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**REP. LARSON: "TODAY WE VOTED TO END THE WAR"**

WASHINGTON- In an effort to bring a conclusion to the Iraq war and bring our men and women home, today the House of Representatives passed the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans Health and Iraq Accountability Act. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement praising the passage of the bill in the House.

**"Today we voted to end to the war. More importantly, we honor the sacrifice of our brave troops and veterans and provide our military with much needed relief and end a failed policy of unilateralism and preemption. For all of the forums and discussions I have had in my district on the war, for all of the parents and loved ones who have called on behalf of their sons and daughters who are serving, the end is in sight. The American people have spoken and Congress has heard them and has provided a new direction in Iraq.**

**"No longer will the Congress surrender its judgment and give a blind allegiance to the failed policies of the Bush Administration. Let us join together and strategically redeploy our efforts to the forgotten front of Afghanistan. I commend the leadership of Speaker Pelosi and the American people who have been far in front of Congress on ending this Administration's misguided efforts in Iraq."**

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