

22. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Bereuter OF NEBRASKA, OR
HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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~~AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1950, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BEREUTER OF NEBRASKA, MR.
LANTOS OF CALIFORNIA, AND MR. WEXLER
OF FLORIDA~~

Page 211, after line 11, insert the following section
(and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 736. SENSE OF CONGRESS IN APPRECIATION OF THE**
2 **ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND**
3 **REGARDING RESTORING STABILITY AND SE-**
4 **CURITY IN IRAQ.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following
6 findings:

7 (1) The United States, with the support of
8 forces from Great Britain and other countries, his-
9 torically and courageously liberated Iraq in three
10 weeks.

11 (2) Conditions on the ground in parts of Iraq
12 continue to pose a grave threat to American troops,
13 thereby complicating efforts to restore law and order
14 and essential public services for Iraqis. Such efforts
15 are further complicated by the absence of effective
16 communications with the Iraqi people.

17 (3) Ultimately, maintaining law and order in
18 Iraq and preserving its territorial integrity will re-



1 quire the creation of a professionally trained Iraqi
2 police force and a reformed Iraqi military; however,
3 that will take a significant amount of time and in
4 the meantime international armed forces and police
5 must assume these responsibilities.

6 (4) Approximately 145,000 United States
7 troops are currently deployed in Iraq, meaning that
8 American troops comprise roughly 90 percent of Co-
9 alition forces. If, as the Department of Defense has
10 stated, an additional 10,000 international troops
11 join the Coalition effort in Iraq by September,
12 Americans will still comprise roughly 85 percent of
13 Coalition forces.

14 (5) Maintaining the existing force level in Iraq
15 currently requires \$3,900,000,000 each month.

16 (6) The Department of Defense has stated that
17 it will require one year to train a new Iraqi Army
18 of 12,000 soldiers and three years to train 40,000
19 soldiers.

20 (7) The Coalition Provisional Authority has
21 stated that it will require at least one year to recruit
22 and train a police force of 40,000 officers capable of
23 assuming minimal policy functions in Iraq, that it
24 will require five years to recruit and train a full
25 force of 75,000 officers, and that at least 5500 addi-



1 tional international police are needed to train, assist,
2 and jointly patrol with the existing Iraqi police force.

3 (8) President Bush has noted that "The rise of
4 Iraq, as an example of moderation and democracy
5 and prosperity, is a massive and long-term under-
6 taking," and it is clear that increasing the number
7 of troops and police from countries other than the
8 United States will reduce risks to American soldiers
9 and the financial cost to the United States.

10 (9) Secretary Rumsfeld testified that "We cer-
11 tainly want assistance from NATO and from NATO
12 countries" and it is clear that involving the North
13 Atlantic ^{Treaty} Organization, as is being done in Afghani-
14 stan and has been done in Kosovo and Bosnia, al-
15 lows the Coalition to maintain a robust military
16 presence while decreasing the exposure and risk to
17 American troops.

18 (10) Rebuilding Iraq's neglected infrastructure
19 and economy and administering Iraq--including pro-
20 viding basic services and paying public sector sala-
21 ries--is likely to require tens of billions of dollars
22 over several years and projected Iraqi oil revenues
23 will be insufficient to meet these costs.

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



1 (1) it is in the national security interests of the
2 United States to remain engaged in Iraq in order to
3 ensure a peaceful, stable, unified Iraq with a rep-
4 resentative government;

5 (2) the President should consider requesting
6 formally and expeditiously that the North Atlantic
7 Treaty Organization (NATO) raise a force for de-
8 ployment in post-war Iraq similar to what it has
9 done in Afghanistan, Bosnia, and Kosovo and the
10 Congress urges NATO allies and other nations to
11 provide troops and police to Coalition efforts in Iraq;
12 and

13 (3) the President should consider calling on the
14 United Nations to urge its member states to provide
15 military forces and civilian police to promote sta-
16 bility and security in Iraq and resources to help re-
17 build and administer Iraq.

