

Current Bills in Congress that Affect the War in Iraq

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Senate	<p>S.J.Res. 33 Unity Government, or Troops will Withdraw. Introduced by John Kerry (D-MA)</p>	<p>S.J.Res. 33 – Unity Government, or Troops will Withdraw. Introduced by John Kerry (D-MA) Calls on the President to convene a summit of Iraqi and Arab leaders, U.N. reps, etc. to reach a political solution for Iraq that will include forming a unity government. Deadline to form unity government is May 15, 2006, or U.S. troops will withdraw. If a unity government is formed, an agreement must be negotiated with the new government on a plan for U.S. troop withdrawal.</p>
	<p>S.Res.171 Definition of the remaining mission of the Armed Forces in Iraq. Introduced by Russ Feingold (D-WI), Co-sponsor: Barbara Boxer</p>	<p>Calls on the President to submit a report to Congress within 30 days describing the remaining mission of the Armed Forces in Iraq, a current estimate of the time frame required to accomplish that mission, and a time frame for the subsequent withdrawal of troops from Iraq.</p>
House of Representatives	<p>H.R. 4232 End the War in Iraq Act of 2005 Introduced by Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA)</p>	<p>Cuts off all funding for U.S. military action in Iraq, but would allow spending on reconstruction. This is the strongest piece of legislation against the war.</p>
	<p>H.Res. 543 Withdrawal of United States Armed Forces From Iraq Introduced by Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-HI)</p>	<p>This is a petition to discharge another bill, H.J.Res. 55. If 218 members sign the discharge petition, the bill will be brought to the floor for debate and a vote. H.J. Res. 55, also known as the "Homeward Bound" bill, calls for the President to announce a plan for the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from Iraq, and to begin withdrawal by October 1, 2006. Importantly, amendments will be allowed, so stronger withdrawal language could be added to the bill. This may be our best chance to have a full debate about the Iraq War on the floor of the House.</p>

House of Representatives	<p>H.J.Res. 73 To Re-Deploy U.S. Forces From Iraq Introduced by Rep. John Murtha (D-PA)</p>	<p>Calls for the immediate end to the deployment of U.S. troops in Iraq and declares that the U.S. shall pursue security and stability in Iraq through diplomacy. Calls for an "over the horizon" presence of the marines in the region.</p>
	<p>H.Con.Res. 197 No Permanent Bases in Iraq Introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)</p>	<p>Prohibits the U.S. from entering into any military base agreement with Iraq that would lead to a permanent U.S. military presence in Iraq.</p>
Additional Legislation	<p>H.R. 551 Student Privacy Protection Act of 2005 Introduced by Rep. Honda (D-CA)</p>	<p>HR551 makes a simple change to the <i>No Child Left Behind Act</i>, forbidding schools from sharing student contact information with military recruiters unless parents request that information be shared. Currently, the military has access to student information unless families sign a form requesting that information not be released.</p>
	<p>H.R.515 Assured Funding for Veterans Health Care Act of 2005, Introduced by Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL)</p>	<p>A universal healthcare plan for veterans. Would increase funding for veteran's health care as need increases.</p>
	<p>H.CON.RES.391 No initiation of military action against Iran without Congressional Authorization, Introduced by Rep Peter DeFazio (D- OR)</p>	<p>This bill asserts that Congress believes initiating military action without congressional approval in response to Iran's nuclear program does not fall within the President's "Commander-in-Chief" powers under the Constitution, or under the "authorization of force" approved in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Congress believes that seeking congressional authority prior to taking military action against Iran is not discretionary, but is a legal and constitutional requirement.</p>
	<p>H.RES.635 To Investigate the Iraq War Action Introduced by Rep Conyers, John, Jr. [MI-14]</p>	<p>This bill will create a select committee to investigate the Administration's intent to go to war before congressional authorization, manipulation of pre-war intelligence, encouraging and countenancing torture, retaliating against critics, and make recommendations regarding grounds for possible impeachment.</p>

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