Mr. Speaker, we keep on hearing all of these doomsday

scenarios from the White House and our Republican colleagues about the

emergency supplemental bill. It would be nice if they would listen to

the President's own defense Secretary, who said this week that our

timelines are already creating positive results in Iraq. Yet the

President threatens to veto the bill and says that the money is needed

immediately.

I think it's time for a reality check. Fact: the nonpartisan

Congressional Research Service concluded last month that the Pentagon

could maintain its wartime operations well into July with funds they

have already been provided.

Another fact: As of today, it's only been 73 days since the President

sent his funding request to the Capitol. Last year, the Republican-

controlled Congress took 119 days to send the Iraq war supplemental to

the President, and yet the President never attacked the Republican-

controlled Congress for supposedly holding up funding for our troops.

President Bush should stop playing politics with this emergency

funding bill so that we can finally move the war in Iraq in a new

direction.