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FACT SHEET

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2009 SUPPLEMENTAL WAR RELATED POLICY PROVISIONS

A REPORT ON PLANS FOR IRAQ WITHDRAWAL

In recognition and support of President Obama's plan to withdraw all U.S. combat brigades from Iraq by August 31, 2010 and all U.S. military forces by December 31, 2011, the bill directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress every 90 days that includes:

1. how the Government of Iraq is assuming responsibility for reconciliation initiatives;
2. how the drawdown of military forces complies with the President's timeline; and
3. the roles and responsibilities of remaining contractors in Iraq as the U.S. mission evolves.

NO PERMANENT BASES IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

To make it perfectly clear to the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, and the world that the United States does not intend to stay in either Iraq or Afghanistan permanently, the bill prohibits:

1. the construction of any base for the permanent stationing of U.S. forces in Iraq;
2. U.S. control over any oil resource of Iraq; and
3. the construction of any base for the permanent stationing of U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

A PLAN FOR CLOSING THE GUANTANAMO BAY DETENTION FACILITY

Recognizing that President Obama's Executive Order of January 22, 2009 orders the closure of the detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba by January 22, 2010, the bill requires the President to submit to Congress a comprehensive plan on how the Administration will proceed, including:

1. what they propose to do with detainees still held at the facility, including a plan for managing any security threat the detainees pose; and
2. a detailed analysis of the total estimated cost of closing the detention facility and any related costs, including the estimated costs for dealing with the remaining detainees.

A PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Because the stability and security of the region is tied more to the capacity and conduct of the Afghan and Pakistani governments and to the resolve of both societies than it is to the policies of the U.S., the bill requires the President to submit a report to Congress by February 2010 assessing whether the Governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan are, or are not, demonstrating the necessary commitment, capability, conduct and unity of purpose to warrant the continuation of the President's policy announced on March 27, 2009. The report must include five concrete standards of performance:

1. The level of political consensus and unity of purpose to confront the political and security challenges facing the region;
2. The level of government corruption and actions taken to eliminate it;
3. The performance of security forces with respect to counterinsurgency operations;
4. The performance of intelligence agencies in cooperating fully with the U.S. and not undermining the security of our troops and our objectives in the region; and
5. The ability of the government to control the territory within their borders.