

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF
MASSACHUSETTS

(for himself and Mr. Jones of North Carolina)

At the end of subtitle B of title XII of division A of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. COMPLETION OF ACCELERATED TRANSITION OF**
2 **UNITED STATES COMBAT AND MILITARY AND**
3 **SECURITY OPERATIONS TO THE GOVERN-**
4 **MENT OF AFGHANISTAN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In coordination with the Govern-
6 ment of Afghanistan, North Atlantic Treaty Organization
7 (NATO) member countries, and other allies in Afghani-
8 stan, the President shall—

9 (1) complete the accelerated transition of
10 United States combat operations to the Government
11 of Afghanistan by not later than December 31,
12 2013;

13 (2) complete the accelerated transition of
14 United States military and security operations to the
15 Government of Afghanistan and redeploy United
16 States Armed Forces from Afghanistan (including
17 operations involving military and security-related

1 contractors) by not later than December 31, 2014;
2 and

3 (3) pursue robust negotiations leading to a po-
4 litical settlement and reconciliation of the internal
5 conflict in Afghanistan, to include the Government
6 of Afghanistan, all interested parties within Afghani-
7 stan and with the observance and support of rep-
8 resentatives of donor nations active in Afghanistan
9 and regional governments and partners in order to
10 secure a secure and independent Afghanistan and
11 regional security and stability.

12 (b) EXTENSION OF DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES
13 TO AFGHANISTAN.—

14 (1) EXTENSION.—The deployment of United
15 States Armed Forces to Afghanistan may be ex-
16 tended after December 31, 2014, if (and only if)—

17 (A) the President requests such extension
18 under paragraph (2); and

19 (B) a joint resolution of approval under
20 paragraph (3) is enacted into law not later than
21 45 days after the date on which Congress re-
22 ceives the President's request for such extension
23 under paragraph (2).

24 (2) REPORT.—If the President determines that
25 the deployment of United States Armed Forces to

1 Afghanistan should be extended after December 31,
2 2014, the President shall submit to Congress, not
3 later than March 1, 2014, a report that contains a
4 request for such extension, together with a descrip-
5 tion of—

6 (A) the purpose of the mission of the
7 Armed Forces;

8 (B) the number of troops projected to be
9 deployed to carry out the mission;

10 (C) the timeframe for completion of the
11 mission;

12 (D) the projected costs of the mission over
13 the period required for completion of the mis-
14 sion, including military and veterans health
15 care and benefits, and the amount of interest
16 added to the public debt; and

17 (E) NATO and other allies committed to
18 sharing the burden of deployment and costs in
19 Afghanistan after December 31, 2014.

20 (3) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—For
21 purposes of paragraph (1), the term “joint resolu-
22 tion of approval” means a joint resolution of either
23 House of Congress, the sole matter after the resolv-
24 ing clause of which is as follows: “That Congress ap-
25 proves the request of the President for the exten-

1 sion, under section 12xx of the National Defense
2 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, of the de-
3 ployment of United States Armed Forces to Afghan-
4 istan.”.

5 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion shall be construed so as to limit or prohibit any au-
7 thority of the President to—

8 (1) modify the military strategy, tactics, and
9 operations of United States Armed Forces as such
10 Armed Forces redeploy from Afghanistan;

11 (2) attack Al Qaeda forces wherever such forces
12 are located;

13 (3) provide financial support and equipment to
14 the Government of Afghanistan for the training and
15 supply of Afghanistan military and security forces;

16 (4) gather, provide, and share intelligence with
17 United States allies operating in Afghanistan and
18 Pakistan; or

19 (5) provide economic and development assist-
20 ance to strengthen and expand democratic institu-
21 tions, the rule of law, good governance, the elimi-
22 nation of corruption, respect for internationally-rec-
23 ognized human rights, health, education, infrastruc-

- 1 ture, agricultural and community-based development
- 2 in Afghanistan.

