

## Calendar No. 545

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 2461**

To authorize the transfer of certain earmarked funds to accounts for operations and activities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2007

Mr. DEMINT introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER CERTAIN EAR-**  
2 **MARKED FUNDS TO ACCOUNTS FOR OPER-**  
3 **ATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ OR AF-**  
4 **GHANISTAN.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
6 sion of law, the Secretary of Defense may transfer the  
7 amount of any congressionally directed spending item in  
8 or in connection with the Department of Defense Appro-  
9 priations Act, 2008 (division A of Public Law 110–116)  
10 to one or more of the accounts specified in subsection (b)  
11 for purposes of operations and activities in Iraq or Af-  
12 ghanistan.

13 (b) **COVERED ACCOUNTS.**—The accounts specified in  
14 this subsection are the accounts as follows:

15 (1) The accounts of the Department of De-  
16 fense.

17 (2) The accounts of the Department of State.

18 (3) The accounts of the United States Agency  
19 for International Development.

20 (4) The account of any other department or  
21 agency of the United States Government conducting  
22 operations or activities in Iraq or Afghanistan, but  
23 only for the purpose of funding such operations or  
24 activities.

25 (c) **EFFECT OF TRANSFER.**—

1           (1) MERGER WITH ACCOUNT TO WHICH TRANS-  
2           FERRED.—Any amount transferred under subsection  
3           (a) to an account specified in subsection (b) shall be  
4           merged with amounts in such account that are avail-  
5           able for operations or activities in Iraq or Afghani-  
6           stan, and shall available for the same purposes, and  
7           subject to the same conditions and limitations, as  
8           amounts in such account that are available for oper-  
9           ations or activities in Iraq or Afghanistan.

10          (2) EFFECT ON ACCOUNTS.—A transfer of an  
11          amount under subsection (a) to an account specified  
12          in subsection (b) shall be deemed to increase the  
13          amount provided for such account by an amount  
14          equal to the amount transferred.

15          (3) TERMINATION OF CONGRESSIONAL DI-  
16          RECTED SPENDING ITEM.—Upon the transfer under  
17          subsection (a) of the amount of a congressionally di-  
18          rected spending item, the budget authority, credit  
19          authority, or other spending authority for such item  
20          in the amount as so directed shall have no further  
21          force or effect.

22          (d) CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEM  
23          DEFINED.—In this section, the term “congressionally di-  
24          rected spending item” means a provision or report lan-  
25          guage included primarily at the request of a Member of

1 Congress providing, authorizing, or recommending a spe-  
2 cific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit au-  
3 thority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan,  
4 loan guarantee, grant, loan authority, or other expenditure  
5 with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, local-  
6 ity, or Congressional district other than through a statu-  
7 tory or administrative formula-driven or competitive  
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