Madam Speaker, on Tax Day, Americans have a right to ask

why the Bush administration continues to spend taxpayer dollars on an

Iraq war that has no end in sight and no plans for success.

Today, President Bush will spend more than $338 million in Iraq. What

exactly does that mean for the taxpayer sending in his or her form

today? The typical taxpayer covers the cost of the war in Iraq for only

one-half a second.

And while we continue to ship billions of dollars to Iraq while our

economy is going south and our budget deficit continues to hit record

highs every year, the Iraqi government currently has a surplus and is

expecting to receive $40 billion this year in oil revenues. Can someone

please make sense of this policy?

Madam Speaker, the American taxpayer has every right to demand more

accountability from Washington. Congressional Democrats continue to

propose a change in policy, one that shifts more responsibility to the

Iraqis themselves. They can certainly afford it. Unfortunately,

President Bush and his supporters in Congress ignore the

American people and congressional Democrats who do not want to see

taxpayer dollars wasted in Iraq any longer.