

30. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
ROS-LEHTINEN OF FLORIDA, OR HER
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 60 MINUTES:

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revised

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2601, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY M. Ros-Lehtinen

In subtitle B of title XI, redesignate sections 1111 through 1126 as sections 1121 through 1136, respectively.

In subtitle A of title XI, add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1111. UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO IRAQ.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The men and women of the United States
4 Armed Forces fighting in Iraq are serving with brav-
5 ery, distinction, and high morale.

6 (2) The men and women of the United States
7 Armed Forces fighting in Iraq need and deserve the
8 full support of the American people.

9 (3) The men and women of the United States
10 Armed Forces fighting in Iraq are part of a large,
11 multinational coalition, and are serving side-by-side
12 with Iraqi national forces who have been trained by
13 that coalition.

14 (4) Coalition and Iraqi forces, Iraqi civilians,
15 foreign diplomats, and individuals from around the



1 world who have come to the aid of the Iraqi people
2 are under attack from terrorists who deliberately at-
3 tack children, worshippers, and law enforcement fig-
4 ures, attack civilians at random, sabotage essential
5 services, and otherwise attempt to terrorize the Iraqi
6 people, the American people, and the citizens of
7 other coalition countries.

8 (5) The terrorists will be emboldened to “wait
9 out” the United States if a target date for with-
10 drawal is established and announced, especially if
11 the terrorists perceive such withdrawal date has
12 been established and announced as a result of their
13 terrorist campaign against the coalition and the
14 Iraqi people.

15 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.— It is the sense of Con-
16 gress that—

17 (1) given the nature of the adversary the
18 United States and its coalition partners face in Iraq
19 and the difficult conditions under which the United
20 States Armed Forces, coalition forces, and Iraqi
21 forces find themselves, calls for an early withdrawal
22 of United States and coalition forces are counter-
23 productive to security aims of the United States and
24 the hopes of the Iraqi people; and



1 (2) such calls for an early withdrawal embolden
2 the terrorists and undermine the morale of the
3 United States Armed Forces, coalition forces, and
4 Iraqi forces, and put their security at risk.

5 (c) POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the United
6 States—

7 (1) to pursue a transfer of responsibility for
8 Iraqi security to Iraqi forces; and

9 (2) not to withdraw prematurely the United
10 States Armed Forces from Iraq, but to do so only
11 when it is clear that United States national security
12 and foreign policy goals relating to a free and stable
13 Iraq have been or are about to be achieved.

