Mr. Speaker, earlier this month the President said,

Today, though, the Pentagon reports it has enough money to pay for

the war in Iraq through June. So despite the doomsday reports from the

White House, our military leaders are confident we have sufficient

funding while we debate a new direction for the war in Iraq.

Then the President said that the timeline for redeployment that was

part of our funding would undermine our troops and send the wrong

signal to the enemy. Yesterday, Secretary Gates said our debate here in

Congress has had a positive impact by

Mr. Speaker, this is not the time for scoring political points or

posturing and positioning. The President should know that after 4 years

of chaos and bloodshed, the American people sent Democrats to

Washington to bring a new direction to our Iraq policy.

Today, thousands of American troops find themselves in the middle of

someone else's civil war, backing an Iraqi government that has yet to

stand up for itself.

Democrats are calling for a new direction in Iraq.