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1 SEC. [S1054]. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES RELATING
 2 TO THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR
 3 IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION.

4 (a) DUTIES.—For purposes of carrying out the duties
 5 of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction
 6 under section 3001(f) of the Emergency Supplemental Ap-
 7 propriations Act for Defense and for the Reconstruction
 8 of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004 (Public Law 108–106; 117
 9 Stat. 1235 et seq.; 5 U.S.C. App., note to section 8G of
 10 Public Law 95–452), any United States funds appro-
 11 priated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2006
 12 for the reconstruction of Iraq, irrespective of the designa-
 13 tion of such funds, shall be deemed to be amounts appro-
 14 priated or otherwise made available to the Iraq Relief and
 15 Reconstruction Fund.

16 (b) TERMINATION.—Section 3001(o) of the Emer-
 17 gency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and
 18 for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004
 19 (Public Law 108–106; 117 Stat. 1238; 5 U.S.C. App.,
 20 note to section 8G of Public Law 95–452) is amended to
 21 read as follows:

22 “(o) TERMINATION.—The Office of the Inspector
 23 General shall terminate on October 1, 2007, with transi-

1 tion operations authorized to continue through December
2 31, 2007.”.

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AP HASC Minority: Hunter
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Modification of authorities relating to the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (sec.)

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1054) that would expand the authority of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) by considering any funds appropriated or made available in the ~~fiscal year 2006 supplemental~~ *Emergency* appropriations bill for relief and reconstruction in Iraq as part of the Iraqi Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF), and under the jurisdiction of the SIGIR, regardless of the source of the funds.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would clarify that the additional SIGIR jurisdiction is limited to U.S. funds and would provide a sunset date of October 1, 2007 for the Office of the SIGIR, with transition operations authorized to continue through December 31, 2007.

The conferees support the comprehensive audit efforts of the SIGIR and believe the office continues to perform a critical function as long as significant resources flow to Iraq reconstruction and until a transition plan is in place to return to regular order. The conferees direct the SIGIR, jointly with the Inspectors General of the Departments of State and Defense and the Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), to develop and submit such a transition plan to Congress by April 1, 2007. The plan should ensure maintenance and accountability of all accumulated records and minimal, if any, disruption in the ~~capability~~ to oversee reconstruction funding or other U.S. assistance to Iraq. The plan should include a process and time line for transfer of open audits and investigations to the appropriate Department of Defense, State or USAID office and should consider various contingency scenarios which may impact the transition time line. The conferees recognize that a significant change in the assumptions underlying this provision, such as a major new commitment of U.S. funds for Iraq reconstruction, would require changes to the transition plan and time line.

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