



Nancy Pelosi vs. The path out of Iraq

Democratic Leader and San Francisco Representative Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi led the way in 2002 and voted against the initial authorization for the War in Iraq. Since that vote, however, she has consistently refused to support any measure in Congress that would hold the Bush administration accountable for its illegal war based on “fixed” intelligence. Over 60% of the American public now believes the War in Iraq was a mistake, and 63% of registered voters in San Francisco voted for an immediate withdrawal from Iraq. While there is growing bipartisan support in Congress to develop an exit strategy, Nancy Pelosi has refused to co-sponsor any legislation to bring the war and occupation to an end, not even non-binding resolutions that require no action by the Bush Administration. The War in Iraq is a threat to the rule of law. It sets a dangerous precedent in the world, endangers our military and civilian men and women abroad, and fuels the “war on terrorism.” We call on Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi to not only represent San Francisco, but to take the lead and bring our troops home.

Nancy Pelosi refused to co-sponsor two non-binding resolutions in 2003 that 1) could have averted the war and 2) would have investigated the intelligence that the war was based on.*

⇒ **H. Res. 55 (2/5/03)** – Alcee Hastings’ non-binding resolution to give UN weapons inspectors sufficient time for inspections and for the United States to seek a Security Council resolution specifically authorizing the invasion of Iraq.

⇒ **H.Res. 410 (10/21/03)** – Barbara Lee’s non-binding resolution to create an independent commission to investigate United States intelligence relating to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Nancy Pelosi refuses to join the call to investigate the Downing Street Memos.*

⇒ **H. Res. 375** – Barbara Lee and at least 52 co-sponsors request that the President and the Secretary of State disclose all information and communications with officials of the United Kingdom between January 1, 2002 and October 16, 2002, relating to United States policy with Iraq.

Nancy Pelosi refuses to co-sponsor legislation to alter and monitor United States policy in Iraq.*

⇒ **H. Res. 82** – Barbara Lee’s non-binding resolution disavowing the doctrine of preemption.

⇒ **H.R. 4448** – In the wake of the Abu Ghraib torture scandal, Barbara Lee proposed a requirement for an international commission to monitor the treatment of Iraqi prisoners.

⇒ **H. Con. Res. 197** – Barbara Lee proposed a requirement that the U.S. not enter into any base agreement that would lead to a permanent military presence in Iraq.

⇒ **H.R. 3142** – Tom Allen proposed a requirement that the U.S. not maintain a long-term or permanent military presence in Iraq.

Note: In H.R. 1268, the \$82 billion Department of Defense Appropriations Bill of 2005, there is a provision for “permanent facilities” in Iraq.

Nancy Pelosi refuses to co-sponsor what Democrats and Republicans alike are proposing: a withdrawal.*

⇒ **H.Con.Res. 35** – Lynn Woolsey’s non-binding resolution to develop and implement a plan for immediate withdrawal from Iraq.

⇒ **Note:** On July 22, 2005 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed an official resolution urging Nancy Pelosi and Tom Lantos to Co-Sponsor H.Con.Res. 35.

⇒ **H.J. Res. 55–Homeward Bound** – Abercrombie and Jones proposed that the Bush Administration announce a plan for withdrawal no later than December 31, 2005, turn over all military operations to the elected Government of Iraq, and initiate a withdrawal of U.S. troops no later than October 1, 2006.

⇒ **H.Amdt.214 to H.R. 1815** – Lynn Woolsey proposed a non-binding amendment to develop a plan for the withdrawal of U.S. military forces from Iraq. 128 Members of the House voted YES; Pelosi voted NO.

Nancy Pelosi consistently votes to spend billions of dollars per year on the War in Iraq while vital public services are being cut at home.*

⇒ **H.R. 1268** – \$82 billion Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, which includes a provision for “permanent facilities” in Iraq.

Total Cost between 3/19/03-05/12/05: \$260.3 Billion**

- Does not include many veterans’ benefits, interest on debt, new equipment and repairs.
- Plus \$5 billion per month to date.

Total Cost as of September 26, 2005: \$280.3 Billion**

⇒ **H.R. 2863** -- House Appropriations Bill for FY2006 proposes an additional \$129.38 billion for continued military operations and personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan available October 1, 2005.

Total Cost of War as of October 1, 2005 – \$409.68 Billion

More than 100,000 Iraqi fatalities in less than 3 years

Nearly 1,900 U.S. Military fatalities as of September 01, 2005

More than 180 Coalition Military fatalities

More than 240 Coalition Civilian Humanitarian and Contractors fatalities

More than 330 Private Contractor fatalities

More than 40 Journalist fatalities

Demand Better. Demand Accountability. Demand Leadership.

Contact Nancy Pelosi’s office at 415.556.4862 or sf.nancy@mail.house.gov.

United for Peace and Justice is a national anti-war coalition encompassing over one thousand separate groups. Visit United for Peace and Justice-Bay Area at <http://www.upj-bayarea.org> or the national website at <http://www.unitedforpeace.org>.

* -- See <http://thomas.loc.gov/> for Congressional information or search for full text of Resolutions by Bill Number at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/search.html>.

** -- See Friends Committee on National Legislation at www.fcnl.org.