Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the bipartisan Iraq Study Group is

scheduled to release its recommendations on how best to proceed with

the war in Iraq. While the group is led by one of the Bush family's

closest friends, it has not actually given, I think, notice or great

recommendations.

This does not bode well for change in Iraq. It is time for Bush to

face reality. His Democratic experiment in Iraq has been an utter

disaster, one that has destabilized even further the Middle East. Last

month the American people sent a strong message to the President that

they want change in Iraq, that staying the current course is simply not

acceptable, but President Bush seems unwilling to listen.

The Iraq Study Group is expected to call for the redeployment of

American troops out of Iraq by 2008. Finally, a bipartisan group of

leaders are joining us in our calls for a phased redeployment out of

Iraq. This report should serve, I hope, as a wake-up call to the Bush

administration that Democrats and Republicans alike are calling for

change.