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WASHINGTON -- Finding majority support for U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq remains a daunting challenge in the Senate, said the U.S. Senate Democratic whip. "Obviously there are folks who want the war to end today and all the troops to be home tomorrow. And even though I think that is a worthy goal, it is not a realistic goal," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said in a Washington Post report Wednesday. Despite growing discontent with the war, convincing GOP members to support withdrawal legislation with specific troop numbers and target dates is a daunting challenge, Durbin said. Durbin conceded to the Post that Democrats, with a slim majority in the Senate, won't be able to placate calls from liberal Democrats who want a specific end date to the war and a funding cut off. Major troop withdrawal must be done gradually, Durbin said. "We also understand that just leaving cold turkey, with everything gone, could have the whole region descend into chaos," Durbin told the Post.

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