

## ON IRAQ: SENATOR VOINOVICH FORGETS WE KNOW HIS VOTING RECORD

*Senator Voinovich's voting record shows a long history of supporting President Bush on Iraq. But when he is in front of a camera or microphone, he is singing a different tune.*

### VOINOVICH TALKS A GOOD GAME ABOUT ENDING THE WAR

**Voinovich Said He Would Tell The President To Get Out Gracefully.** Voinovich would advise President Bush to get out of Iraq. "He [Voinovich] vented his frustration with the Iraq war, saying that if Bush were sitting across from him, 'I would tell him on the war that I would try to extricate myself as gracefully as I possibly can.' Voinovich said that Bush must stress anew to the Iraqis that American support 'is not open-ended. We've got to let these people know that we're on our way out, and it's going to be your baby.'" [Columbus Dispatch, 5/6/07]

**Voinovich Said The War Has Been "Bungled" From The Beginning.** Voinovich said the war has been a mess from the beginning. "In the U.S. Senate, Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, said he believes Saddam Hussein needed to be ousted, but he said the war has been bungled virtually from the outset. He is concerned about the financial debt the war will leave for future generations." [Dayton Daily News, 3/29/07]

**Voinovich Said He Didn't Think A Troop Surge Would Help End Violence.** Voinovich said he didn't think a troop surge would end sectarian violence. "At this point, I am skeptical that a surge in troops alone will bring an end to sectarian violence and the insurgency that is fomenting instability in Iraq. The generals who have served there do not believe additional troops alone will help," Voinovich said. [Akron Beacon Journal, 1/11/07]

### BUT HE CONSISTENTLY VOTES FOR THE WAR

**Voinovich Voted Against The Emergency Supplemental Conference Report.** Senator Voinovich voted against the conference report on the bill that provided \$124.2 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency funding, it also set a goal for redeployment of troops in Iraq by the end of March 2008. If the president can not verify that the Iraq government is meeting benchmarks then the troops would redeploy by the end of 2007. The legislation also provides \$95.9 billion for military operations, \$6.9 for hurricane recovery and \$3.5 billion for crop programs. [H.R. 1591, [Vote # 147](#), 4/26/07, passed 51-46]

**Voinovich Voted Against The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill.** Senator Voinovich voted against the emergency supplemental appropriations bill that provided funding for the troops in Iraq as well as a plan for withdrawal. Voinovich voted nay. [H.R.1591, [Vote # 126](#), 3/29/07, passed 51-47]

**Voinovich Stood With The President And Voted Against Bringing The Troops In Iraq Home.** Senator Voinovich voted to strike language that would impose a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq. Voinovich voted yea. [S.Amdt. 643 to H.R. 1591, [Vote # 116](#), 3/27/07, failed 48-50]

**Voinovich Voted Against Brining Our Troops Home.** Senator Voinovich voted against the passage of the joint resolution that would establish a more limited mission for U.S. forces in Iraq and set a non-

binding goal of withdrawing most combat troops by March 2008. Voinovich voted nay. [S.J.Res. 9, [Vote # 75](#), 3/15/07, failed 48-50]

**Voinovich Remained Loyal To The President And Voted Against Iraq Civil War Reports.** Senator Voinovich voted to table an amendment that would require the Defense Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to provide Congress with an assessment of whether civil war has broken out in Iraq and a strategy to protect U.S. troops. Voinovich voted yea. [S.Amdt. 4885 to H.R. 5631, [Vote # 233](#), 9/6/06, passed 54-44]

**Voinovich Voted Against Redeployment Of American Troops Out Of Iraq In 2006.** Senator Voinovich voted against the Levin-Reed Amendment, which urged the Administration to begin a phased redeployment of American troops out of Iraq in 2006. Voinovich voted nay. [S. Amdt. 4320 to C.R. 6090-6091, [Vote #182](#), 6/22/06, failed 39-60]

**Voinovich Stood With The President And Voted Against Stronger Control For Military Contractors.** Senator Voinovich voted against stricter control on contractors assigned to military facilities and against a new law banning “war profiteering.” Voinovich voted nay. [S 2400, [Vote # 120](#), 6/16/04, failed 46-52]

**Voinovich Voted Against Creating Iraqi Intelligence Commission.** Senator Voinovich voted to table the Corzine Amendment, which would have created a 12-member independent commission to investigate the development and use of intelligence leading up to the war in Iraq. Voinovich voted yea. [S. Amdt. 1275 to H.R. 2658, [Vote # 284](#), 7/16/03, passed 51-45]

**Voinovich Voted To Give Blank Check To President For War In Iraq.** Senator Voinovich voted for the first pre-emptive military strike in United States history against a foreign nation (Iraq Use of Force Resolution). This vote gave Bush what critics call a “blank check” in the war on Iraq. Voinovich voted yea. [H.J. Res. 114, [Vote # 237](#), 10/11/02]