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To prohibit the use of funds to maintain United States Armed Forces and military contractors in Iraq after December 31, 2011, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HONDA, Ms. WATERS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

A BILL

- To prohibit the use of funds to maintain United States Armed Forces and military contractors in Iraq after December 31, 2011, and for other purposes.
 - 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 Withdrawal Ac-

5 countability Act of 2011".

6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1	(1) The Agreement Between the United States
2	of America and the Republic of Iraq On the With-
3	drawal of United States Forces from Iraq and the
4	Organization of Their Activities during Their Tem-
5	porary Presence in Iraq states that the deadline for
6	withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from
7	Iraq is December 31, 2011.
8	(2) The American people support the with-
9	drawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq by
10	the agreed upon deadline of December 31, 2011,
11	and during the campaign of then presidential can-
12	didate Barack Obama, the President stated that he
13	would end the war in Iraq and bring our troops
14	home.
15	(3) It is estimated that the United States will
16	save tens of billions of dollars by bringing all United
17	States Armed Forces and military contractors safely
18	home from Iraq by the agreed upon deadline of De-
19	cember 31, 2011.
20	(4) Leaving United States Armed Forces and
21	military contractors in Iraq beyond the deadline is
22	not in United States security interests, strategic in-

23 terests, and economic interests.

1 SEC. 3. STATEMENTS OF POLICY.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United
3 States to withdraw all United States Armed Forces and
4 military contractors from Iraq by December 31, 2011.

5 (b) AMENDMENT TO TIMELINE.—Furthermore, it is the policy of the United States that no provision of any 6 7 agreement between the United States and Iraq that 8 amends the timeline for such withdrawal in a manner that 9 obligates the United States to a security commitment to 10 respond to internal or external threats against Iraq after 11 such date shall be in force with respect to the United 12 States unless the agreement is in the form of a treaty re-13 quiring the advice and consent of the Senate (or is intended to take that form in the case of an agreement 14 under negotiation) or is specifically authorized by an Act 15 16 of Congress enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act. 17

18 SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No funds may be used as follows:
(1) To maintain United States Armed Forces
or military contractors in Iraq after December 31,
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(2) To establish any military installation or
base for the purpose of providing for the permanent
stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq.

(3) To exercise United States control over any
 oil resource of Iraq.

3 (b) EXCEPTION.—Paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-4 section (a) shall not apply to the use of funds to retain 5 members of the United States Armed Forces in such num-6 bers as the President considers required for protection of 7 the United States Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.

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