

Statement on the Veto Override Vote

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(Washington, DC)—Today, the House of Representatives voted to override President George W. Bush's veto of the conference report on H.R. 1591, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act. The final vote was 222 to 203, which was 68 votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed to override Bush's veto. As a vocal member of the Out of Iraq Caucus, Congressman Steve Rothman voted in favor of the veto override. His statement follows:

"President Bush wants a blank check to prolong his failed strategy in Iraq, but he will not get one from me. Congress sent President Bush a funding bill that fully supported our troops and provided more funding for military readiness and veterans' health care than the President even requested. The Iraq Accountability Act also reflected the will of most Americans by ending the war in a responsible way. The President was wrong to veto it."

Rothman has been an outspoken critic of the Bush Administration's failed policy in Iraq. You can read more online at: http://rothman.house.gov/topic_iraqwar.htm.