

32. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
DREIER OF CALIFORNIA, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2601, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. DREIER OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title II, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 217. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACTIVE RESPONSE**
2 **CORPS.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of State, in
4 consultation with the Administrator of the United States
5 Agency for International Development, is authorized to es-
6 tablish an Active Response Corps (referred to in this sec-
7 tion as the “Corps”) to provide assistance in support of
8 stabilization and reconstruction activities in foreign coun-
9 tries or regions that are in, are in transition from, or are
10 likely to enter into, conflict or civil strife.

11 (b) **COMPOSITION.**—If the Corps is established in ac-
12 cordance with subsection (a), the Secretary and Adminis-
13 trator shall coordinate in the identification and training,
14 and if necessary, in the recruitment and hiring, of nec-
15 essary personnel. Such personnel shall be composed of em-
16 ployees of United States civilian agencies or non-Federal
17 employees.

18 (c) **USE OF ACTIVE RESPONSE CORPS.**—The mem-
19 bers of the Active Response Corps shall be available—



1 (1) if the President determines that it is in the
2 national security interests of the United States to
3 engage in stabilization and reconstruction activities
4 in a country or region that is in, is in transition
5 from, or is likely to enter into, conflict or civil strife;
6 and

7 (2) if not engaged in such stabilization and re-
8 construction activities, for assignment in the United
9 States, at diplomatic missions of the United States,
10 and at missions of the United States Agency for
11 International Development.

12 (d) TRAINING.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Coordinator for Sta-
14 bilization and Reconstruction is authorized to con-
15 duct and arrange for training of the Active Response
16 Corps.

17 (2) EMPHASIS.—Training shall emphasize ac-
18 quisition of general skills needed to operate in a
19 post-conflict environment and training specific to the
20 job skill set for which the member has been identi-
21 fied to participate in the Active Response Corps.

22 (3) CONTENTS.—Training may consist of—

23 (A) conducting inter-agency training, in-
24 cluding training related to inter-agency deci-
25 sionmaking, operational planning, and execution



1 simulations, for mid-level government officials
2 and managers to prepare such officials and
3 managers to address stabilization and recon-
4 struction operations;

5 (B) conducting advanced training related
6 to stabilization and reconstruction operations
7 for members of the Active Response Corps;

8 (C) conducting pre-deployment training re-
9 lated to stabilization and reconstruction oper-
10 ations for civilians and military-civil affairs per-
11 sonnel;

12 (D) conducting exercises related to sta-
13 bilization and reconstruction operations for
14 United States and international experts;

15 (E) developing a uniform set of operating
16 procedures for stabilization and reconstruction
17 operations; and

18 (F) conducting ongoing evaluations and
19 after-action reviews of stabilization and recon-
20 struction operations.

21 (e) FACILITIES.—Training programs should be co-
22 ordinated with and utilize to the extent possible existing
23 programs and facilities such as the George P. Shultz Na-
24 tional Foreign Affairs Training Center (commonly re-
25 ferred to as the “Foreign Service Institute”), the National



1 Defense University, the Center for Stabilization and Re-
2 construction Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School,
3 and the United States Institute for Peace.

4 (f) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF RE-
6 SERVE COMPONENT OF ACTIVE RESPONSE CORPS.—

7 The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of
8 other relevant Executive agencies, is authorized to
9 establish and maintain a roster of personnel who are
10 trained and available as needed to perform services
11 necessary to carry out the purpose of the Corps
12 under subsection (c). The personnel listed on the
13 roster shall constitute a reserve component of the
14 Active Response Corps.

15 (2) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—The reserve com-
16 ponent may include employees of the Department of
17 State, including Foreign Service Nationals, employ-
18 ees of the United States Agency for International
19 Development, employees of any other Executive
20 agency (as such term is defined in section 105 of
21 title 5, United States Code), and employees from the
22 legislative and judicial branches who—

23 (A) have the training and skills necessary
24 to enable them to contribute to stabilization



1 and reconstruction activities under this section;
2 and

3 (B) have volunteered for deployment to
4 carry out such stabilization and reconstruction
5 activities.

6 (g) USE OF RESERVE COMPONENT.—The Secretary
7 may deploy members of the reserve component in support
8 of stabilization and reconstruction activities in a foreign
9 country or region if the President makes a determination
10 regarding a stabilization and reconstruction crisis. The
11 Secretary is authorized to employ contractor personnel,
12 nongovernmental organization personnel, and State and
13 local government employees, who—

14 (1) have the training and skills necessary to en-
15 able them to contribute to stabilization and recon-
16 struction activities under this section; and

17 (2) have volunteered to carry out such stabiliza-
18 tion and reconstruction activities.

19 (h) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
21 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on
22 the status of efforts to establish the Active Response
23 Corps. The report shall include recommendations—

24 (1) for any legislation necessary to implement
25 subsection (a); and



1 (2) concerning the regulation and structure of
2 the Active Response Corps, including recommenda-
3 tions related to pay and employment security for,
4 and benefit and retirement matters related to, mem-
5 bers of the Corps.

