



FACT SHEET — Congressman Dan Lipinski's Iraq war voting record

When U.S. Dan Lipinski claims he is in favor of a timeline for withdrawal he's referring his vote in support of a resolution (HR 1591) which would have allowed President Bush — *not Congress* — to set a goal of redeploying most U.S. combat troops in Iraq if he wished to so.

President Bush vetoed the bill. Regardless, by any reasonable measure, this was not a "timeline" bill.

The fact is that Lipinski has never voted for, sponsored or co-sponsored a timeline bill. On the contrary, Lipinski has voted twice for resolutions that opposed setting a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq.

- In June 2006, Lipinski voted for a resolution that stated it was not in the national security interests of the U.S. to set an arbitrary date for the withdrawal or redeployment of U.S. Armed Force from Iraq. The resolution (HR 861) also affirmed the U.S. commitment to establishing democracy in Iraq.
- In July 2005, Lipinski voted against withdrawing "prematurely" from Iraq. HR 2601 stated that it was U.S. policy to pursue a transfer of responsibility to Iraq forces and not withdraw U.S. forces prematurely from Iraq.
- In May 2007, Lipinski voted against HR 2237, a piece of legislation that required the withdrawal of U.S. troops and contractors in Iraq within 90 days of the bill's enactment. The withdrawal would have to be completed within 180 days.
- In September 2007, Lipinski voted for HR 2206, an emergency appropriations bill that lacked language mandating a withdrawal or timeline for withdrawal.

On his Web site, Lipinski touts "redeployment plan" HR 3087. A cursory reading of this legislation reveals it to be nothing more than feel-good resolution calling for the Secretary of Defense to prepare a report for Congress. Lastly, HR 3087 plainly reads, "Nothing in this act shall be construed as a recommendation by Congress that any particular contingency plan be exercised." As such, one would be hard-pressed to even call it a "plan."

Lipinski has repeatedly expressed his support for enacting into federal law the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group (ISG). The December 2006 report lists a troop withdrawal as merely a "goal."

In terms of Iraq war funding legislation, Lipinski has voted five times to fund the Iraq war for a total of more than \$360 billion in war funding (HR 1268; HR 2863; HR 4939; HR 5631; and HR 2206).

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