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S. J. RES. 9

To revise United States policy on Iraq.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 8, 2007

Mr. Reid (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Biden, Mr. Levin, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Reed, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Carper, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Inouye, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Kohl, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Obama, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Wyden) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read the first time

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Whereas Congress and the American people will continue to support and protect the members of the United States Armed Forces who are serving or have served bravely and honorably in Iraq;

- Whereas the circumstances referred to in the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243) have changed substantially;
- Whereas United States troops should not be policing a civil war, and the current conflict in Iraq requires principally a political solution; and
- Whereas United States policy on Iraq must change to emphasize the need for a political solution by Iraqi leaders in order to maximize the chances of success and to more effectively fight the war on terror: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
 - 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
 - 4 This joint resolution may be cited as the "United
 - 5 States Policy in Iraq Resolution of 2007".
 - 6 SEC. 2. PROMPT COMMENCEMENT OF PHASED REDEPLOY-
 - 7 MENT OF UNITED STATES FORCES FROM
 - 8 IRAQ.
 - 9 (a) Transition of Mission.—The President shall
- 10 promptly transition the mission of United States forces
- 11 in Iraq to the limited purposes set forth in subsection (b).
- 12 (b) Commencement of Phased Redeployment
- 13 From Iraq.—The President shall commence the phased
- 14 redeployment of United States forces from Iraq not later
- 15 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this joint
- 16 resolution, with the goal of redeploying, by March 31,
- 17 2008, all United States combat forces from Iraq except

- 1 for a limited number that are essential for the following
- 2 purposes:
- 3 (1) Protecting United States and coalition per-
- 4 sonnel and infrastructure.
- 5 (2) Training and equipping Iraqi forces.
- 6 (3) Conducting targeted counter-terrorism oper-
- 7 ations.
- 8 (c) Comprehensive Strategy.—Subsection (b)
- 9 shall be implemented as part of a comprehensive diplo-
- 10 matic, political, and economic strategy that includes sus-
- 11 tained engagement with Iraq's neighbors and the inter-
- 12 national community for the purpose of working collectively
- 13 to bring stability to Iraq.
- 14 (d) Reports Required.—Not later than 60 days
- 15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
- 16 days thereafter, the President shall submit to Congress
- 17 a report on the progress made in transitioning the mission
- 18 of the United States forces in Iraq and implementing the
- 19 phased redeployment of United States forces from Iraq as
- 20 required under this section.

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