Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, here we are in America's

House, having a debate that is altogether appropriate, because as our

founders stated the goal, it was to form a more perfect union. And

because we are human beings, there is always a gulf between the real

and the ideal. This is not a personal debate to be personalized about

the gentleman from Pennsylvania. He offered a point of view yesterday.

Whatever his intent, here is how it was reported. The Washington Post

called it immediate withdrawal. The New York Times called it immediate

withdrawal. More ominously and sadly, Al-Jazeera called it immediate

withdrawal.

The problem is this, ladies and gentlemen, as has been articulated.

Another e-mail, my colleagues:

``I am a U.S. Army captain currently serving in Iraq and I am shocked

and appalled by Representative Murtha's call for immediate withdrawal.

Please, please, please convince your colleagues to let us finish this

critical job.''

That is what is at stake. Vote ``no'' on immediate withdrawal.