

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

(for himself and Mr. Jones of North Carolina)

Strike section 1216 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1216. 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) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that should the President determine the necessity
14 to maintain United States troops in Afghanistan to carry
15 out missions after December 31, 2014, such presence and
16 missions should be authorized by Congress.

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

20 (1) modify the military strategy, tactics, and
21 operations of United States Armed Forces as such
22 Armed Forces redeploy from Afghanistan;

23 (2) attack Al Qaeda forces wherever such forces
24 are located;

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

4 or

5 (4) gather, provide, and share intelligence with
6 United States allies operating in Afghanistan and
7 Pakistan.

