

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—110th Cong., 1st Sess.

H. R. 1585

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. CLINTON)

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle C of title XV, add the following:

2 **SEC. 1535. REDUCTION AND TRANSITION OF UNITED**

3 **STATES FORCES IN IRAQ.**

4 (a) DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF REDUC-

5 TION.—The Secretary of Defense shall commence the re-

6 duction of the number of United States forces in Iraq not

1 later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of
2 this Act.

3 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCTION AS PART OF
4 COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY.—The reduction of forces re-
5 quired by this section shall be implemented as part of a
6 comprehensive diplomatic, political, and economic strategy
7 that includes sustained engagement with Iraq’s neighbors
8 and the international community for the purpose of work-
9 ing collectively to bring stability to Iraq. As part of this
10 effort, the President shall direct the United States Perma-
11 nent Representative to the United Nations to use the
12 voice, vote, and influence of the United States at the
13 United Nations to seek the appointment of an inter-
14 national mediator in Iraq, under the auspices of the
15 United Nations Security Council, who has the authority
16 of the international community to engage political, reli-
17 gious, ethnic, and tribal leaders in Iraq in an inclusive po-
18 litical process.

19 (c) LIMITED PRESENCE AFTER REDUCTION AND
20 TRANSITION.—After the conclusion of the reduction and
21 transition of United States forces to a limited presence
22 as required by this section, the Secretary of Defense may
23 deploy or maintain members of the Armed Forces in Iraq
24 only for the following missions:

1 (1) Protecting United States and Coalition per-
2 sonnel and infrastructure.

3 (2) Training, equipping, and providing logistic
4 support to the Iraqi Security Forces.

5 (3) Engaging in targeted counterterrorism op-
6 erations against al Qaeda, al Qaeda affiliated
7 groups, and other international terrorist organiza-
8 tions.

9 (d) COMPLETION OF TRANSITION.—The Secretary of
10 Defense shall complete the transition of United States
11 forces to a limited presence and missions as described in
12 subsection (c) by April 30, 2008.