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**Re: *Don't let Turkey block a vote on the Genocide Resolution***

Attached please find a Reuters story about the growing Congressional interest in the \$8.5 billion loan that U.S. taxpayers made to Turkey last year. In this article, U.S. Treasury Undersecretary John Taylor notes that Turkey has yet to use these funds for what he describes as “political” reasons.

Congressman Jim Kolbe, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, was quoted in this article as stating:

**We were told the loan was pretty important for Turkey but it doesn't seem like it was important at all if they're not even interested in using these funds. . . Should we rescind it? We could certainly use it.**

Congressman Mark Kirk, a member of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, according to Reuters, commented that the loan was promised to ensure safe passage for U.S. troops into northern Iraq and “**should have expired.**”

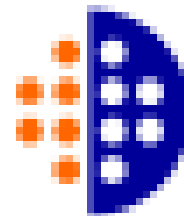
Please keep this development in mind the next time the Turkish government seeks to exert leverage over the U.S. Congress to block a vote on the Genocide Resolution - H.Res.193 and S.Res.164.

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# REUTERS



## US Treasury's Taylor: Don't rescind Turkey loan

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(Reuters) - The United States should not withdraw its promise of an \$8.5 billion loan to Turkey even though the Turkish government had not used any of it, a senior U.S Treasury official said on Thursday.

John Taylor, treasury undersecretary, said the loan was meant as a crucial U.S. show of support for Turkey at the time of the Iraq war.

Turkey has said it does not presently need the money, set aside for Ankara's cooperation on Iraq.

"It has been useful to them to know that it's there to use," Taylor told a House Appropriations subcommittee.

"I can't tell you exactly why it isn't being used (but) it's a political issue as much as economic, but I'd say it's more political," he added.

Lawmakers complained that the money could be more useful elsewhere in the U.S. budget.

**"We were told the loan was pretty important for Turkey but it doesn't seem like it was important at all if they're not even interested in using these funds," said Jim Kolbe, a Republican from Arizona and chairman of the subcommittee on foreign operations.**

**"Should we rescind it? We could certainly use it," Kolbe added.**

But Taylor said the U.S. had agreed to the loan and it would not be a good idea to withdraw the undertaking. He said as soon as the Turkish government needed the funds, the U.S. was ready to disburse them.

**Mark Kirk, a Republican from Illinois, said the loan was promised to ensure safe passage for U.S. troops into northern Iraq and "should have expired". The United States has said that cooperation on Iraq was one conditions for payment of the loan.**