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**Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:**

**Total Number of New Government Programs:** 0

**Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations:** \$0

**Effect on Revenue:** \$0

**Total Change in Mandatory Spending:** \$0

**Total New State & Local Government Mandates:** 0

**Total New Private Sector Mandates:** 0

**Number of Bills Without Committee Reports:** 0

**Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority:** 0

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**H.Res. 861—Declaring that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary  
(Hyde)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, subject to a (likely) closed rule providing 8-10 hours of debate. If a Democrat substitute is offered and made in order under the rule, RSC staff will summarize it in a separate document. Consideration is likely to continue on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Summary:** H.Res. 861 would resolve that the House:

- “honors all those Americans who have taken an active part in the Global War on Terror, whether as first responders protecting the homeland, as servicemembers overseas, as diplomats and intelligence officers, or in other roles;
- “honors the sacrifices of the United States Armed Forces and of partners in the Coalition, and of the Iraqis and Afghans who fight alongside them, especially those who have fallen or been wounded in the struggle, and honors as well the sacrifices of their families and of others who risk their lives to help defend freedom;
- “declares that it is not in the national security interest of the United States to set an arbitrary date for the withdrawal or redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Iraq;
- “declares that the United States is committed to the completion of the mission to create a sovereign, free, secure, and united Iraq;
- “congratulates Prime Minister Nuri Al-Maliki and the Iraqi people on the courage they have shown by participating, in increasing millions, in the elections of 2005 and on the formation of the first government under Iraq’s new constitution;
- “calls upon the nations of the world to promote global peace and security by standing with the United States and other Coalition partners to support the efforts of the Iraqi and Afghan people to live in freedom; and
- “declares that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the noble struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary.”

**Additional Background:** The resolution contains numerous “whereas” clauses providing some background to the war against terrorists, including:

- “Whereas the steadfast resolve of the United States and its partners since September 11, 2001, helped persuade the government of Libya to surrender its weapons of mass destruction;
- “Whereas by early 2003 Saddam Hussein and his criminal, Ba’athist regime in Iraq, which had supported terrorists, constituted a threat against global peace and security and was in violation of mandatory United Nations Security Council Resolutions;
- “Whereas the mission of the United States and its Coalition partners, having removed Saddam Hussein and his regime from power, is to establish a sovereign, free, secure, and united Iraq at peace with its neighbors;
- “Whereas the terrorists have declared Iraq to be the central front in their war against all who oppose their ideology;
- “Whereas United States Armed Forces, in coordination with Iraqi security forces and Coalition and other friendly forces, have scored impressive victories in Iraq including finding and killing the terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi; and
- “Whereas Iraqi security forces are, over time, taking over from United States and Coalition forces a growing proportion of independent operations and increasingly lead the fight to secure Iraq.”

**Committee Action:** On June 12, 2006, the resolution was referred to the International Relations Committee and the Armed Services Committee, neither of which took official action.

**Administration Position:** This resolution mirrors the principles in the Global War on Terror expressed by President Bush, including the need to avoid arbitrary deadlines for U.S. troop draw-downs.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution would authorize no expenditure.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

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