a state-

1 ment of how those funds will advance the inter-
2 ests of the United States in Iraq.

3 (B) If either Inspector General fails to submit
4 a quarterly report, the Government Accountability
5 Office shall conduct an audit and report to Con-
6 gress.

7 (C) Sanctions shall be imposed against contrac-
8 tors who have engaged in fraud or abuse or war
9 profiteering.

10 (2) Congress should create a Truman Com-
11 mittee to conduct an ongoing study and investigation
12 of the awarding and carrying out of contracts by the
13 United States to conduct activities with regard to
14 Operation Iraqi Freedom, and make such rec-
15 ommendations to the House as the select Committee
16 deems appropriate.

17 (3) Funding requests for Operation Iraqi Free-
18 dom in fiscal year 2008 and beyond must come
19 through the regular appropriations process, and not
20 through “emergency” supplementals.

21 (4) In furtherance of the partnership that is
22 critical to success in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the
23 Administration should firmly condition further
24 American financial, military, and political resources

- 1 upon steady improvement in Iraqi assumption of
- 2 principal responsibility for internally policing Iraq.

