Mr. President, before I speak on the subject of

immigration, I would like to make a couple of brief remarks, having

noted the comments of the distinguished Senator from New Jersey about

the difficult military struggle we are in today in Iraq. I wanted to

make the observation that the distinguished Senator talked about his

very honorable and distinguished service at another time and in another

struggle during World War II. He speaks with shock and dismay--and it

is a subject of great dismay--about the fact that there has been death

and there are family separations and there are injuries as a result of

the great sacrifice our men and women are making today in Iraq with

great valor and distinction which we highly honor, just like he and

others did in World War II.

The question is, Is it worth it? Are we in this matter of a war over

there with a choice to do anything other than success?

What I didn't hear from the Senator was a solution, a plan, an idea

of how he might extricate us from this effort differently. I believe

the only way is to pursue it until its conclusion, when it is

ultimately a peaceful and democratic Iraq. To do otherwise would do

great harm to the honor of those who serve and those who have

sacrificed.