

HR 2237

To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 9, 2007
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 9, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2451	Related bill	May 23, 2007: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
110 HRES 387	Related bill	May 10, 2007: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 199 (Roll no. 327). (text: CR H4772)

Requires the Secretary of Defense: (1) within 90 days after the enactment of this Act, to commence the redeployment of units and members of the Armed Forces (U.S. forces) deployed in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and defense contractors operating in Iraq and funded using amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense (DOD); and (2) to complete such redeployment within 180 days after its commencement.

Prohibits the use of DOD funds to increase the number of U.S. forces serving in Iraq in excess of the number of U.S. forces serving in Iraq as of January 1, 2007, unless specifically authorized by Congress.

Authorizes the Secretary to retain in Iraq U.S. forces for: (1) providing security for embassy and diplomatic missions; (2) protecting American citizens; (3) serving in roles consistent with diplomatic positions; (4) engaging in targeted special actions of killing or capturing members of al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations with global reach; and (5) training and equipping members of the Iraqi Security Forces.

Makes funds immediately available to plan and execute a redeployment of U.S. forces and defense contractors from Iraq.

Requires the President to transfer to the government of Iraq all right, title, and interest held by the United States in any military facility in Iraq that was constructed, repaired, or improved using amounts appropriated to DOD and occupied by U.S. forces.

Prohibits any funds from being used to further deploy U.S. forces to Iraq after completion of the redeployment, unless specifically authorized by Congress.

Prohibits anything in this Act from being construed to: (1) restrict the locations outside of Iraq to which U.S. forces redeployed from Iraq may be transferred; (2) prohibit or otherwise restrict the use of funds available to DOD for the purpose of providing financial assistance or equipment to the Iraqi Security Forces or multinational forces providing security or training in Iraq at the request of the government of Iraq; (3) prohibit or otherwise restrict the use of funds available to any department or agency of the United States (other than DOD) to carry out diplomatic, social, and economic reconstruction activities in Iraq at the request of the government of Iraq; and (4) prohibit or otherwise restrict the authority of the President to arrange asylum or other means of protection for Iraqi citizens who might be physically endangered by the redeployment of U.S. forces from Iraq.

Actions Timeline

- **May 10, 2007:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 387. (consideration: CR 5/11/2007 H4796-4808)
- **May 10, 2007:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2237, H.R. 2206 and H.R. 2207.
- **May 10, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2237.
- **May 10, 2007:** Mr. Saxton moved to recommit with instructions to Armed Services. (consideration: CR 5/11/2007 H4805; text: CR H4805)
- **May 10, 2007:** Floor summary: DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Saxton motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment inserting a section on Redeployment of United States Armed Forces and Defense Contractors from Iraq clarifying the factors on which a redeployment decision would be based.
- **May 10, 2007:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR 5/11/2007 H4806)
- **May 10, 2007:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 210 - 218 (Roll no. 329). (consideration: CR 5/11/2007 H4806-4807)
- **May 10, 2007:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On passage Failed by recorded vote: 171 - 255 (Roll no. 330).
- **May 10, 2007:** On passage Failed by recorded vote: 171 - 255 (Roll no. 330).
- **May 10, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 9, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 9, 2007:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 387 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2237, H.R. 2206 and H.R. 2207.