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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 17, 2008

Mr. GREGG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Iraq Responsibility
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
8 vision of law and except as provided in subsection (b),

1 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by an Act
2 making appropriations for the Department of State, for-
3 eign operations, and related programs for fiscal year 2009,
4 2010, or 2011 and available for assistance for Iraq shall
5 be made available only to the extent that the Government
6 of Iraq matches such assistance on a dollar-for-dollar
7 basis.

8 (b) EXCEPTION.—The matching requirement under
9 subsection (a) does not apply to funds made available
10 for—

11 (1) grants and cooperative agreements for pro-
12 grams to promote democracy and human rights;

13 (2) humanitarian demining; or

14 (3) assistance for refugees and internally dis-
15 placed persons.

16 **SEC. 3. CERTIFICATION AND VETTING.**

17 (a) CERTIFICATION.—

18 (1) CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO OBLIGATION OF
19 FUNDS.—The Secretary of State shall certify to the
20 appropriate congressional committees before the ini-
21 tial obligation of any funds described under section
22 2(a) that the Government of Iraq has matched and
23 obligated such funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The
24 certification shall include a report describing the

1 amounts obligated by the Government of Iraq for all
2 programs funded through such assistance.

3 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH
4 MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than Sep-
5 tember 30, 2009, and annually thereafter until Sep-
6 tember 30, 2012, the Secretary of State shall submit
7 a report to the appropriate congressional committees
8 detailing the obligation and expenditure of funds by
9 the Government of Iraq in accordance with section
10 2.

11 (b) VETTING.—Before the initial obligation of any
12 funds described under section 2(a), the Secretary of State
13 shall, in consultation with the heads of other Federal de-
14 partments and agencies, take all appropriate steps to en-
15 sure that such funds are not provided to or through any
16 individual, private or government entity, or education in-
17 stitution that the Secretary knows or has reason to believe
18 advocates, plans, sponsors, or engages in, terrorist activi-
19 ties.

20 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
21 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
22 sional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Re-
23 lations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-

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2 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

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