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(Neb.)-Sen. Fischer Recommends Leaving Some Troops In Afghanistan

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Newly sworn-in U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer says she's ready to bring U.S. troops home from Afghanistan, but does not favor an option that would leave no troops in the country.

The Nebraska Republican, who defeated Democrat Bob Kerrey in November, made the remarks a day after returning from a congressional trip to Afghanistan and Israel.

Fischer was one of five Republican senators, led by Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, on the trip.

U.S. combat troops are slated to leave Afghanistan by the end of 2014. At issue is the size of a residual force for training and assisting Afghans. Obama administration officials have signaled that the U.S. might leave no troops in the country after December 2014. Other administration officials have said they are considering leaving as many as 15,000.