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## **2019 American Forces Going Home After Noble Service Act (AFGHAN) Service Act**

- Bi-Partisan co-sponsorship on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) and Senator Tom Udall (D-NM).
- The United States has been at war in Afghanistan since October of 2001 where it has cost \$2 trillion. There have been over 2,300 military members killed in Afghanistan and another 20,000 wounded in action.
- This legislation would declare victory in Afghanistan as Osama Bin Laden was killed in 2011 and Al Qaeda has been all but eliminated. According to the Department of Defense by 2009 there were less than 100 Al Qaeda left in Afghanistan and a June 2018 Defense Department report stated that the “..few remaining [AQ] core members are focused on their own survival.”
- Within one year a \$2,500 bonus will be paid to all members of the military who have served in the Global War on Terrorism. Since 2001 more than 3,002,635 men and women have deployed. This would be a one-time cost of approximately \$7bn and an immediate savings of over 83% when compared to the current yearly costs. The \$51bn a year can be re-directed to programs such as American infrastructure, the wall, or even a victory parade to recognize those who have fought.
- Additionally, there is precedent for service bonuses going back to the Revolutionary War.
- The bill sets guidelines for withdrawal: Within 45 days a plan will be formulated for an orderly withdrawal and turnover of facilities to the Afghan Government, while also setting a framework for political reconciliation to be implemented by Afghans in accordance with the Afghan Constitution. Within a year all US forces will be withdrawn from Afghanistan.
- At the completion of withdrawal, the 2001 AUMF will be repealed.