Mr. Chairman, this is an important

statement that we are making. And again I am sure that we will

experience ridicule because I will stand here and say that I believe

that the troops have done their job, their patriotic job, the job of

defending America. They have won the victory, and it is time for them

to come home.

We must redeploy our troops. And for all of those who say that many

of us do not have a plan, we do. And that plan incorporates the

gentlewoman's amendment, and I thank her for her leadership, and that

is that we want to redeploy and we want to vest in Iraq and the Iraqi

people and soldiers the defense of their nation. Therefore, we want to

insure that there will be no basing rights between the United States

and Iraq, no permanency, no establishing of our obligation to defend

and defend and defend.

We just had a debate about avoiding the eviction of thousands of

Americans from places where they are living because they have no place

to live because of the hurricane disaster. It is time now to redeploy.

We do have a plan for Iraq to control their government and to be able

to defend themselves and to bring our troops home and to disestablish

any relationship of a base in Iraq.