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## **Rep. Neil Abercrombie Statement On Iraq Study Group Report**

(WASHINGTON) - “The recommendations of the Iraq Study Group are important first steps in disengaging the U.S. military from the civil war in Iraq. This independent and bipartisan report recommends a major change to the U.S. military mission — from direct combat to the training and support of Iraqi Forces — an option I have advocated for more than a year.

I am also pleased that the report emphasizes finding political and diplomatic solutions to Iraq’s problems, rather than continuing to saddle our military with trying to straighten out the hopelessly tangled goals of various ethnic and religious groups in Iraq.

While I have reservations about the practical realities of some of the specific training suggestions, I look forward to the House Armed Services Committee’s detailed review of the report in the new Congress.”