Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of our troops who

are still waiting for critical funding needed to fight the war on

terror. I want to make sure the American people understand what is

happening with legislation that provides money for our soldiers.

Instead of passing a clean bill the President could sign into law,

the Democrats chose to pass a political statement that ties troop

funding to arbitrary withdrawal deadlines, and it's loaded with

earmarks. The Democrats have even dragged their feet on their own

legislation, taking a 2-week recess without funding our troops and

spending another week in Washington bickering over a bill that they

know that the President will veto.

Why are we playing politics with money for our soldiers? Our troops

can't win this war with political rhetoric. They need money, they need

supplies, and they have been waiting over

70 days since the President made the request. I call on this House to

pass a clean bill, get it to the President's desk, so we can give our

war fighters the tools that they need to achieve victory.