

U.S. mayors want Iraq pull-out timeline

LOS ANGELES, June 26 (UPI) –

By a 51-47 vote, U.S. mayors attending a conference in Los Angeles want the federal government to **set a timeline for troop withdrawal from Iraq**.

A statement from the non-partisan U.S. Conference of Mayors said the Iraq issue was a last-minute agenda addition Monday and resulted in lengthy floor debate.

The resolution called for the U.S. "administration to begin planning immediately for the swift and prudent redeployment" U.S. forces, as well as "the accelerated training of Iraq's armed forces to be able to maintain stability and civil order."

The resolution went on to call for "full funding" of services to returning U.S. troops, "medical, psychological, housing and other support services and support to local governments funding such services.

The 75th annual meeting also heard from such Democratic presidential hopefuls as Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y.; New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson; Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio; and former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C.

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We The People, of your constituency, wholeheartedly support ending the Iraq war and setting a short-term deadline for bringing our troops home. Your vote for H.R. 2206 in May 2007, demonstrated your inability to stand courageously with the people. Therefore, we ask you to step aside and resign now, so we can elect someone who will honor and support our intent for peace.

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