



Legislative Bulletin.....December 8, 2006

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S. 4046 — Iraq Reconstruction Accountability Act of 2006

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: 1

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

**S. 4046 — Iraq Reconstruction Accountability Act of 2006 — *as received*
(Sen. Collins, R-ME)**

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled for consideration on Friday, December 8, 2006, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 4046 would amend the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan (P.L. 108-106) regarding operation of the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) and extension of the Special Inspector General's office.

Specifically, the bill requires that the IRRF's IG Office will terminate 10 months after 80 percent of the funds appropriated to the IRRF have been expended (current law stipulates that the IRRF IG's Office will terminate six months after the authorities and duties of the Coalition Provisional Authority cease to exist). The bill stipulates that any U.S. funds appropriated for FY06 for Iraq

reconstruction (regardless of the purpose or designation of such funds) shall be deemed money appropriated to IRRF (for purposes of calculating the IG Office termination). The bill directs the IG (prior to the IG Office termination) to prepare a final forensic audit report on all funds appropriated to IRRF.

Committee Action: S. 4046 was introduced in the Senate on November 13, 2006, and passed the Senate by unanimous consent on December 6, 2006. It was not referred to any House committee for action.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score of S. 4046 is unavailable, but the bill does not authorize new expenditures.

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.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

House Rule XIII, Section 3(d)(1), requires that all committee reports contain “a statement citing the *specific* powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution.” *[emphasis added]*

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