

**55. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE,
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF
MASSACHUSETTS**

At the end of subtitle B of title XII of division A
of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. PLAN WITH TIMEFRAME FOR ACCELERATED**
2 **TRANSITION OF UNITED STATES FORCES**
3 **FROM AFGHANISTAN AND PLAN WITH TIME-**
4 **FRAME FOR ACCELERATED TALKS WITH THE**
5 **GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.**

6 (a) PLAN WITH TIMEFRAME FOR ACCELERATED
7 TRANSITION OF U.S. FORCES FROM AFGHANISTAN.—Not
8 later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the President shall transmit to Congress a plan with
10 a timeframe and completion date for the accelerated tran-
11 sition of United States military and security operations
12 in Afghanistan to the Government of Afghanistan (includ-
13 ing operations involving military and security-related con-
14 tractors).

15 (b) PLAN WITH TIMEFRAME FOR ACCELERATED
16 TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.—Not
17 later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
18 Act, the President shall transmit to Congress a plan with

1 a timeframe to pursue and conclude negotiations leading
2 to a political settlement and reconciliation of the internal
3 conflict in Afghanistan. Such negotiations will include the
4 Government of Afghanistan, all interested parties within
5 Afghanistan, and with the observance and support of rep-
6 resentatives of donor nations active in Afghanistan.

7 (c) NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON AL-
8 QAEDA.—The Director of National Intelligence shall sub-
9 mit to the President and Congress a new National Intel-
10 ligence Estimate on the leadership, locations, and capabili-
11 ties of al-Qaeda and its affiliated networks and cells. Such
12 National Intelligence Estimate shall be submitted as soon
13 as is practicable, but not later than the end of the 90-
14 day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
15 Act.

16 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion shall be construed so as to limit or prohibit any au-
18 thority of the President to—

19 (1) attack al Qaeda forces wherever such forces
20 are located;

21 (2) gather, provide, and share intelligence with
22 United States allies operating in Afghanistan and
23 Pakistan; or

24 (3) modify the military strategy, tactics, and
25 operations of the United States Armed Forces as

1 such Armed Forces redeploy from Afghanistan pur-
2 suant to the accelerated transition timeframe and
3 completion date developed under subsection (a).

