

An Amendment to H. Res. 661 Offered by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, the amendment printed in section 6 shall be in order as though printed as the last amendment in the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative McGovern of Massachusetts or a designee. That amendment shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

SEC. 6. The amendment referred to in section 5 is as follows:

Strike section 1216 and insert the following:

SEC. 1216. COMPLETION OF ACCELERATED TRANSITION OF UNITED STATES COMBAT AND MILITARY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.

(a) *In General.*--In coordination with the Government of Afghanistan, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member countries, and other allies in Afghanistan, the President shall--

(1) complete the accelerated transition of United States combat operations to the Government of Afghanistan by not later than December 31, 2013;

(2) complete the accelerated transition of United States military and security operations to the Government of Afghanistan and redeploy United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan (including operations involving military and security-related contractors) by not later than December 31, 2014; and

(3) pursue robust negotiations leading to a political settlement and reconciliation of the internal conflict in Afghanistan, to include the Government of Afghanistan, all interested parties within Afghanistan and with the observance and support of representatives of donor nations active in Afghanistan and regional governments and partners in order to secure a secure and independent Afghanistan and regional security and stability.

(b) *Sense of Congress.*--It is the sense of Congress that should the President determine the necessity to maintain United States troops in Afghanistan to carry out missions after December 31, 2014, such presence and missions should be authorized by Congress.

(c) *Rule of Construction.*--Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to limit or prohibit any authority of the President to--

(1) modify the military strategy, tactics, and operations of United States Armed Forces as such Armed Forces redeploy from Afghanistan;

(2) attack Al Qaeda forces wherever such forces are located;

(3) provide financial support and equipment to the Government of Afghanistan for the training and supply of Afghanistan military and security forces; or

(4) gather, provide, and share intelligence with United States allies operating in Afghanistan and Pakistan.