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To recognize the performance of the United States military in Iraq, to begin the redeployment of National Guard units, and to ensure the protection of the States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HODES, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, and Ms. SUTTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Guard Rede-
5 ployment and Homeland Protection Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The members of the United States military
2 serving in Iraq have demonstrated the utmost brav-
3 ery, honor, and sacrifice for their country.

4 (2) The Army National Guard and Air National
5 Guard comprise a significant portion of the enlisted
6 personnel serving in Iraq.

7 (3) The Army's effort to implement the Army
8 Force Generation Model is greatly complicated by
9 the lengthened deployments of Active, Reserve, and
10 Guard components.

11 (4) The National Guard is overextended, and
12 has frequently been given less than two years of
13 dwell-time between deployments to Iraq.

14 (5) Much of the equipment required to ade-
15 quately train National Guard units for homeland de-
16 fense and combat readiness is currently in use in
17 combat zones in Iraq.

18 (6) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau
19 has testified before Congress that the National
20 Guard is not a ready force.

21 (7) The Commission on the National Guard and
22 Reserves concluded that 88 percent of National
23 Guard units are under-equipped in case of a domes-
24 tic emergency.

1 (8) Many States will not have an adequate re-
2 sponse to natural disaster due to the extended de-
3 ployment of National Guard units.

4 (9) The National Guard motto “Always Ready,
5 Always There” is severely compromised by the over-
6 deployment, extended deployments, and lack of
7 equipment of the National Guard as a result of the
8 War in Iraq.

9 (10) The Constitution recognizes the National
10 Guard as the frontline defense of the homeland, and
11 the National Guard should be immediately trained
12 and equipped to fully complete that mission.

13 **SEC. 3. REDEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD UNITS TO**
14 **THE UNITED STATES.**

15 (a) **COMPLETION OF REDEPLOYMENT.**—Not later
16 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
17 the President shall complete the redeployment of Army
18 National Guard and Air National Guard units serving in
19 Operation Iraqi Freedom to the United States.

20 (b) **RETURN OF EQUIPMENT.**—Not later than 90
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-
22 dent shall return all essential National Guard equipment
23 used in Operation Iraqi Freedom to the States for use for
24 domestic security purposes.

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