



**Rebuild Iraqi
Communities**



U.S. SENATE: No More Money for War **Yes We Can Support: Displaced Iraqis, Development, Diplomacy, Deadline for Withdrawal, and Detainees from Torture**

Please vote against \$75.5 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and speak out in support of:

- ***The Deadline for Complete Withdrawal from Iraq***—President Obama announced that “under the Status of Forces Agreement with the Iraqi government, I intend to remove all U.S. troops from Iraq by the end of 2011.” This deadline for withdrawal must now be codified into law. At a minimum, Congress should prohibit any war funds from being expended in Iraq past December 31, 2011. The 110th Congress overwhelmingly supported a ban on permanent bases in Iraq, which was signed into law multiple times. The ban on permanent bases in Iraq should be inserted into the next supplemental, as the ban was not included in Obama’s requested funds.
Please support any amendments that would prohibit funds from being used to establish permanent bases in Iraq or extend military operations there after December 31, 2011.
- ***Development***—Please support the \$7.1 billion request for global non-military aid, including \$557 million for refugee aid and other humanitarian & economic support funds for Iraqis.
Please support the president’s non-military aid request and oppose any efforts to strip this portion of the supplemental that invests in human needs and reconciliation.
- ***Displaced Iraqis***—One out of every five Iraqis has fled their homes, for a total displaced population of 5 million. The U.S. has admitted less than half of one percent of all displaced Iraqis into the U.S. for resettlement, despite its share of moral responsibility.
Please issue a one minute floor speech in support of President Obama’s supplemental request of \$108 million for ‘basic services to Iraqi refugees, internally displaced persons, and conflict victims’.
- ***Detainee Protection from Torture***—President Obama issued an executive order banning torture and released memos outlining the legal justifications for torture under the Bush administration. Now the task is to put safe guards in place to guarantee that U.S.-sponsored torture never happens again. The first step is to fully investigate past abuses.
Please give a one minute floor statement or issue a press release expressing full support for a “Commission of Inquiry” to investigate past incidents of torture, detainee treatment, and interrogation policy.
- ***Diplomacy***—Congressional demands to limit talks with Iran to only a few months jeopardize prospects for a diplomatic resolution of U.S.-Iran tensions.
Please write to President Obama expressing full support for negotiations with Iran.

Key issue: non-military aid request in the supplemental

CPWI is gravely concerned about the continued trend of underfunding smart power. While the \$83 billion supplemental includes \$7.1 billion in global non-military aid spending, only 5% of the total funding for Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan is for development, humanitarian aid, reconstruction, and other non-military spending initiatives. Our concerns are heightened by press reports that the war funding section of the supplemental will inevitably pass, and some members of Congress are hoping to strip the non-military aid out of the supplemental.

We urge you to support the president's entire non-military aid request to respond to humanitarian, development, and diplomatic needs around the globe as the more certain path to peace and security.

\$293 million requested for Migration and Refugee Assistance:

- \$108 million was requested for “basic social services to Iraqi refugees, internally displaced persons and conflict victims.”

\$2.9 billion requested for Economic Support Funds:

- \$449 million is for Iraq;
- \$120.5 million for economic growth and diversification in Iraq, including expanded market access, improved commerce, and trade and legal regulatory and policy reforms;
- \$262 million for Iraqi political competition and consensus building, the development of just and accountable Iraqi institutions, and supporting credible Iraqi elections;
- \$45 million for the Quick Response Fund for small-scale development projects;
- \$3.5 million for the Marla Ruzicka Iraq War Victims Fund to assist civilian victims of U.S. or Iraqi military operations;
- \$5 million to provide support to Iraqi war widows; and
- \$13 million for Iraqi program support