Madam Speaker, 79 days and counting

since President Bush committed his request for critical funding needed

for our troops fighting on the front lines.

The Democratic leadership should bring the emergency supplemental to

the floor without a timetable of defeat. It's not a decision of this

House to arbitrarily pick a date this war should end. It's our job to

ensure our military personnel have the resources they need to win and

come home in victory. I wonder what men and women risking their lives

every day for our safety, our security, our freedom, think about the

Members of Congress sitting in their comfortable offices, playing

politics with their money.

I came to the House floor this morning to speak to them and let them

know there are Members of Congress who believe our military can

succeed, and we are doing everything within our power to ensure

victory. As long as I am United States Congressman, I will never turn

my back on you. I will not stand in Washington, D.C., and tell your

generals how to fight this war, and will never put politics above your

safety or that of our Nation.