

Washington, DC – Today Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore), a member of the Budget Committee, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Climate Change, voted in favor of H.R. 1591, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act of 2007, which sets a deadline for the war in Iraq and provides needed funding for domestic needs neglected by the last congress, including Oregon's Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, or county payments. The vote passed 218-212 today in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“Today I voted to set an enforceable deadline to end the occupation of Iraq,” said Congressman Blumenauer. “Though I wish the timeline were shorter, and that we could bring the troops home sooner, today Congress made a historic decision – one that Americans overwhelmingly support – to use its constitutional power to reign in President Bush and stop him from waging an open-ended war. Today's vote marks the next step, and I am optimistic that we will continue moving forward to end this nightmare.”