

GIVE THEM A DAMN TICKER TAPE PARADE ALREADY

“Who will be the last senator to not want to end a mistake? Me.” – John Kerry

That’s the way [MightyOCD interpreted](#) John Kerry’s vote—along with 66 of his colleagues—not to repeal the Iraq war that is ending whether they like it or not next month.

[The vote](#) was on a Rand Paul amendment to repeal the 2002 Iraq War AUMF.

Along with Paul, DeMint, Heller, and Snowe, a bunch of liberals and Blue Dogs like Bad Nelson and Manchin voted to end the Iraq mistake.

Yet liberals like Levin, Stabenow, Reed, and Whitehouse voted to continue the war that is ending.

By my count, something like 25 men and women who weren’t around to vote for the AUMF when it first passed in 2002 voted in favor of continuing this infernal war—and that’s not counting people like Levin and Stabenow who voted against it the first time.

So we’re going to have all these AUMFs lying around on the books. authorizing secret powers we’re not allowed to know, rather than simply and cleanly declaring a war over. Done.

In the good old days, you’d declare victory and give the men and women who served a big parade. How I’d love a parade about now.