

Committee Amendment Proposed by

Mr. Corker

1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 That it is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of
5 Iraq have been one of the most effective fighting
6 forces in the military campaign against the Islamic
7 State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS);

8 (2) the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham poses
9 an acute threat to the Iraqi people and territorial in-
10 tegrity of Iraq, including the Kurdistan Region of
11 Iraq, and the security and stability of the Middle
12 East;

13 (3) the severe budget shortfalls faced by both
14 the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional
15 Government are hindering the stability of Iraq and
16 have the potential to undermine long-term efforts to
17 bring about the sustainable defeat of the Islamic
18 State of Iraq and al-Sham;

19 (4) the \$415,000,000 pledged by the Depart-
20 ment of Defense to the Kurdish Peshmerga in April
21 of 2016, in coordination with the Government of
22 Iraq, in addition to the \$65,000,000 already pro-

1 vided from the Iraq Train and Equip Fund, should
2 remain a priority for the Department as part of the
3 continued support for Iraqi Security Forces, includ-
4 ing the Peshmerga, in the fight against the Islamic
5 State of Iraq and al-Sham;

6 (5) the Peshmerga should receive all weapons
7 and equipment that the United States, with the ap-
8 proval of the Government of Iraq, agrees to provide
9 in an expeditious and in a timely manner;

10 (6) the Peshmerga require equipment that will
11 allow them to defend themselves and their coalition
12 advisers against the increased use of vehicle-borne
13 improvised explosive devices by the Islamic State of
14 Iraq and al-Sham;

15 (7) the Peshmerga are vital partners in the
16 fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham;
17 and

18 (8) in coordination with the Government of
19 Iraq, the United States will endeavor to increase as-
20 sistance to Iraqi Kurdish Forces to enhance their
21 combat medicine and logistical capabilities, to defend
22 internally displaced persons and refugees, and to de-
23 fend the Peshmerga and their coalition advisers.