Mr. Speaker, the

American people need to know the Republican

majority today has created

the House Failed Diplomacy Caucus.

The Republicans need another press

release before they go home, so we

have 20 minutes to offer our thoughts

on a bad bill sent to the floor by Republicans

to show how tough they are.

Showing how smart we are would be

a far better idea for dealing with nations

like Iran and Iraq. But global diplomacy

isn’t the stuff of press releases;

rhetoric is. So the Republicans

have shut down debate by bringing legislation

to the floor under a closed

rule. They don’t want ideas or improvements

for making the world a safer

place. They want leaflets to drop during

the campaign, and they are being

printed en mass right now. It is the Republican

Iraq strategy all over again.

Different nation, same flawed approach.

Republicans have given us H.R. 6198,

the We Run the World Act. There is no

need for other nations to actually have

governments, actually. We will send

our press releases. Just follow along,

Russia, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Lebanon,

and anywhere else where we think we

run them.

Republicans want Americans to point

the finger and send along instructions.

They are staging a campaign event

right here on the floor. You watch how

quick it makes it into the ads of television.

This is not, not, going to help America

chart a path to deal with what is

wrong with the Iranian government.

No one disagrees with the fact that it

is not a government we want in control

of that country. It will only entrench

and bolster those who are wrong.

The press release won’t protect anybody.

But, in fact, the Iranian dissidents

don’t want the money. Do you

know why? Just like many Republicans

today don’t want Bush to come into

their district and put his arm around

them in the midst of this campaign,

the Iranian dissidents know that, if it

becomes American money, they are

done. They will not be able to do what

they need to. We need to vote ‘‘no’’ on

this initiative.