

The Declaration of Peace

A Congressional Pledge

For an End to the US War and Occupation in Iraq

As a duly elected member of Congress, I _____ pledge to support the establishment and activation by September 21, 2006 of a comprehensive, concrete and rapid plan to end the US war and occupation in Iraq, including:

- Withdrawal of US troops and all coalition forces
- No permanent US military bases
- Support for an Iraqi-led peace process, including a peace conference to shape a post-occupation transition and an international peacekeeping presence if mandated by this peace process
- Return of Iraqi control over its oil resources and the political and economic life of the nation
- Reparations and reconstruction to address the destruction caused by the US war and thirteen years of sanctions
- Establish a “peace dividend” for job creation, health care, education, housing, and other vital social needs
- Increased support for US veterans of the Iraq war, and
- No so-called “preventive” war against Iran or any other nation

As part of this commitment, I publicly pledge to co-sponsor the following bills in Congress:

US House of Representatives:

- _____ H.R.4232, End the War in Iraq Act Introduced by *Rep. McGovern (D-MA)*
- _____ H.Con.Res.348, Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to accomplishing the mission in Iraq. *Introduced by Rep. Thompson (D-CA)*
- _____ H.Con.Res.197, Declaring that it is the policy of the United States not to enter into any base agreement with the Government of Iraq that would lead to a permanent United States military presence in Iraq. *Introduced by Rep. Lee (D-CA)*

US Senate:

- _____ S.Con.Res.93, Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to accomplishing the mission in Iraq. *Introduced by Sen. Harkin (D-IA)*

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

District Number / State: _____

Summary of Legislation

US House of Representatives:

H.R.4232 -- End the War in Iraq Act of 2005 *Introduced by Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA)*

This bill uses the Congressional power of the purse strings to end the war. Cuts off all funding for U.S. military action in Iraq, while providing for the safe and orderly withdrawal of all U.S. troops. The bill allows spending on reconstruction by agencies other than the Dept. of Defense.

H.Con.Res.348 -- Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to accomplishing the mission in Iraq *Introduced by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)*

States that

- a) the United States should not maintain a permanent military presence or military bases in Iraq;
- b) the United States should not attempt to control the flow of Iraqi oil; and
- c) United States Armed Forces should be re-deployed from Iraq as soon as practicable after the completion of Iraq's constitution making process or September 30, 2006, whichever comes first.

H.Con.Res.197 -- No Permanent Bases in Iraq *Introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)* Prohibits the U.S. from entering into any military base agreement with Iraq that would lead to a permanent U.S. military presence in Iraq.

US Senate:

S.Con.Res.93 -- Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to accomplishing the mission in Iraq *Introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)*

Companion bill to H.Con.Res. 348, Introduced by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA).

- a) The U.S. should not maintain a permanent military presence or military bases in Iraq;
- b) U.S. should not attempt to control the flow of Iraqi oil; and,
- c) U.S. armed forces should be re-deployed from Iraq as soon as practicable after the completion of Iraq's constitution-making process, or by December 31, 2006.