

Bush nudges Congress on Iraq war funds

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WASHINGTON - The Pentagon is running low on funds for the war in Iraq, and U.S. President George Bush on Tuesday urged Congress to get a funding bill assembled. "If Congress fails to pass a bill that I can sign by mid-April, the Army will be forced to consider cutting back on equipment, equipment repair and quality of life initiatives for our Guard and Reserve forces," Bush said in a statement opening a news conference in the White House Rose Garden. He reminded lawmakers it has been 57 days since he made the request, and also reminded them he will veto any measure that contains a withdrawal date, CNN said. As they stand, both House and Senate bills in the Democrat-controlled houses contain withdrawal deadlines. "I've made it clear for weeks that if either the House or Senate version of this bill comes to my desk, I will veto it," Bush said. Monday, Vice President Dick Cheney chided Congress, and said a war can't be won by telling the enemy when you're quitting. "The fact is that the United States military answers to one commander-in-chief in the White House, not 535 commanders-in-chief on Capitol Hill," Cheney said.

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