

Floor Amendment No. 4400 to S 2943

McCAIN AMENDMENT SA 4400

TEXT OF AMENDMENT

SA 4400. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1227. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SAFE RESETTLEMENT OF CAMP LIBERTY RESIDENTS.

It is the sense of Congress that the United States Government should—

(1) work with the Government of Iraq and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to ensure that all residents of Camp Liberty are safely resettled in Albania;

(2) urge the Government of Iraq to take prompt and appropriate steps in accordance with international agreements to promote the physical security and protection of residents of Camp Liberty during the resettlement process, including steps to ensure that the personnel responsible for providing security at Camp Liberty are adequately vetted to determine that they are not affiliated with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Qods Force;

(3) urge the Government of Iraq to ensure continued and reliable access to food, clean water, medical assistance, electricity and other energy needs, and any other equipment and supplies necessary to sustain the residents during periods of attack or siege by external forces during the resettlement process;

(4) work with the Government of Iraq to make all reasonable efforts to facilitate the sale of residents' property and assets remaining at Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty for the purpose of funding their cost of living and resettlement out of Iraq;

(5) work with the Government of Iraq and the UNHCR to ensure that Camp Liberty residents may exercise full control of all personal assets in Camp Liberty and the former Camp Ashraf as the residents deem necessary;

(6) assist, and maintain close and regular communication with, the UNHCR for the purpose of expediting the ongoing resettlement of all residents of Camp Liberty to Albania;

(7) urge the Government of Albania, and the UNHCR to ensure the continued recognition of the resettled residents as "persons of concern" entitled to international protections according to principles and standards in the 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and the International Bill of Human Rights; and

(8) work with the Government of Albania and the UNHCR to facilitate and provide suitable locations for housing of the remaining Camp Liberty residents in Albania until such time as the residents become self-sufficient in meeting their residential needs in Albania.