



## **Bush Urges Congress to Wait for Iraq Report**

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President George W. Bush, facing Democratic pressure to begin pulling U.S.

"The stakes in Iraq are too high and the consequences too grave for our security here at home to allow p

Bush's strategy of sending additional troops this year to help control violence in Baghdad and Anbar pro

The most crucial of those will be an assessment from Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq

The White House is required to submit a report by September 15 on political and security progress in Ira

"This status report comes less than three months since our new strategy became fully operational and w

"Congress asked for this assessment, and members of Congress should withhold judgment until they ha

Some Democrats have already called for the ouster of Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and are likely to

"The president's surge has failed and there is no end in sight for the war in Iraq. This is what I learned o

A report by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, to be delivered to C

The Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on that report on September 7.

The New York Times reported that an independent commission established by Congress, headed by Ge

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman declined to comment on the Jones report, but stressed the U.S. m