Every single Member of Congress should be able to

support this amendment, unless, of course, the goal is to have

permanent presence in Iraq. We can demonstrate to the Iraqi people that

we won't occupy their country indefinitely by voting ``yes'' today.

In fact, the Iraqi insurgency is largely incited by the very fact

that after 3 full years of war, we show no intention of leaving. Our

military presence must end. We must bring our troops home. We must give

Iraq back to the Iraqi people. And in so doing, no permanent bases and

no control over their oil.

Mr. Chairman, ending the war and helping the Iraqi people get back on

their feet is absolutely possible, and it must start now. We can start

this process by making a strong statement that the United States of

America has no plan to maintain a permanent military presence in Iraq.

I urge all of my colleagues vote for the Lee-Allen amendment.