

Brady Opposes Bush Troop Increases

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PHILADELPHIA ---- Congressman Robert A. Brady (D., PA) spoke on the House floor today, in support of a bipartisan resolution expressing support for our troops and disapproving of the President's escalation plan in Iraq. Below are the Congressman's remarks:

"I rise in support of this resolution, and I am in complete opposition to the President's plan to send an additional 21,000 Americans into Iraq.

This ill conceived plan will only make a war that never should have started much, much worse. The generals don't want this surge. Our allies oppose it. Sixty percent of the American people think it is a terrible idea and, the enemy is using it to boost recruitment. There is no conceivable reason for this surge. Yet, President Bush is pushing ahead with it.

I opposed the original Iraq war resolution because I didn't see the connection between Al -Qaeda and Saddam Hussein, the evidence of an immediate threat from Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, or even compelling evidence of the existence of WMD. But, we went in anyway. We rushed off, unprepared, into a needless war that has killed thousands and scarred 10's of thousands of Americans and hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqis.

Now, here we go again. It is time for this administration to end its policy of ready, fire, aim. It is time to begin a policy of ready, aim, fire. I urge all of my colleagues to listen to the American public, to our troops and to our friends around the world. Vote yes on this resolution."

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