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To provide for the safe and responsible redeployment of United States combat forces from Afghanistan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 25 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 2011

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To provide for the safe and responsible redeployment of United States combat forces from Afghanistan.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe and Responsible
5 Redeployment of United States Combat Forces from Af-
6 ghanistan Act of 2011”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) October 7, 2011, will mark the 10-year an-
2 niversary of the start of Operation Enduring Free-
3 dom in Afghanistan.

4 (2) Members of the United States Armed
5 Forces and coalition forces have served valiantly and
6 at great personal sacrifice in support of Operation
7 Enduring Freedom.

8 (3) As of January 25, 2011, 1,457 American
9 military personnel have lost their lives in support of
10 Operation Enduring Freedom and 10,226 have been
11 wounded.

12 (4) As of January 20, 2011, United States tax-
13 payers have spent an estimated \$336,000,000,000
14 for operations in Afghanistan.

15 (5) During a speech at the United States Mili-
16 tary Academy at West Point on December 1, 2009,
17 President Barack Obama outlined a detailed plan to
18 allow the United States “to begin the transfer of our
19 forces out of Afghanistan in July of 2011”.

20 (6) President Obama also stated, “It must be
21 clear that Afghans will have to take responsibility
22 for their security, and that America has no interest
23 in fighting an endless war in Afghanistan.”

1 (7) It is essential to begin turning responsibility
2 for security in Afghanistan over to the Government
3 and people of Afghanistan.

4 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON PHASED REDEPLOY-**
5 **MENT OF UNITED STATES COMBAT FORCES**
6 **FROM AFGHANISTAN.**

7 It is the policy of the United States to begin the
8 phased redeployment of United States combat forces from
9 Afghanistan not later than July 1, 2011.

10 **SEC. 4. PLAN FOR COMPLETION OF PHASED REDEPLOY-**
11 **MENT OF COMBAT FORCES.**

12 Not later than July 31, 2011, the President shall
13 submit to Congress a plan for the phased redeployment
14 of United States combat forces from Afghanistan, to in-
15 clude an end date for the completion of that redeployment.

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