Madam Speaker, while our Nation and our military are

paying a huge price for the continuing war in Iraq, the Iraqi

Government itself refuses to take any steps needed to bring about

political reconciliation. It has now been more than 320 days since the

surge began. During that time, more than 860 American troops have been

killed and we continue to spend more than $10 billion in Iraq every

month; yet the Iraqi Government still refuses to live up to the

promises it made to President Bush when the surge began.

The government promised that the Iraqi Parliament would pass a

national oil and gas bill. It hasn't.

The Iraqi Government also promised the President that its parliament

would pass a de-Baathification law. It hasn't.

The government also promised to hold provincial elections. Once

again, they have failed to follow through.

Madam Speaker, how much longer is President Bush going to sacrifice

both our military and our Treasury for an Iraqi Government that refuses

to make the difficult decisions that could possibly produce real

stability in Iraq? It's time for a change of course in Iraq.