

exemptions as excuses for delay. Meanwhile, they say, U.S. soldiers could face mines overseas, as is happening in Bosnia.

"They're always going to be able to make an argument for using land mines," said Timothy Rieser, a spokesman for Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who has led the fight in Congress against mines. "But we also have a huge amount to gain here. They are used against us."

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