Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I think what we are doing tonight is sending a very

valuable message. It is not necessarily a message to diplomats or to

the President or even to our adversaries; although I am sure that they

will read about it. But it is a message to that specialist in Tikrit,

to that lance corporal in Fallujah, to that sergeant in Baghdad who

feels by looking at the mass of press over the last several days that

somehow we are slipping away from our warfighters.

We have an opportunity to do something tonight by very simply voting

``no'' on this question of whether we should leave Iraq immediately to

at least cut through that ambiguity, to at least cut through that

confusion, and you know, words mean something. Wars have been started

because we said the wrong words. Confusion is not something that is

good to sow among your enemy or your friends.

In this case, even those who may feel that somehow the troops are not

confused by this mixed message that is coming out of the United States

must agree that it is right now to send that specialist in Tikrit or

that lance corporal in Fallujah or that sergeant in Baghdad a clear and

convincing ``no'' vote on the question of whether we leave Iraq

immediately.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania

(Mr. Weldon).

Mr. Speaker, in a few minutes we are going to send a

message to our troops. And for our last speaker, we have a gentleman

who knows a lot about freedom. He knows a lot about a lack of freedom.

He knows a lot about American resolve and sometimes the lack of

American resolve. He has been awarded two Silver Stars, two Legions of

Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with valor, two

Purple Hearts, four air medals and three outstanding unit awards. He is

one of our real heroes, Sam Johnson of Texas.