

AMENDMENT TO H. CON. RES. 112
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Page 68, after line 25, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON LIMITATIONS OF OVER-**
2 **SEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS FUNDS TO**
3 **WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The House finds the following:

5 (1) One thousand, nine hundred and fifteen
6 United States troops have been killed in Afghanistan
7 since 2001.

8 (2) The United States has spent over five hun-
9 dred billion dollars on war in Afghanistan.

10 (3) The National Security Council and the Cen-
11 tral Intelligence Agency have estimated that there
12 are less than one hundred members of al Qaeda left
13 in Afghanistan.

14 (4) A majority of Afghans and Americans want
15 U.S. forces to withdraw from Afghanistan.

16 (5) The United States has based its strategy on
17 cooperation with the Karzai Administration, one of
18 the most corrupt regimes in the world, and Presi-

1 dent Karzai has asked U.S. troops to be confined to
2 military bases until they leave.

3 (6) An accelerated withdrawal of United States
4 combat troops from Afghanistan would enable the
5 nation to focus its fight against al Qaeda where they
6 emerge and better meet national security goals.

7 (7) The recent withdrawal of United States
8 forces from Iraq demonstrates that a safe and or-
9 derly redeployment can be conducted while ensuring
10 troops are protected.

11 (b) SENSE OF THE HOUSE.—It is the sense of the
12 House that funds from the Overseas Contingency Oper-
13 ations Account dedicated to operations of the Armed
14 Forces in Afghanistan should be obligated and expended
15 only for purposes of providing for the safe and orderly
16 withdrawal from Afghanistan of all members of the Armed
17 Forces and Department of Defense contractor personnel
18 who are in Afghanistan.

19 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this reso-
20 lution should be construed—

21 (1) to authorize the continuation of combat op-
22 erations in Afghanistan while carrying out the safe
23 and orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan of all
24 members of the Armed Forces and Department of

1 Defense contractor personnel who are in Afghani-
2 stan; or

3 (2) to prohibit or otherwise restrict any depart-
4 ment or agency of the United States to carry out
5 diplomatic efforts or humanitarian, development, or
6 general reconstruction activities in Afghanistan.

