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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE End of War in Iraq SB SM 11

ANALYST Wilson

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 11 expresses the intent of the Senate that Congress be called upon to rescind the Iraq resolution and to pass a resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of American troops in Iraq.

This memorial in no way condemns our military men and women who honorably performed their duties in Iraq according to their understanding.

Copies of this memorial are to be transmitted to the president of the United States Senate, the majority leader of the United States House of Representatives and the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Over 3,000 New Mexico army and air National Guard troops have served in Iraq.

More than three thousand United States troops have lost their lives in the war in Iraq and more than 47,000 have suffered injuries.

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President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air National Guard troops on the pretense that weapons of mass destruction existed in Iraq.

It has been conclusively determined that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air National Guard troops on the pretense that Iraq was linked to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

It has been conclusively determined that Iraq was not involved in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air National Guard troops on the pretense that Iraq was the most serious threat facing the national security of the United States.

It has been conclusively determined that Iraq poses no risk to the national security of the United States.

According to an October 2006 Newsweek poll:

- A. fifty-eight percent of Americans believe that the Bush administration knowingly misled the American people in building its case for war against Iraq;
- B. sixty-four percent of Americans believe that the United States is losing ground in the war in Iraq;
- C. sixty-six percent of Americans say the war has not made the United States safe from terrorism; and
- D. fifty-three percent of Americans believe that it was a mistake to go to war in Iraq in 2003; and

According to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, fifty-five percent of Americans do not view the war in Iraq as being related to the war against terrorism.

New Mexico's National Guard units may be deployed again to serve in Iraq.

United States' allies in Iraq have already reduced their forces by 26,000 since the March 2003 invasion.

According to a 2006 Zogby poll, nearly three out of four American soldiers serving in Iraq believe that United States forces should withdraw by 2007.

More than 1,000 uniformed, active-duty military personnel, many of whom have served in Iraq, have appealed for redress to congress stating that "staying in Iraq will not work and is not worth the price. It is time for United States troops to come home."

According to a 2005 ABC News/Time magazine poll, more than two-thirds of Iraqis disapprove of the presence of United States forces in Iraq.

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According to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, fifty-five percent of Americans do not believe that President Bush has a plan that will achieve victory for the United States in Iraq.

According to a 2006 poll by the United States state department, a strong majority of Iraqis want United States troops to withdraw immediately from the war because it will make Iraq more secure and decrease sectarian violence and reduce the genocidal slaughter of Iraqis.

America's soldiers are caught in the middle of a civil war from which there is no victory in sight.

Almost one-half of all American military casualties are caused by roadside bombs, such that American forces have simply become defenseless human targets for pointless slaughter.

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