

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 3159  
OFFERED BY MR. SKELTON OF MISSOURI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the  
following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Military  
3 Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deploy-  
4 ment Policy Act of 2007”.

5 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM PERIODS OF REST AND RECUPERATION**  
6                   **FOR UNITS OF THE ARMED FORCES BE-**  
7                   **TWEEN DEPLOYMENTS.**

8       (a) **REGULAR COMPONENTS.—**

9           (1) **IN GENERAL.—**No unit of the Armed  
10 Forces specified in paragraph (3) may be deployed  
11 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom unless the  
12 period between the most recent previous deployment  
13 of the unit and a subsequent deployment of the unit  
14 is equal to or longer than the period of such most  
15 recent previous deployment.

16           (2) **SENSE OF CONGRESS ON OPTIMAL MINIMUM**  
17 **PERIOD BETWEEN DEPLOYMENTS.—**It is the sense  
18 of Congress that the optimal minimum period be-

1       tween the most recent previous deployment of a unit  
2       of the Armed Forces specified in paragraph (3) and  
3       a subsequent deployment of the unit in support of  
4       Operation Iraqi Freedom should be equal to or  
5       longer than twice the period of such most recent  
6       previous deployment.

7           (3) COVERED UNITS.—Subject to subsection  
8       (c), the units of the Armed Forces specified in this  
9       paragraph are as follows:

10           (A) Units of the regular Army and mem-  
11       bers assigned to those units.

12           (B) Units of the regular Marine Corps and  
13       members assigned to those units.

14           (C) Units of the regular Navy and mem-  
15       bers assigned to those units.

16           (D) Units of the regular Air Force and  
17       members assigned to those units.

18       (b) RESERVE COMPONENTS.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—No unit of the Armed  
20       Forces specified in paragraph (3) may be deployed  
21       in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom if the unit  
22       has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi  
23       Freedom at any time within the three years pre-  
24       ceding the date of the proposed deployment.

1           (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MOBILIZATION  
2           AND OPTIMAL MINIMUM PERIOD BETWEEN DEPLOY-  
3           MENTS.—It is the sense of Congress that the units  
4           of the reserve components of the Armed Forces  
5           should not be mobilized continuously for more than  
6           one year, and the optimal minimum period between  
7           the previous deployment of a unit of the Armed  
8           Forces specified in paragraph (3) and a subsequent  
9           deployment of the unit in support of Operation Iraqi  
10          Freedom should be five years.

11          (3) COVERED UNITS.—The units of the Armed  
12          Forces specified in this paragraph are as follows:

13                (A) Units of the Army Reserve and mem-  
14                bers assigned to those units.

15                (B) Units of the Army National Guard and  
16                members assigned to those units.

17                (C) Units of the Marine Corps Reserve and  
18                members assigned to those units.

19                (D) Units of the Navy Reserve and mem-  
20                bers assigned to those units.

21                (E) Units of the Air Force Reserve and  
22                members assigned to those units.

23                (F) Units of the Air National Guard and  
24                members assigned to those units.

1           (c) EXEMPTIONS.—The limitations in subsections (a)  
2 and (b) do not apply—

3           (1) to special operations forces as identified  
4 pursuant to section 167(i) of title 10, United States  
5 Code; and

6           (2) to units of the Armed Forces needed , as  
7 determined by the Secretary of Defense, to assist in  
8 the redeployment of members of the Armed Forces  
9 from Iraq to another operational requirement or  
10 back to their home stations.

11          (d) WAIVER BY THE PRESIDENT.—The President  
12 may waive the limitation in subsection (a) or (b) with re-  
13 spect to the deployment of a unit of the Armed Forces  
14 to meet a threat to the national security interests of the  
15 United States if the President certifies to Congress within  
16 30 days that the deployment of the unit is necessary for  
17 such purposes.

18          (e) WAIVER BY MILITARY CHIEF OF STAFF OR COM-  
19 MANDANT FOR VOLUNTARY MOBILIZATIONS.—

20           (1) ARMY.—With respect to the deployment of  
21 a member of the Army who has voluntarily re-  
22 quested mobilization, the limitation in subsection (a)  
23 or (b) may be waived by the Chief of Staff of the  
24 Army.

1           (2) NAVY.—With respect to the deployment of  
2           a member of the Navy who has voluntarily requested  
3           mobilization, the limitation in subsection (a) or (b)  
4           may be waived by the Chief of Naval Operations.

5           (3) MARINE CORPS.—With respect to the de-  
6           ployment of a member of the Marine Corps who has  
7           voluntarily requested mobilization, the limitation in  
8           subsection (a) or (b) may be waived by the Com-  
9           mandant of the Marine Corps.

10          (4) AIR FORCE.—With respect to the deploy-  
11          ment of a member of the Air Force who has volun-  
12          tarily requested mobilization, the limitation in sub-  
13          section (a) or (b) may be waived by the Chief of  
14          Staff of the Air Force.

15          (f) DEFINITION OF DEPLOYMENT.—In this Act, the  
16          term “deployment” or “deployed” means the relocation of  
17          forces and materiel to desired areas of operations and en-  
18          compasses all activities from origin or home station  
19          through destination, including staging, holding, and move-  
20          ment in and through the United States and all theaters  
21          of operation.

22          (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on  
23          the date of the enactment of this Act.