Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, issued the following comment on the House voting down a resolution that would have directed President Obama to bring troops out of Afghanistan within 30 days. The resolution was defeated 356-65.

“To try and tell the Administration to pull troops out of Afghanistan within 30 days is not just irresponsible - it’s physically and practically impossible,” Slaughter said. “I am pleased that the vast majority of the House voted against this resolution.  I have long expressed my strong opposition to this ill-conceived war and I strongly believe that the best thing we can do is move to bring our efforts there to a close shortly. I do not support spending unlimited funds to rebuild that nation and I think that a sensible timeline for drawing down our effort there is the best way Congress can act on this issue.”