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S. RES. 347

Providing for completion of the accelerated transition of United States combat and military and security operations to the Government of Afghanistan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Providing for completion of the accelerated transition of United States combat and military and security operations to the Government of Afghanistan.

Whereas in June 2013, the Government of Afghanistan assumed the lead for combat operations in all regions of Afghanistan consistent with the schedule agreed to by President Barack Obama and President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. COMPLETION OF ACCELERATED TRANSITION**
2 **OF UNITED STATES COMBAT AND MILITARY**
3 **AND SECURITY OPERATIONS TO THE GOV-**
4 **ERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.**

5 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
6 United States—

7 (1) that, in coordination with the Government
8 of Afghanistan, North Atlantic Treaty Organization
9 (NATO) member countries, and other allies in Af-
10 ghanistan, the President shall complete the acceler-
11 ated transition of United States military and secu-
12 rity operations to the Government of Afghanistan
13 and redeploy United States Armed Forces from Af-
14 ghanistan (including operations involving military
15 and security-related contractors) by not later than
16 December 31, 2014; and

17 (2) to pursue diplomatic efforts leading to a po-
18 litical settlement and reconciliation of the internal
19 conflict in Afghanistan.

20 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
21 Senate that, should the President determine the necessity
22 to maintain United States troops in Afghanistan to carry
23 out missions after December 31, 2014, any such presence
24 and missions should be authorized by a separate vote of
25 Congress not later than June 1, 2014.

1 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting any au-
3 thority of the President to—

4 (1) modify the military strategy, tactics, and
5 operations of United States Armed Forces as such
6 Armed Forces redeploy from Afghanistan;

7 (2) attack al Qaeda forces wherever such forces
8 are located;

9 (3) provide financial support and equipment to
10 the Government of Afghanistan for the training and
11 supply of Afghanistan military and security forces;

12 (4) gather, provide, and share intelligence with
13 United States allies operating in Afghanistan and
14 Pakistan; or

15 (5) provide security after December 31, 2014,
16 to United States facilities or diplomatic personnel lo-
17 cated in Afghanistan.

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