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110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. 287**

To prohibit the use of funds for an escalation of United States military forces in Iraq above the numbers existing as of January 9, 2007.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12, 2007

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BROWN) 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. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ESCA-**  
2 **LATION OF UNITED STATES MILITARY**  
3 **FORCES IN IRAQ.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
5 ings:

6 (1) Congress, the representatives of the Amer-  
7 ican people, should vote before any additional United  
8 States military forces are sent to Iraq.

9 (2) The Authorization for Use of Military Force  
10 Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–  
11 243) authorized a war against the regime of Saddam  
12 Hussein because he was believed to have weapons of  
13 mass destruction and to have an operational rela-  
14 tionship with Al Qaeda and because he was in defi-  
15 ance of United Nations Security Council Resolu-  
16 tions.

17 (3) The mission of the Armed Forces of the  
18 United States today in Iraq no longer bears any re-  
19 semblance to the mission of the Armed Forces au-  
20 thorized by Congress in the Authorization for Use of  
21 Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002.

22 (4) Iraq has descended into civil war, and sec-  
23 tarian violence continues to escalate.

24 (5) On March 5, 2006, General Nash said  
25 “[w]e’re in a civil war now; it’s just that not  
26 everybody’s joined in”.

1           (6) On December 3, 2006, United Nations Sec-  
2       retary General Kofi Annan said “[w]hen we had the  
3       strife in Lebanon and other places, we called that a  
4       civil war—this is much worse”.

5           (7) On December 17, 2006, former Secretary of  
6       State Colin Powell said “I am not persuaded that  
7       another surge of troops into Baghdad for the pur-  
8       poses of suppressing this communitarian violence,  
9       this civil war, will work”.

10          (8) A political solution is required in Iraq, not  
11       a military solution.

12          (9) The open-ended commitment of the Armed  
13       Forces continues to enable the Iraqis to avoid taking  
14       responsibility for their own future. Tens of thou-  
15       sands of additional United States troops will only  
16       serve to make the Iraqis more dependent on the  
17       United States, not less.

18          (10) On November 15, 2006, General Abizaid  
19       was unequivocal that increasing our troop commit-  
20       ment is not the answer in Iraq, saying “I’ve met  
21       with every divisional commander. General Casey, the  
22       corps commander, General Dempsey—we all talked  
23       together. And I said, ‘In your professional opinion,  
24       if we were to bring in more American troops now,

1       does it add considerably to our ability to achieve suc-  
2       cess in Iraq?’ And they all said no”.

3           (11) On December 29, 2006, General Casey  
4       said “[t]he longer we in the United States forces  
5       continue to bear the main burden of Iraq’s security,  
6       it lengthens the time that the government of Iraq  
7       has to make the hard decisions about reconciliation  
8       and dealing with the militias... They can continue to  
9       blame us for all of Iraq’s problems, which are at  
10      base their problems”.

11          (12) More than 3,000 United States troops  
12      have died in Iraq, and more than 22,000 have been  
13      wounded.

14          (13) President George W. Bush should not be  
15      permitted to increase the number of United States  
16      troops in harm’s way in the civil war in Iraq without  
17      a new authorization from Congress that reflects the  
18      reality of the changed circumstances on the ground  
19      in Iraq.

20      (b) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
21      sion of law, no Federal funds may be obligated or ex-  
22      pended by the United States Government to increase the  
23      number of United States military forces in Iraq above the  
24      number for such forces which existed as of January 9,

- 1 2007, without a specific authorization of Congress by law
- 2 for such an increase.

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