

## S 965

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Mar 22, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1591	Companion bill	<b>May 2, 2007:</b> On motion to refer the bill and the accompanying veto message to the Committee on Appropriations. Agreed to without objection.

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 - Makes emergency supplemental FY2007 appropriations for specified activities related to the global war on terror to the Departments of Agriculture (including food relief to certain foreign countries), of Justice, of Defense (Military, including funds for Iraqi and Afghan security forces), of Defense (military construction), of Energy, of Homeland Security, and of State (including international peacekeeping operations), of the Treasury, and related agencies.

Provides funds to enable military commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan to respond to urgent humanitarian relief and reconstruction requirements.

Requires the Secretary of Defense to inspect periodically military medical treatment facilities, including military quarters housing medical hold or holdover personnel, to insure that the facilities or quarters meet acceptable standards for their maintenance and operation. Requires additional inspections of identified deficiencies.

Provides funds to the Government of Iraq to support the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of militias and illegal armed groups.

Requires the President to commence the phased redeployment of U.S. forces from Iraq with the goal of redeploying, by March 31, 2008, all U.S. combat forces from Iraq, except for a limited number essential for: (1) protecting U.S. and coalition personnel and infrastructure; (2) training and equipping Iraqi forces; and (3) conducting targeted counter-terrorism operations.

Expresses the sense of Congress that achieving success in Iraq is dependent on the Government of Iraq's meeting specific benchmarks, as reflected in previous commitments made by such Government.

Provides funds to assist: (1) Liberia in retiring its debt arrearages; (2) Jordan; and (3) Lebanon.

Sets forth benchmarks for certain reconstruction assistance for Iraq.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise the authority of the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding temporary admission of certain Iraqi, Hmong, and other nonimmigrants.

Makes additional appropriations for disaster relief and recovery related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to the Departments of Agriculture, of Justice, of Commerce, of Defense (Civil), of the Interior, of Homeland Security, as well as the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Makes additional appropriations for specified purposes to the Departments of the Interior and of Agriculture (for wildfire suppression), of Health and Human Services (for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and for response to an influenza pandemic), of Education, of Defense (military construction and base closure), Veterans Affairs (particularly veterans' health programs), of Transportation, of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the legislative branch.

Rescinds certain military construction funds for the Air Force Reserve.

Makes appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to eliminate the FY2007 shortfall in funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Prohibits the use of funds in this or any other Act to downsize staff or to close, realign, or phase out essential services at Walter Reed Army Medical Center until specified requirements are met.

Requires the Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to report to congressional appropriations committees on a projection of appropriations necessary for the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs to continue providing necessary health care to veterans of the conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Makes additional appropriations to the Departments of Agriculture (Farm Service Agency) and of Housing and Urban Development (Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight).

Rescinds specified unobligated balances of the Department of Agriculture for adjustment assistance for farmers.

Requires the Commandant of the Coast Guard to utilize full and open competition, with exceptions, for any contract providing for acquisition or modification of assets with respect to the Integrated Deepwater System Program of the Coast Guard.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to authorize a grant to the (Mississippi) Delta Health Alliance.

Emergency Farm Relief Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to provide specified crop and livestock disaster assistance.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 22, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2007:** Committee on Appropriations. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Byrd. With written report No. 110-37.
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