

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate that it is in the national security interest of the United States that Iraq not become a failed state and a safe haven for terrorists.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—110th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**H. R. 1585**

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CORNYN

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1 At the end of title XV, insert the following:

2 **SEC. 1535. SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE CONSEQUENCES**

3 **OF A FAILED STATE IN IRAQ.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following  
5 findings:

6 (1) A failed state in Iraq would become a safe  
7 haven for Islamic radicals, including al Qaeda and

1       Hezbollah, who are determined to attack the United  
2       States and United States allies.

3           (2) The Iraq Study Group report found that  
4       “[a] chaotic Iraq could provide a still stronger base  
5       of operations for terrorists who seek to act regionally  
6       or even globally”.

7           (3) The Iraq Study Group noted that “Al  
8       Qaeda will portray any failure by the United States  
9       in Iraq as a significant victory that will be featured  
10      prominently as they recruit for their cause in the re-  
11      gion and around the world”.

12          (4) A National Intelligence Estimate concluded  
13      that the consequences of a premature withdrawal  
14      from Iraq would be that—

15           (A) Al Qaeda would attempt to use Anbar  
16      province to plan further attacks outside of Iraq;

17           (B) neighboring countries would consider  
18      actively intervening in Iraq; and

19           (C) sectarian violence would significantly  
20      increase in Iraq, accompanied by massive civil-  
21      ian casualties and displacement.

22          (5) The Iraq Study Group found that “a pre-  
23      mature American departure from Iraq would almost  
24      certainly produce greater sectarian violence and fur-  
25      ther deterioration of conditions. . . . The near-term re-

1       sults would be a significant power vacuum, greater  
2       human suffering, regional destabilization, and a  
3       threat to the global economy. Al Qaeda would depict  
4       our withdrawal as a historic victory.”

5           (6) A failed state in Iraq could lead to broader  
6       regional conflict, possibly involving Syria, Iran,  
7       Saudi Arabia, and Turkey.

8           (7) The Iraq Study group noted that “Turkey  
9       could send troops into northern Iraq to prevent  
10      Kurdistan from declaring independence”.

11          (8) The Iraq Study Group noted that “Iran  
12      could send troops to restore stability in southern  
13      Iraq and perhaps gain control of oil fields. The re-  
14      gional influence of Iran could rise at a time when  
15      that country is on a path to producing nuclear weap-  
16      ons.”

17          (9) A failed state in Iraq would lead to massive  
18      humanitarian suffering, including widespread ethnic  
19      cleansing and countless refugees and internally dis-  
20      placed persons, many of whom will be tortured and  
21      killed for having assisted Coalition forces.

22          (10) A recent editorial in the New York Times  
23      stated, “Americans must be clear that Iraq, and the  
24      region around it, could be even bloodier and more  
25      chaotic after Americans leave. There could be repris-

1 als against those who worked with American forces,  
2 further ethnic cleansing, even genocide. Potentially  
3 destabilizing refugee flows could hit Jordan and  
4 Syria. Iran and Turkey could be tempted to make  
5 power grabs.”

6 (11) The Iraq Study Group found that “[i]f we  
7 leave and Iraq descends into chaos, the long-range  
8 consequences could eventually require the United  
9 States to return”.

10 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the  
11 Senate that—

12 (1) the Senate should commit itself to a strat-  
13 egy that will not leave a failed state in Iraq; and

14 (2) the Senate should not pass legislation that  
15 will undermine our military’s ability to prevent a  
16 failed state in Iraq.